Early Birth Association Newsletter Summer 2017

We very much hope that you have had a nice, fun filled break over the summer holidays We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, please see the 'thank you section for more details, but we also want to fill you in on some EBA news.

What's been happening

The EBA AGM was held on the 7th of June, on the TMBU. In terms of roles and responsibilities, Michelle Miles has formally taken on the role as PRH Liaison Officer – something she's been doing with great competence for a number of years, and Andy Salvage – a committed committee member has replaced Wayne Lawrence as a trustee, but will continue in his valued role as Treasurer. We are hoping to find some new faces to join the committee and take on some much-needed roles and are looking specifically for a Vice Secretary, Social Secretary and a number of Fundraising Officers, please do contact us at Info@earlybirth.co.uk if you're interested.

Push for Prems took place on the 16th of July organised by Catherine Demir & her wonderful team – thank you to everyone who took part and who helped make it yet another memorable, positive and special occasion. The walkers were bathed in sunshine the whole way – not a rain cloud in sight, and the picnic was a great chance to catch up with friends old and new, and remember the babies who tragically are no longer with us. This year, the walkers raised money for both the EBA & SERV (an out-of-hours charity who deliver urgently required donor breast milk & blood around hospitals in Sussex). So thank you to everyone who came along, donated, and most importantly worked to bring it together on the day. You can find out more information via the Push for Prems Facebook page



The EBA has been chosen by Haywards Heath insurance company 1st Central as their charity of the year. The first brainstorming meeting took place in July and the partnership was officially launched on the 28th of July at their offices. This is a fantastic opportunity, not only to have the company's fundraising support, but also to raise the profile of the charity generally, and particularly in the Mid-Sussex area, and we're really looking forward to working together to plan a series of exciting events. We understand that the TMBU, PRH SCBU and indeed the EBA are close to a number of employees' hearts, who have personal experience of being on the units, and feel very honoured and thrilled to have been selected.

Sainsburys Charity of the Year

THANK YOU to the New England Street Sainsbury for their support over the past year. A special thank you to the knitters and their needles, the trolley supplies for the parents who needed the cups of tea and biscuits at 3am in the morning, for the plates, cups T-spoons and other crockery items. Thank you for the gift card for our 2016 Christmas raffle and a big THANKYOU for the huge £2836.00 raised and donated to the Early Birth Association.



Washbrooks Family Day

What a lovely day – the EBA family visit to Washbrooks Farm. The weather was surprisingly kind, the children and adults enjoyed themselves interacting with the animals and playing away their energy on the play equipment. Thank you to those who baked some cakes and paid a small donation, they went down well and were gratefully received. It was lovely to see everybody and catch up. We collected a wonderful £54.14 in our tin (which also came from other families visiting Washbrooks).

What your money is being spent on

Because of all the fantastic support the EBA has had, we've been able to help the units make some important new purchases:

- 2 Madela bottle warmers for the TMBU costing £2,169
- 2 feeding chairs for the Princess Royal SCBU
- bereavement clothes & muslins
- monthly staff counselling service
- coffee mornings on both sites.

And whether those things are big or small, they're all incredibly valuable...

Thank you

So, it goes without saying that we need to say a few very big thank yous to some very special people:

- Lee Burlton and the Molly Moovers Cycle Team - On 18th June this year a team of 10 cyclists forming the Molly Moovers Cycle Team cycled the London to Brighton Bike ride. They cycled in memory of Lee and Lisa Montero-Burlton's daughter Molly and to raise funds for the EBA. The team of ten battled 90 degree heat and 56 miles of roads to complete the ride raising approx. £900 for the EBA Charity. The team had plenty of laughs along the way and were glad to chat about the chosen charity to numerous people who commented on the teams shirts. Lee and his team will be riding again 17thJune 2018 (Father's Day). Anyone wishing to Join the team for the ride should contact Lee Burlton via email on leeburlton@sky.com
- Sue and Dave MacLeod-Nice and friends organized their annual walk in memory of Charlie. The walk took place on 15th July, with 13 walkers taking part in total, raising over £1000.00!! Many thanks for all of their continued support. Sue, who organised the walk has stated that she 'is forever grateful to the care given by the TMBU'.



- Patrick Sweeney and his collecting tins. Patrick can also be found at the Brighton Racecourse Sunday Market on a regular basis.
- Emily and Lee Wiles, who have been raising funds for the EBA in memory of their son, Jacob. They also recently renewed their wedding vows so huge congratulations to them.
- Isobel Crowe who raised £604 by walking a mile a day for a 30 day period in memory of her son Griogair.
- The One Voice musical theatre group, who hosted a charity concert 'Songs for the Children' at Cumnor House School on the 12th of March. The evening was an incredible success with a whole host of very talented children performing, and raised £1,200 for the EBA.
- A big thank you to Helen Brown for raising £446 in memory of Amber Rayne Aldred.

- Lauren and David Adams have raised over £1500 to thank the TMBU for the care given to her daughter Nova.
- Sharon Haynes who took part in a 1200km team office static bike ride at Cellular Solutions to raise money for the Trevor Mann Baby Unit where her sister was cared for 24 years ago.

And finally…

Welcome to Jasper T Roberts – Jemma and Andi Roberts' new addition. We wish them all the love and luck in the world.

Officers of the Committee

Chairperson	Elaine Rowe (Trustee)
Vice-Chairperson	Heidi Crawford
Treasurer	Wayne Lawrence
Secretary	Laura Scott
Co-Vice Chair	Sarah Parry

Committee Members

Andy Salvage (Trustee)
Lee Burlton
Lisa Burlton
Melanie Edgar
Margaret Hatley (Trustee)

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