

# community matters

## Introduction

Welcome to the 4th and Winter edition of Community Matters. Community Matters is a free quarterly newsletter updating our readers of the valued work that we are involved in with our community.

## Education Partners & Activities

### Dragons Apprentice Challenge 2017/18

The Welwyn Hatfield Council initiative "Dragons Apprentice Challenge 2017/18" offers students the opportunity to run a business, gain valuable work place skills whilst learning and raising funds for their designated charity. The girls from team Bishops who are taking part in the challenge quoted "This valuable and unique experience has enabled us to learn several new skills and work alongside some incredible mentors for a well deserving charity".



The Year 12 students are due to visit Barclays HQ in Canary Wharf in March to make their presentations. Alison Linskey, Our Galleria Super dragon will take part in the judging process.

*We wish them luck!*

### Work Experience Programme & Youth Connexions



The Galleria will be working with Youth Connexions to provide students a practical and inspiring insight into the world of work, helping them make the right choice about their next career steps. Year 10 students from local secondary schools, Monks Walk and Sherrardswood, will have the opportunity to complete their work experience at The Galleria. We will also be running CV workshops, mock interviews, and site visits.



# Education Partners & Activities



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## Jobs & Opportunities

If you are looking for full or part time work view our job vacancies at [www.thegalleria.com/jobs](http://www.thegalleria.com/jobs) or on the noticeboard at our customer services desk. If you would like to get into Retail but don't know where to start our experienced staff can give you the help and advice you need. Please email Alison Linskey, Community Champion at [alison.linskey@landsec.com](mailto:alison.linskey@landsec.com) for more details.

## Charitable Partner & Other Planned Charitable Activities

### Give Up Clothes for Good 2018, TK Maxx

Our brand partner TK Maxx are passionate about doing their bit for charity and support those organisations that help children and young people in our communities. Once again they will be running their "Give Up Clothes for Good" campaign throughout 2018 in their store to raise funds for their national charity partner, Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens. Since 2004 they have raised over £32 million for Cancer Research UK's work through stock and cash. Of this, over £28 million is supporting research into children's cancers specifically and £4 million

supporting general cancer research. TK Maxx is the biggest corporate supporter of Cancer Research UK's research into children's cancers. To get involved all you need to do is fill up a bag of clothes, accessories and homeware and drop it off to the TK Maxx store. Your donated items will then be sold in Cancer Research UK shops.

All money raised will help fund research into cancers affecting children and young people.



### The Galleria Giving Tree

As part of our Christmas Giving Tree initiative, we would like to thank all our guests, Brand Partners and Year 7 students from Monk's Walk Secondary School whom donated to Barnardo's and Herts Young Homeless. The Barnardo's gifts were gratefully received by children that attend The Ark Children's centre, Hoddesdon. The Herts Young Homeless gifts were distributed to young people going into temporary accommodation. Thank you to all involved, you helped to make someone's Christmas special.

"Herts Young Homeless" Alison Wildey, Community and Events fundraiser said,

*"We would like to thank everyone who donated to us through The Galleria's Giving Tree this Christmas. We requested homeware items such as toasters, tea towels, toasters and pans which we give to the vulnerable young people we are supporting when they move into their own accommodation for the first time. Often, they have nothing and our 'starter packs' can really help them to settle in. We were bowled over by the support and generosity shown by The Galleria and its customers."*



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## Macmillan Cake Sale at Chapelle

Our brand partner Chapelle recently held a cake sale to help raise monies for Macmillan Cancer Support. Customers were welcomed with freshly homemade cakes, made by staff at the store, and were invited to make a donation. The total amount raised by Chapelle was, £1340.



## Armed Forces Day Saturday 30th June

The Galleria supports Armed Forces Day, the perfect opportunity for all to show their appreciation and respect to serving soldiers, veterans, cadets and all their families. During this week we are offering free space in the Galleria to all Armed Force related funds and awareness organisations. Please contact Alison, Community Champion for more details.



## Live music launch for Hatfield's Poppy Appeal

The launch of the Hatfield Poppy Appeal took place on Saturday, October 21 2017.

Scottish piper Colin Macdougall and drummer Andrew Reid led a parade of army and air cadets to begin the official launch. The Mayor of Hatfield – Councillor James Broach, opened the Hatfield Poppy Appeal with a speech, thanking Hatfield Town Council for organising this year's fundraising and highlighting the importance of the Poppy Appeal.

Leader of Hatfield Town Council, Councillor Lenny Brandon then led attendees in a minutes silence, before opera singer Jessica Bergman performed White Cliffs of Dover, Danny Boy, and You'll Never Walk Alone.

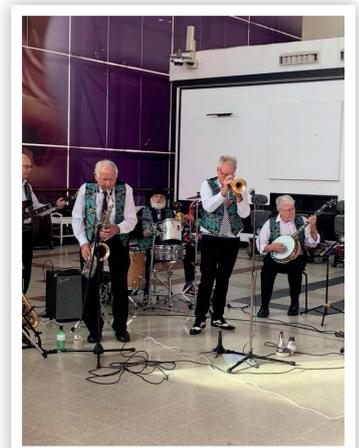


Representatives at the event included the Hatfield and Welwyn GC Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club, the Royal British Legion Riders, and Welwyn Hatfield Mayor – Councillor Lynne Sparks.

Dave Rance and his Rocking Chair Band closed the event with an enthusiastic selection of jazz classics, drawing in crowds of shoppers to support the Appeal.

Hatfield Poppy Appeal organiser, Sam Frake said,

*"Thank you to all those that attended the launch on Saturday and made donations, and to all the volunteers, businesses and retailers who have already signed up to fundraise on behalf of the Poppy Appeal." The launch raised £344 in total for The Royal British Legion.*



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## Project Phoenix

Project Phoenix is a campaign run by Panshanger Community Airfield who have a vision to restore the airfield for the community, making it accessible to all. Plans include a flying school, museum, café and gardens. It has been closed for 3 years and is currently in the local plan for mixed development of housing and aerodrome. However, currently there is not enough space for the runway so the plan needs to be modified. Project phoenix campaigners are urging people to sign a petition to demonstrate the support for this aerodrome. Currently there are 3,300 supporters already, the aim is to get to 10,000. Project Phoenix believe that having an aerodrome will act as a strong community asset and unique attraction which will bring more people and commerce in to the town.



Please visit <https://www.change.org/p/chief-planning-officer> to support the aviation heritage.

## Arise

Hatfield ARISE (Alliance to Reward Initiatives and Social Enterprise) is an alliance of business partners that have come together to support initiatives and social activities that will improve the lives of groups or individuals living in Hatfield. Applications recently received were from Young Enterprise, Countess Anne School, Falcon Judo Club, Onslow St Audrey's, Potential Kids and Herts Musical Memories. They were all pleased to receive their grant to proceed with their programmes. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with Karina on [01707 275050](tel:01707275050) or [karina@almarketing.com](mailto:karina@almarketing.com)



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## Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading enterprise and financial education charity, empowering young people to learn, to work and to live. Since 1962 they have been creating and developing programmes that complement the school experience, encouraging young people to realise the extent of their own talents and to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes they will need to get a good career. Local secondary school students are taking part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme, part of the programme is to take part in trade fairs and sell their own products. The Galleria will be supporting the teams by hosting a Young Enterprise trade fair on the 3rd March between 10am and 3pm .



Do come and support these budding entrepreneurs. If you would like to find out about more about supporting Young Enterprise please contact [jo.oreilly@y-e.org.uk](mailto:jo.oreilly@y-e.org.uk)