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### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Well, where did my first year as Branch Organiser go?

It has been a great year with lots of interesting events and I have met some amazing people too. It has been great to be able to tell people about the fabulous job Hearing Dogs for Deaf People do. I find it hard to believe that there are deaf people who don't know that they could apply for a Hearing Dog. It's an honour to talk to them and explain how a Hearing Dog could help them.

I now know first-hand what a difference a Hearing Dog can make to a deaf person's life. My daughter has had her Hearing Dog, Nelson, for a year now and the confidence he has given her is incredible. They have an amazing relationship and he really does take care of her.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good start to 2018.

Remembering back to August when we were at Gunwharf for the abseil down the Spinnaker Tower, it was a beautiful day with lots of different charities abseiling. There was great support for Hearing Dogs and some nervous people waiting to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. Once they had done it they wanted to do it again!

A fabulous Paws for Tea was organised by Diane and a great afternoon was had by all.

My favourite event of the year was The Pumpkin Festival at The Royal Victoria Country Park. There is such a great atmosphere and all the stall holders are so friendly. Kim and I decided that our "puppy" scarecrow needs a face lift for this year, so any ideas will be gratefully received!

Romsey Charity Christmas Fayre went well with lots of lovely new Christmassy crafts to sell. Robs ukulele band performed and were fabulous. They really know how to get everyone foot tapping and singing along!

The Bursledon Brickworks Victorian Christmas Fayre is another favourite...although it is very cold there! Mark did very well with his Advent Calendars for Dogs and Erin made us laugh when she barked at the bell ringers!

I am looking forward to another exciting year of events and hope to see you many of you there too.

Caroline Evans  
Branch Organiser

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### **AGM Saturday 3rd February**

**at Botley Centre - 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

This year Guest speaker will be Andrew Jones Director of External Relations  
HDFDP

Volunteers of the Year awards of 2017

Teas/coffees will be provided.

Please come along and to hear the big result announce of 2017

#### **Future event March**

**Saturday March 17th**  
**13:30 - 17:00**  
**Eastleigh FC**  
**SO50 9HT**

**Saturday March 17th**  
**10:00 - 15:00**  
**Shirley Craft Fair**  
**SO15 3JD**

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#### **Future event April**

**Saturday April 14th**  
**10:00 - 4:00**  
**Haskins Garden Centre**  
**West End**  
**SO18 3HW**

**Sunday April 15th**  
**Haskins Garden Centre**  
**West End**  
**10:00 - 4:00**  
**SO18 3HW**

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