

## St Jude's Community Hub News October 2018

### Looking back on the summer term

The Hub continued to meet every Tuesday over the summer period and was able to offer the pre-school garden for supervised children's play during the holidays which was very popular. In July work started on the demolition of the outhouses between the church halls and recycling of the bricks and stones in preparation for building the new ramps to give "Access for All". The fund-raising for the new ramps successfully reached over £18,000 which enabled work to start on both the ramps at the end of the summer. The new ramps into and around the halls were officially opened on 25<sup>th</sup> September and a coffee morning on the same day raised over £300 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



#### St Jude's Community Hub

Open every Tuesday  
10am to 12noon

St Jude's Church Hall  
Beaumont Road  
PL4 9BJ  
email: hub@judes.org.uk

#### All Welcome

A warm and welcoming place at the heart of St Jude's with a drop-in cafe serving free refreshments. There is also free wi-fi and use of laptops and regular health walks in our local parks.



### COME ON IN



### "Access For All" Ramp Project

We are especially grateful to the Big Lottery - Awards for All scheme that donated £10,000 towards the project. They fund projects that help that *bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities* as well as projects that *improve the places and spaces that matter to communities*. These objectives are at the heart of what we want to achieve with the Community Hub here in St Judes. Other grant funding came from the Hobson Charity, the Rank Foundation and Persimmon Homes, City Councillors as well as local fundraising efforts. These access ramps are a real investment for the long-term use of the church halls as a community facility. **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed in any way.



The opening ceremonies took place in lovely weather. Chris who cut the ribbon made the point that the new ramp will make the hall accessible to everyone who wants to come to the Community Hub.

The other new ramp will improve access to the lower hall where a full-time pre-school and other community activities take place throughout the week. Pre-school manager Jayne Garcia said the new ramp will be a great help to those arriving with pushchairs, as well as supporting both our staff, children and other visitors to access the pre-school without using steps.



### **Walkers are growing!**

The Walking for Health group are growing in number each week and we now regularly see over 20 people join in. A new walk leader, Julie Dent, has just qualified but almost immediately suffered a broken leg during a game of football. We wish her well and hope for a full recovery.



### **Visitors**

We have had some regular visitors from South West Water and Plymouth Energy Community who have provided free advice about water and energy bills. This has been very helpful to several people. We look forward to similar advisory visits from different organisations in the future, such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Livewell. We also value visits from our regular partners such as the local GP surgeries, City Councillors and Police Community Support Officers. If you know of an organisation that would like to visit the Hub and meet with people from the local community please let us know.



**Thank you for your continued support for the St Jude's Community Hub - see you sometime soon on a Tuesday!**