



FUTURES FUN FACTORY UPDATE



We are pleased to let you know that work is almost complete on the Fun Factory refurbishment.

We have installed new climbing walls that will appeal to children (and adults) alike. We've even got a toddler climbing wall so there's a lot to look forward to. We have a few other internal improvements underway and are also looking to upgrade our booking system to make it easier to book time slots. Look out on our website and social media pages for updates on our grand reopening.



MESSAGE FROM CEO, MOHAMMED RAFI

2022 is moving quite fast but it's not too late to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

I am pleased to present you with this short update on activities that took place over the christmas season and continued work this year.

The work being carried out in the indoor play park suffered some delays due to Covid restrictions but we are confident that we are back on track and moving towards completion and reopening. We've had a lot of messages from the community asking when the facility will reopen and we are working hard to get it back up and running. I hope you will see and appreciate all that has been done to offer everyone a better experience.

We were very pleased to bring back not only our annual fireworks display last November, but also our senior citizens' christmas party and santa's grotto which you will read more about in this issue. This year, Covid 19 allowing, we will be bringing back the annual summer festival with prizes, good music and different stalls as well as Marsh Farm Fireworks, Winter Wonderland and some other events.

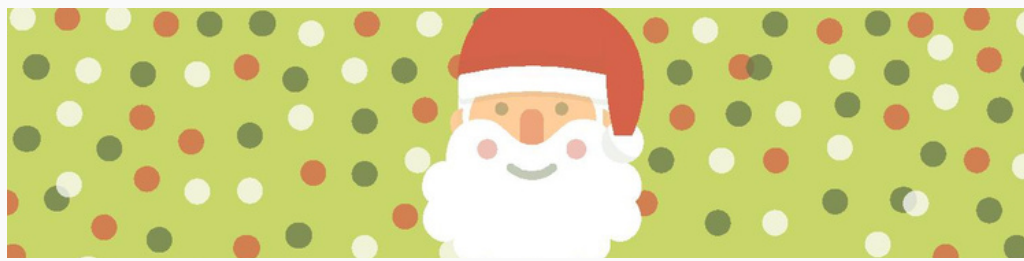
Our halls are available for training, meetings, events and social bookings and we are actively encouraging diverse groups to come and have their meetings/sessions here. Our prices are very reasonable and we are keen to have a variety of age groups, cultures and activities in the halls. If you have any ideas on a group activity drop us a line at info@marshfarmfutures.co.uk. We also have a number of offices to rent on either short or long term basis, give us a call on 01582 512 555 to find out more.

We are currently recruiting for a number of jobs (see p6) so please get in touch if you or someone you know is interested.

Remain vigilant, stay safe and keep well.

Regards,

Mohammed Rafi



SANTA CLAUS WAS IN MARSH FARM!



Families going through the naughty or nice machine

Children in Luton were lucky enough to meet Santa Claus at Futures House on Saturday 19th December 2021. He was accompanied by his elves who ensured that everyone went through the magical naughty or nice machine before seeing Santa in his amazing grotto and receiving a free christmas present.



Santa, his reindeers and guests

At the event sponsored by Marsh Farm Futures, Marsh Farm Fundraising Group served free hot chocolate, doughnuts and hot dogs to everyone who came.

Event organiser, Youth and Communities Manager, Cathy Mcshane:" It was great to hear the squeals of delight from the children when they saw Santa. Even though it was a cold and foggy day, you could see that nothing would have kept them away! It'll be back again in 2022, I look forward to seeing you there.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The halls at Futures house were decked with holly to welcome everyone to the annual over 50s Christmas party which took place on Thursday 16th December 2021. Organised by Marsh Farm Fundraising Group, funded and supported by Marsh Farm Futures with donations from Nisa local.

Mike Gee was the compere and entertainer. Bedfordshire Police - PCSOs Liam, Omar, and Danvis, were on hand to give safety advice and chat to the guests and PCSO Danvis, also known as the singing PCSO, rattled his bells as he gave a rendition of jingle bells.



**[Click here to hear the singing
PCSO](#)**



**[Click here to hear Compere, Mike Gee
crooning away.](#)**

One of the guests said:" What a wonderful time you and all the people involved gave us on the day, the hall was beautifully decorated, the welcome, the food and entertainment everything was first class and even the Police presence was appreciated with them getting involved giving out safety alarms and jingle bells, and a little dance in between.

