

What the residents are doing

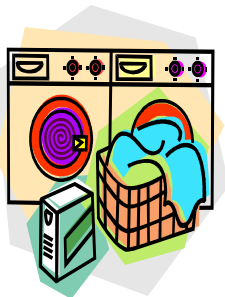
During the past few months we have been able re-house several drug misusers, who are now recovering and doing well in their supported housing projects.

Through our support planning we are also finding out about the residents needs and training status. This has provided a bridge for some to engage with the adult education services and try for courses through the DWP.

We are still benefiting from residents contribution to our cooking especially on Sundays when we have a roast dinner and also cook Monday's casserole.

To engage residents further in getting to grips with everyday living and planning a little further ahead we are trying to work alongside residents in doing things like room tidying and washing. This should also help people to keep their accommodation once they move on from here.

Please keep in touch and visit our website for more ideas about how you can help us.



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New property development

We have now completed the new laundry facility and it is looking really good and is better equipped.



The machines are the latest Miele models and we have acquired an additional drier. All told more efficient and better organised.

We have enough money for a further two bedrooms to be redecorated and they are going to be rooms 4 and 5. We are getting the quotes in so that we can have these rooms up and running in the Spring

Mayor's charity events

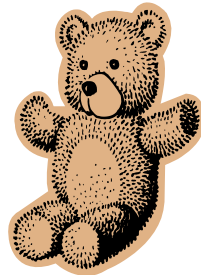
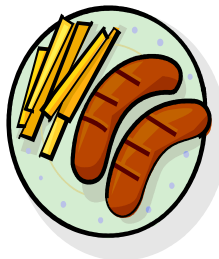
So far we have participated in the Run4fun organised by Birkett Long Solicitors and this event raised over £6,000.

The Sausage Supper was a convivial occasion although attendance could have been better.

We are now looking ahead to take part in Quizzes, Concerts and the Arts Centre has organised a Just a Minute session 12th December where our co-ordinator Pernille Petersen will try to make a fool of herself (which wont be hard!).

The next event will be the Mayor's Quiz Night in the Moot Hall 18th November. This will be followed by a Carol Concert Friday 11th December also in the Moot Hall.

In January 2010 there are two beer tasting 15th January and 22nd January. There is a splendid Variety Concert and Show 16th in the Mercury Theatre and Teddy Bears concert Sunday 24th January.



During February and March there are more concerts and a series of lectures

The programme finishes in grand style with a Mayor's Banquet Friday 14th May.

Further details and tickets for these event can be acquired by ringing the Mayor's secretary at Colchester Borough Council. We all hope that there will be something in there that will appeal to you and we look forward to see you there.

Please see the schedule below and participate as vigorously in as many activities that you can. And if you can't perhaps you have a friend who would be interested.

If you have any questions please ring the Mayor's secretary who will give you details about prices venues and anything else you might want to know



Other things to consider



Lauren Evans' family is organising a Lauren's Glitter Ball in the Moot Hall 28th November. This promises to be a wonderful and exciting occasion and one which will raise quite a lot of money for us.