

## Fratton Big Local



Finding the way forward

# Fratton Big Local Newsletter

June 2015

## Big Lunch picnic – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June



*Ian Marchant entertained us*

Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted us at the Big Lunch picnic in St Mary's Churchyard.

Special thanks go to Co-operative Funeralcare who provided the free refreshments and cake, to St Mary's Church for letting us use the vestry, and to those volunteers that helped us on the day.

*We couldn't have done it without you!*



*Portsmouth City Band played our favourite tunes*

There was a bouncy castle and football games for children, and Ian Marchant and the Portsmouth City Band entertained us all.

Davies White, the architects we've hired to look at ways of improving Kingston Rec and St Mary's Churchyard, also attended so that people could share their views on these spaces.

**We hope to see you at the picnic next year!**

## Community Chest grants update

At our last Partnership Board meeting we awarded grants to the following groups:

Portsmouth Bengali Community Association – to enable them to provide swimming sessions for local women and children.

New Theatre Royal – for their 'Fratton Eyes' project with local schoolchildren. Children will interview local shop-keepers to produce stories that will be used later in an exhibition.



Cubano Beach Club – to support new free weekly soft play sessions for local new mums (or dads!) and babies.

We offer Community Chest grants of up to £500 to support new community initiatives that benefit Fratton. Contact us if you've got an idea that you'd like to discuss with us, or if you would like an application pack. You can also download an application pack from our website, [www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk).

## Raffle prize winner

We held a raffle at our Fratton Delivers event in April and our winner was Nicky Beckett. Nicky is in the process of setting up her own business\* in Fratton, so congratulations Nicky on winning our raffle and good luck with your new business!

\*Nicky's business is 'Free The Spirit Massage Healing'. She can be contacted by email on:

[freethespiritmassagehealing@gmail.com](mailto:freethespiritmassagehealing@gmail.com)



*Nicky and FBL Partner  
Keith Roberts*

We will announce the winner of our Big Lunch picnic raffle soon.

## Future events

We are currently busy organising the following events:

Play Local – 26<sup>th</sup> August

Fratton Family Festival – 20<sup>th</sup> September

Festival of Light – December (date to be confirmed)

We'll give you more information about these events later; however, if you have some spare time and would like to help us with any of these, please give us a call. It's your community – help to make it shine!

**If you're interested in making a difference to Fratton, contact us:**

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