"I think the name Community Centre is under estimated where Futures House is concerned because you do so much for the community making sure that the community is cared for in all cases. Keep up the good work!"



Guests at the party

MORE FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



[click here to see some dancing](#)

Guest, Dorothy said: " I would like to thank all the people involved for the really lovely day today and for our Christmas meal. The food was really great with plenty to eat and well organised.

"The entertainment put on was really appreciated especially in this trying times and my friends and myself would like you to convey our thanks to everyone."



Beds Police chat to guests



Volunteers at the event

David Crean, Marsh Farm Futures Director and member of Marsh Farm Fundraising Group said:" I'm so pleased that we were able to make so many people happy and celebrate the Christmas season. It has been a tough few years for everyone, not being able to see friends and family often. There was so much laughter in the room and we raised a glass to absent friends, and many said this will keep them going for a while.

" Massive thanks to Nisa – Barry, MFF Director, and his staff for their time and donations, volunteers; Deniece, Tracey, Ian, Vera, Kim and John, MFF staff and directors;Stephanie Power and Anne Donelon , who all helped make this a fantastic event."

WE ARE RECRUITING

Marsh Farm Futures (MFF) is recruiting for the following positions

Chief Operations Officer (COO)

Salary: £ 40,000 – £55,000 (according to experience)

We are passionate about our mission and are seeking an inspiring COO with energy, drive, communications skills and the ability to work with staff and local residents to formulate and drive forward practical initiatives that make a real difference. We are in the process of growth and our plans include major capital works to our indoor playpark and the building. The appointed candidate will need to have significant experience of leading on operations and/or running a charity. If you have these qualities with strong organisational skills, we would like to hear from you.

Closing date 7th February 2022

Building Manager

Salary: £32,000 – £35,000 (according to experience)

This is a unique opportunity for an experienced Building Manager to take responsibilities for developing, delivering, and maintaining high standards of operational efficiency including the physical infrastructure and support service in our 65,000 sqft building, that provides space for voluntary, community, statutory and small to medium enterprises. We are in the process of growth and our plans include major capital works to our indoor playpark and the building. We are seeking a professional who's excited about the chance to build a customer focussed service and who will take pride in delivering an excellent service to all our stakeholders.

The building manager is responsible for delivering a wide range of services including capital projects, planned, preventative, and reactive maintenance, the delivery of major and minor projects, and ensures Health and Safety compliance across the site.

Closing date 7th February 2022

Futures Café Cook (£18,000 - £20,000) fulltime or jobshare

Responsible for the preparation, cooking and service of food to agreed standards and specification in Futures Cafe.

Closing date 31st January 2022

[Click here for more information on all these jobs](#) or call us on 01582 512 555.

HELP AND SUPPORT FOR YOU

Food and care parcels

Luton Foodbank are here, at the entrance of Futures House, every Monday from 11am – 1pm. Call 01582 725838 for more information on eligibility and other locations

Joseph's Storebasket distribute free food parcels, including culturally specific food and fresh vegetables, every Friday from Futures House from 10am – 1pm. To register email: josephstorebasket@outlook.com

Befriending Service – Marsh Farm Futures is here for you if you need someone to talk to or need signposting to another organisation. Call Cathy or Selina on 01582 512 555.

Domestic Abuse

You are not alone – In an emergency, dial 999
National Domestic Abuse 24 hour helpline Tel.0808 2000247
[Chat online](#) to someone who can help and support you
[Help](#) for victims of domestic violence

Mens Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 8010327

Ebonista Project Domestic violence helpline for women - 07306088816

LGBTQ Support

All Ages from [MindOut](#)
Young People aged 13 – 19 years from [TOKKO](#)

Luton Borough Council

Housing/Benefit Advice - They are no longer at the front desk of Futures House but can be contacted on 0300 7900 345
Council tax enquiries - 0300 7900 340

Samaritans - If you need someone to talk to, they'll listen. They won't judge or tell you what to do. **Call 116 123 free 24 hours a day.**

PICTURE GALLERY



**Stairway to heaven in
Futures Fun Factory**



**Santa's naughty or nice
machine**



Beds Police with Santa



**Senior Citizens Christmas
Party**



**The volunteer clear up team
after Marsh Farm Fireworks**



Marsh Farm Fireworks



**Excited children at the
Marsh Farm Fireworks event**



**Senior Citizens Christmas
Party**



Santa's Elf