**FOOD BANK ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 2018**

This has been an extraordinarily busy month for us. We have had numerous donations and this has been matched by the number of people using this facility – 150 in total (67 adults and 83 children). Eileen and I had the pleasure of speaking to the children at Cholsey School and this resulted in a mammoth harvest sized donation from them just before Easter. This included a goodly number of Easter eggs and together with the ones donated by other people, we have been able to supply all the children (and some of the adults) with eggs for them to enjoy on Sunday. Again I say **Thank You** to all of you who contribute to the work of the Food Bank, I know I say it nearly every time I write my report, but it is genuinely and sincerely meant.

When we set up the Food Bank nearly six and a half years ago I think it safe to say that we had no idea of how much, like Topsy, it would grow. Every week now there is at least one enquiry as to how someone could get involved, or donate, or refer a person in need. For me personally it started out as a two hour, two day a week job but has now extended to be considered more or less part time. The volunteers who help out are amazing (and we are always on the lookout for more people to come along and get involved) but I do know that I couldn’t do what is necessary without the tremendous support of Eileen and Liz and so to them I should like to say a huge **Thank You.**

The news on the container is that, at the moment, there is no news. However the matter is now in different hands and we are expecting to hear quite soon that it will be delivered to the Parks and Garden yard, after which we will have to sort out shelving etc; to get it up and running.

Stocks, before this morning! were very good and we have also been given a lot of toiletries which are very useful, we are quite often asked for washing powder or washing up liquid, together with toilet rolls and nappies but anything you care to donate is always welcome, by us and our clients.

My thanks again for all your support and encouragement. Have a lovely Easter.

Jean Burt