

Finesse Leisure October 2011

Stanborough Park and King George V receives prestigious Green Flag Award

Stanborough Park and King George V (KGV) Playing Fields both received the accolade on 24 July 2011. Stanborough has now received the award eleven times, and King George V for the third time.

Councillor Tony Kingsbury, Executive Member for Leisure and Community, said: "It is a testament to the commitment that Finesse Leisure and the council have to our parks and open space that both parks have won this award again. Both parks are fantastic facilities and important features in our borough. I'm pleased that this has once again been recognised. I hope to see many of our residents enjoying their environment over the summer holidays."

Stanborough Park hosted Play Day, a fun family event on the south lake on the 3rd August. The event proved to be an amazing success with over 1000 young people attending throughout the day. Blessed by the sunniest of days, this and a diverse range of activities provided for this well turned out event. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who supported this day.

If you use the nature trail at Moneyhole Lane and can spare 2 hours to spread wood chips on the path, please come along and give us a hand. We meet at the far end by the mobile mast on the following dates.

- **Friday 12 Aug** - 10 am to noon : To complete the final section of Birchall Farm side of Moneyhole Nature Trail
- **Sun 21 Aug** - 10 am to noon : Henry Woods side (top right of Moneyhole Park)
- **Email** : moneyholepark@gmail.com

Lark in the Park - YMCA run fun sessions taking place at KGV on Tuesdays & Wednesdays throughout August.

A series of open Bowls tuition sessions have been taking place at King George V Playing Fields. The final session for this season is scheduled for the 28th August. Run by BSP Bowls Club, the session is designed to aid the tuition of bowls for friends and family of people who already play the sport.

The Range cricket pitch is booked by Hatfield Hyde Cricket Club for Sunday 28th August. The club is holding their annual Charity Day raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust

Help Hatfield Hyde raise funds by registering at **easyfundraising** and selecting Hatfield Hyde as your cause. Click on the link below
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hhcc>

Panshanger Golf Course:

Panshanger are pleased to be supporting two charity events in the coming weeks with lots of people anticipated to attend to raise money for Isabel Hospice and The Lynsey Ivison Trust. One is a ladies only event (Isobel Hospice) whilst the (Lynsey Ivison Trust) is open to all. Both events have been running for a number of years and have decided to return to Panshanger this year.

Hatfield Swim Centre

- Free swimming - the final 6 weeks of free swimming funded through the Extended schools has taken place throughout the school holidays, proving a highly popular scheme as ever
- The free swimming programme was coupled with the New Ghoul Slide. Finesse have invested £5,000 and re-launched the morning fun swim during school holiday's and Sunday fun swim following the end of the free swimming funding. The slide stands at 6 meters tall and has been a big hit with all age groups
- Tolmer scouts again descended on Hatfield Swim Centre over a 2 week period bringing over 500 scouts swimming during July!!
- HSC hosted it's first ASA level 2 swimming teacher course in July following it's award as an approved training centre.
- Hatfield Swim Centre were also able to host 3 RLSS NPLQ courses in April, July and August
- HSC closed down in July for half a day to allow the Great Britain Canoe team to use the facilities for a third time in the lead up to next years Olympic games

Hatfield Leisure Centre

- Hatfield Leisure Centre were able to invest £8,000 to complete works in the main hall in order to develop and meet the requirements to host roller hockey league fixtures throughout July. Following the successful pilot, with great

feedback from both spectators, players and coaches further bookings are expected to start coming through in early 2012

- Oakland's college have confirmed that they intend to use HLC for the third year running to host their Health & Fitness diploma course. The centre has so far been a great learning environment from both a classroom and practical element, providing great educational setting for many students looking to develop a career within the leisure arena. We hope this great relationship will continue for many years ahead.
- A contractor has now been finalised for the proposed capital works due to take place on the all weather pitches at Hatfield Leisure Centre. The works will begin mid September