

## Fratton Big Local



Finding the way forward

# Fratton Big Local Newsletter January 2016

## 'Dear Me'



It's back! **'Dear Me'** is a letter writing competition aimed at children who live or learn in Fratton. As the title suggests, each child is to write a personal letter addressed to their future self - 10 years from now.

It will describe the hopes, dreams, excitement and aspirations which they have now in 2016, and they aim to have fulfilled by 2026 and beyond.

The competition is open to 7-12 year olds living or learning in Fratton. It is being run as part of Portsmouth Bookfest (14 February – 5 March). Entry details will be available soon – watch our Facebook page for more details or contact us for more information.

## School for Social Entrepreneurs

The Lloyds Bank Social Entrepreneurs programme offers a fully funded year of training, covering all aspects of running a social enterprise. The programme focuses on leadership development, and business skills.

If you're looking to set up a social enterprise and want to find out whether this programme is right for you, you are welcome to attend a taster session in Fratton on 1st February (at Buckland United Reformed Church).

Attending this session will not commit you to applying for the course!

Book your place on the taster session here: <https://www.the-sse.org/taster/>

If you can't make this date, there are also sessions being held in Southampton and Basingstoke.





For more information, please contact Sandie Davis from the School for Social Entrepreneurs Hampshire:

[sandie.davis@actionhants.org.uk](mailto:sandie.davis@actionhants.org.uk).

## ESOL Sessions 2016

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) project has just started – but it's not too late to join! These friendly and informal sessions are for women living in Fratton whose first language is not English. They are run by a qualified and experienced female tutor at **MAKE** in Cornwall Road.



If you know someone who might benefit from attending these sessions, please ask them, or their representative, to contact Anna on 07841341969.

## Get Together Wednesdays

Chris Read, the manager of the John Jacques in Fratton Road, has asked us to tell you about the fortnightly meetings held there in association with Mencap. 'Get Together Wednesdays' offer people with a learning disability a welcoming atmosphere and a chance to meet people, to chat, and to make friends. Advice and information sharing are also available at these sessions.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd February, 11am - 1pm. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, please tell them to come along!

It's great to see local traders supporting community groups in this way! We are happy to promote any such activity in the Fratton area.

There's more to Fratton than many people realise..... Let's tell everyone about it!

## Our Community Chest grants

If you want to find out more about our Community Chest grants, please see <http://frattonbiglocal.org.uk/index.php/community-grants/about-grants>.

Or contact Anna on 07841 341 969 or [community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk).



## Dates for Your Diary:

May Fayre: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

The Big Lunch Picnic: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Fratton Family Festival: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Festival of Light: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

If you have some spare time and would like to help us with any of our events or projects, please contact us:

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E: [community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk) or contact us via our Facebook page.

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