



# Community News



The leaning tower of Jenga, as built at the Get With youth club at Hook Community Centre.

## Harry Potter and friends herald the return of cinema

BLOCKBUSTER summer films are coming back to Camberley. Camberley and nearby villages have been starved of big screen entertainment since the town's Robins Cinema closed four years ago.

But now Harry Potter, Homer Simpson, Optimus Prime and Jason Bourne are all on the summer film menu, thanks to The Camberley Theatre.

Theatre spokeswoman Stephanie Walsh said: "As it is the summer holidays we thought it would be nice to put on films for children, teenagers and adults to give them something to do and not have to travel to Woking, Bracknell or even Reading."

"It is filling the gap that is there. These are predicted to be the biggest films this summer and the ones people want to see."

The Camberley Theatre has already been showing films appealing to smaller audiences and screened a few months after their release date.

August is normally a quiet month with little on but the theatre, owned and run by Surrey Heath Borough Council, is opening for business this summer.

*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* will be screened at 11am, 3pm and 7pm, from Friday August 3 until Thursday August 9.

The *Order of The Phoenix*, the fifth film in the series, pits teenage wizard Harry against his nemesis Lord Voldemort.

*Transformers*, based on the popular cartoon and toys, will be screened from Friday August 10 until Thursday August 16.

The mega-budget, special effects-laden adventure follows the intergalactic robots which change into vehicles.



Harry Potter and the return of the cinema.

The film will be shown daily at 11am, 3pm and 7pm.

*Springfield* will come to Camberley from Friday August 17 until Thursday August 23.

In the feature-length Simpsons movie Homer nearly destroys the town when he accidentally causes radioactive waste to leak into the river.

The film will be shown daily at 11am, 3pm and 7pm.

*Bratz the Movie*, based on the popular dolls, follows four best friends.

The film will run from Friday August 24 until Thursday August 30 at 11am and 3pm, and then again from Friday August 31 until Thursday September 5 (at 11am only).

Rugged assassin Jason Bourne, played by Matt Damon, appears in *The Bourne Ultimatum*.

His battle to escape his past will be screened from Friday August 31 until Thursday September 6 at 3pm and 7pm daily.

*Evan Almighty* will be shown from Friday September 7 until Sunday September 9.

The sequel to the Jim Carrey smash hit *Bruce Almighty* sees God instruct congressman Evan Baxter to construct an ark in preparation for the Great Flood mark II.

The film will be screened at 5pm and 8pm on the Friday, and at 11am, 3pm and 7pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are £6.50 (friend and screencard holders £5.50, children £5.50) and can be booked by calling the box office on 01276 707600 or by visiting [www.camberleytheatre.biz](http://www.camberleytheatre.biz).

"It's a bit of an experiment. Only time will tell if it does well," said Ms Walsh.

"We had a new sound system put in last year. The screen isn't as big as a multiplex but we're going to try to have a popcorn machine."

"We're going to make it feel as much like a cinema as possible. It's very convenient with the car park there."

The demolition of the Robins Cinema has been delayed after the discovery of asbestos in the decaying building.

According to Surrey Heath Borough Council, the building passed into the hands of the Royal Bank of Scotland after its owners went into administration.

There were proposals to replace the former cinema, in London Road, Camberley, with a lap dancing club or a block of flats, but the council put a stop to both plans.

Earlier this year 20% of the building was demolished following a suspicious fire that engulfed 70% of the former cinema, causing the roof to collapse.

# Get With the action to keep the kids busy

by Rebecca Magill

HOW are you going to keep the kids entertained this summer? Well if they make their way down to the Hook Community Centre, it could be with anything from rock climbing to robot wars.

Get With is a new youth club that's looking to be the ultimate boredom buster this summer.

It's open to anybody aged 11-16 on Mondays to Fridays until August 24. There are four weeks of fun activities — and best of all, it's completely free.

The new club is the culmination of months of hard work from agencies including Hart Community Safety Partnership, Sentinel Housing and Employee Volunteering CIC and is supported by Hampshire Children's Services Hart Youth Team.

Together they aim to give young people somewhere fun to go this summer rather than hanging around the streets.

Employee Volunteering's Caroline

Copley said: "Get With used to just be held on two days during the holidays, but then we got involved and decided to make it a much bigger event."

"We have been very ambitious, running it across the whole summer."

"We tried to think intelligently about what would appeal to this kind of age group. We didn't want it to be too structured, which is why we made it a drop-in centre."

"They are free to come and go as they please, but there will also be plenty of activities to keep them entertained," she added.

A lot of time and effort went into creating a timetable that would appeal to teenagers.

"We really wanted to make each day as different and as varied as possible. There is something for boys and girls, for those who like sport or for those who are more creative," she said.

"There will also be experienced youth workers on site to lead activities and make sure they are kept safe."

Activities on offer include a rock-climbing wall, nail art, a police fitness test, pizza making, a fire service day,

Virgin Vie makeovers and barbecues.

There will also be sport played on the large outdoor area that's attached to the centre in Ravenscroft.

One of the reasons Get With has such a varied timetable is because Employee Volunteering has got local companies involved.

Tesco is providing free fruit and IBM is organising a robot wars day.

The teenagers will design robots on computers brought along by the company, build them out of Lego and then hold pitched battles.

Serco, a public services company based in Hook, is hosting an outing to Marwell Activity Park and Thomson Local Directories, based in Farnborough, is holding a print media day, where young people can go to their offices and learn how to design a

page. Staff from Zurich Insurance in Farnborough are supporting an action day hosted by the Hampshire Fire and Rescue service. Young people will be able to spray hoses and climb aboard a fire engine.

Caroline added: "There is not a lot for teenagers to do over the holidays so we are trying to solve that problem."

"Instead of hanging out on the streets, we want them to come to the centre and have fun."

Get With is open Mondays to Fridays from 11am-4pm until August 24. Text your name and address to 07766 838497 and the organisers will send the details via post.

Alternatively call Sentinel free on 0800 195 5515. Each child must have a signed parental consent form to attend the group.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Friday August 3:

RAF Command tasks; Outing to Marwell Activity Park with Serco Ltd; Print Media Day at Thomson Local Directories.

#### Monday August 6:

Rounders tournament with Hampshire Community Safety; Special guest appearance;

#### Tuesday August 7:

Rock climbing wall.

#### Wednesday August 8:

Art and sports day; Graffiti art, ceramic painting, football, basketball and pool; Trading Standards talk — know your rights including mini motos and more.

#### Thursday August 9:

Design and create your own robots with IBM; Giveaway; Barbecue.

#### Friday August 10:

Tag rugby, team games, Virgin Vie makeover, barbecue, prizes and giveaways organised by Thomson.



Anyone for table tennis? Jamie and Gary get ready for the first match.



Potting practice for William.

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**Monday September 3**

**Princes Hall, Princes Way, Aldershot, from 7pm**

**YOUR chance to tell decision makers what the West End Centre means to you and save it from closure!**