**March 2019 Newsletter**

**AGM Tuesday 9th April**
A reminder to all our members and supporters that our Annual General Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 9th April.  You will hear what we have been doing during 2018, hear contributions from some of our resettled refugees and see extracts from a new film focusing on the story of one of the refugees.

The event will take place 7.00 for a 7.30 start at The Vineyard Church, 7 Ashley Road, Brick Knoll Park, Ashley Road Industrial Estate, St Albans AL1 5UG. We hope you can attend. There is plenty of parking.

**New Arrivals**
Since our January Newsletter, three new Syrian families have arrived in the county, taking the total number of families that HWSF is helping to support over the 50 mark! Our volunteers supported the welcome events and are providing support to the Refugee Council and local councils with additional items and are also introducing the new families to local volunteer-run English language classes.

Mothers in two of the existing families gave birth to healthy babies. HWSF volunteers provided cots, car seats and other items to support them.

**Volunteer Driver Scheme Administrator needed**
Transport is still a key issue for families.  We are looking for someone to help us with our Volunteer Driving Scheme that operates across Hertfordshire. It will be a part-time administrative role keeping a central record of those who are volunteer drivers and ensuring that they have the correct documentation.  Area Conveners are already recruiting people locally and have some volunteer drivers but the records need to be held and kept up to date centrally. The role will not involve travelling as the records can be managed electronically. Please let us know if you can give us a few hours a month to help with this.  It will make a real difference to many of the families if we can really get this scheme working.

We look forward to meeting as many of you who can come at the AGM.

Herts Welcomes Syrian Families Management Committee