Welcome to our Winter edition of Community Matters. To mark the Year of the Volunteer, some 60 Fawley employees took time off-site to make a real difference to the local community by helping out on a number of projects. Our cover story tells you what they got up to.

Many of you will have been glued to your screen this Christmas to see the latest face of Doctor Who. What you may not realise is that his arch-enemy, the Daleks, dropped into Fawley on a mission to exterminate (see story page 3).

Our seasonal competition gives you the opportunity to win this year’s must-have gadget, an iPod nano. Good Luck!

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As part of the first ExxonMobil UK wide ‘Day of Caring’ events, four Waterside non-profit organisations have been given an ExxonMobil facelift. Thanks to 60 ExxonMobil employees, many tins of paint, and over 500 man-hours of sheer hard work, Applemore College, All Saints’ Church Fawley, Ferny Crofts Scout Campsite and Manor Infant School were able to benefit.

This is the first year that ExxonMobil employees across the UK have participated in ‘Day of Caring’ projects, and workers here at Fawley were given time off-site to take part. Building on the success of similar activities taking place around the world, ExxonMobil in the UK teamed up with Community Service Volunteers (CSV) who were responsible for sourcing the venues and getting the projects up and running. The tasks included everything from ground and path clearance, to painting, DIY, and even a bit of playground line painting!
Daleks have been seen at Fawley recently - on a mission to 'exterminate' a bad actor. Before you ask, this definitely wasn’t one of the cast of Doctor Who! The bad actor in question was a key piece of equipment that has been identified as giving a poor performance - the Residfiner feed pumps. Turning them into a good actor and improving their long term reliability was essential.

As reported in the Spring 2005 edition of Community Matters, the 52 worst actors at the refinery (those items causing the most problems) were represented by playing cards of different denominations. The most problematic pieces of equipment were given the highest denomination cards. At the top of the pack was the ‘Ace of Spades’ - the two Residfiner feed pumps. (The Residfiner produces feedstock for the Catalytic Cracking Plant). The refinery’s aim is to resolve all the issues relating to these bad actors, effectively killing them off.

Fawley’s Reliability Co-ordinator said, “Since modifications were completed in July, the pumps have become much more efficient and are operating smoothly. We expect to have fewer and less expensive repairs in future. We decided to mark the death of this major bad actor in a dramatic style - and what could be more dramatic than having it exterminated by a Dalek?”

The Bad Actor that got exterminated by the Dalek - the Residfiner feed pumps

The 8 of diamonds - the Jetty Docking Aid - has been eliminated from the “bad actors” deck of cards

Exterminate!! Exterminate!!!!!
Children from Fawley Infant School joined Learning through Landscapes, the national school grounds charity, in a fun-packed outdoor arts session during National School Grounds Week.

Thanks to ExxonMobil's support to schools near the refinery, this special event enabled over 70 children to explore the potential for creative art, play, and exploration in the school grounds.

Learning through Landscapes’ Project Officer, Graham Parsons explained, “Together we created some artwork in the school grounds using some of the natural materials to be found including mud. The children also invented their own games to play and explored the diversity of the nature in the grounds.”

“It was a really fun day,” explained headteacher Tina Daniel, “Using the school grounds as a location for artwork really captured the children’s imagination and they have really benefited from the opportunities our partnership with ExxonMobil and Learning through Landscapes has generated.”

Fawley’s Fire and Response Group

More than 80 firefighters from the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) have received special training from their colleagues in the Fire and Response Group (FRG) at Fawley over the Summer.

HFRS forms part of the Fawley site’s emergency plan and they would be called upon if the FRG required additional resources to deal with an incident, so it’s important they understand the challenges involved. HFRS group manager, Phil White said, “We have this invaluable training at the Fawley Fire Training Ground. They have set up some very realistic scenarios that we wouldn’t be able to experience anywhere else.”

Since these training sessions started at Fawley three years ago, more than 300 firefighters have been trained.

Fighting Fire with Training

Graham Parsons of Learning through Landscapes, working with children from Fawley Infant School to create their own ‘muddy masterpieces’ using soil mixed with water and coloured with poster paint.
WHAT'S IN A GAME?

Have you ever played “Rummikub”? Well, thanks to a grant of £200 from ExxonMobil at Fawley Refinery, members of The Topaz Club at Dibden Purlieu do.

This is just one of some brand new games that they have purchased with the help of the refinery grant. Others include “Triominoes (like Dominoes but three-cornered) and a variety of word games.

Peter Puddle, the Club’s Chairman said, “Our group was set up at the start of last year for the over 60’s living in the Waterside area. We currently have 35 members and as well as social activities we invite guest speakers and organise outings. We would be happy to welcome new members to our group who meet at the Community Hall in Lunedale Road on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Competition

To be in with a chance of winning this impossibly small 2GB ipod nano, just go back through the newsletter, and count up the number of snowflakes that appear throughout this issue.

As you can see from the picture, the ipod nano is thinner than a pencil, yet holds 500 songs. It is an ultra-portable gizmo that has a beautiful high resolution colour screen, the standard Apple click-wheel, and is seen as the most fashionable and wearable ipod ever. It is compatible with all original ipod accessories so there’s no need to throw out any of your old goodies! Photos don’t even convey how small and light the iPod nano really is. Please send your answer on a postcard addressed to Community Matters Competition, Community Affairs, Esso Refinery, Fawley, SO45 1TX.

The deadline for entries is Monday 20 March

Last edition’s lucky winner of a family season ticket to Exbury Gardens is A Bradford from Dibden Purlieu. The solution...4,600 steam leaks were repaired in the last year on the refinery.

Wild Line - all your wildlife questions answered

Have you a question about wildlife - something you have always wanted to know? Now you can find out the answer by tapping into the local expertise of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust through WILD LINE.

ExxonMobil has funded this exciting new information service, provided by the leading wildlife charity in the counties of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Enquiries can be made by phone, email or letter and questions will be answered by dedicated voluntary staff, who have access to library resources, electronic literature and wildlife experts. Information is available on species and habitats, local wildlife groups, together with advice on gardening for wildlife and other practical issues.

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