

# Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

## Newsletter

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# Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of the RBVS Newsletter. There are two things that I would like to bring to your notice.

In this newsletter are details of the demise of the Local strategic Partnership and the Borough Council's replacement. One part of this process is that we will become more involved as a means of communicating and representing the voluntary sector's views to our elected representatives. This is being organised primarily through the Voluntary Sector Forums we run and which will become more frequent. We are looking at how to develop the format and content of these meetings but the really important thing is for you to become involved and have your say.

The other matter is that we are now publishing E-bulletins on a weekly basis. The aim is to get key pieces of information out as soon as possible rather than wait for the publication of the monthly newsletter. E-bulletins will usually be e-mailed every Thursday. If you have anything you need passing on, please let us have the information (send to [info@rbcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@rbcvs.org.uk)) so we can include within these bulletins.

Des Shepherd (Manager)

## Dates For Your Diary ...

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011: Network Lunch, Merstham**

Time: 12.30 - 2pm

This meeting will be taking on a sport theme. Guest speakers include Janet Creighton, the Director of Football at Redhill Town FC.

To book a place and order a ploughman's lunch, please [click here](#) to send us an e-mail.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Voluntary Sector Forum: Town Hall, Reigate**

We are developing the content and format of the event and details will follow shortly, but for the moment please put this date in your diary.

## Media Matters ...

### Media Contacts

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service has produced a Media Contact list which provides details of news outlets for the Reigate & Banstead Borough area. A copy will be included with this newsletter and it is available to download from our website [www.rbcvs.org.uk/images/mediaccontacts-issue1.pdf](http://www.rbcvs.org.uk/images/mediaccontacts-issue1.pdf)

This document will be updated on a regular basis so if you think we are missing any publications or other media outlets, please let us know so we can include it in the next issue.

### Borough News.

The press date for the next issue of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's Borough News is the first week of July.

### Voluntary Sector Forum

The Voluntary Sector Forum will have a more important role within the proposed Joint Public Sector Board (see page 3 for details). In the past we have held two forums each year. This will be expanded to four and the matters discussed will be fed to the Borough Council and the thus the Joint Public Sector Board.

The format for the forums is currently being devised but it is likely the next event, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Town Hall, Reigate, will follow a revised format. This is a key meeting that will help decide how the voluntary sector can have input and influence into local government decision making so we would urge you to attend if at all possible.

Further details on the development of the forums will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

## Reigate and Banstead Local Strategic Partnership

The Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Executive met on 24 February 2011 and agreed to establish a Joint Public Sector Board to take on the role currently held by the Local Strategic Partnership. The last meeting of the LSP was therefore held on 3 March 2011.

### Joint Public Sector Board

In the first instance the Joint Public Sector Board will comprise of the Borough and Surrey County Council, who have signed up to a joint Memorandum of Understanding based upon shared objectives for improvements to the area and joint working arrangements which align with the Community Plan.

The intention is to broaden membership of this Board with other key partners subject to the development of similar agreements. It is also proposed for the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to have a scrutiny role in holding the Board to account. This will build on the current arrangements for joint scrutiny of the Police.

### Your Environment and Vibrant Communities – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

At the last meeting of the LSP it was agreed that two of the Thematic partnership Groups (Your Environment and Vibrant Communities – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) should continue to operate with a view to reporting as necessary to the Joint Public Sector Board reflecting statutory responsibilities and on-going shared objectives between partner organisations.



## In Focus...

Social Information on Disability (SID) has just launched a new website called FAB – Family Activities & Breaks - [www.asksid.org.uk/fab](http://www.asksid.org.uk/fab) - to help families with disabled children or young people find out about a wide range of leisure activities and short breaks across Surrey.

SID was awarded funding from Surrey County Council's Aiming High fund to design the website in response that showed that parents had great difficulty finding out about short breaks for disabled children because there is no central point for information.

Before developing the website SID surveyed a number of parents who care for disabled children and young people and asked what they wanted when it came to arranging time out. The FAB Survey showed overwhelmingly that parents want short breaks with staff who are experienced in caring for disabled children. Also high on their wish list are services that will care for their child while they take a break themselves. Surrey has over 8,000 disabled children and young people age 0-19, and access to short breaks is shown to make a real difference to lives of both the child and their family.

The FAB website has up-to-date information on specialist leisure activities, sports, social clubs, play schemes, childcare and short breaks for disabled children and young people in Surrey. Factsheets on entitlement to breaks, and finding funding and specialist equipment, links to key children's organisations in Surrey and FAQs on taking short breaks, a news & story page and a new downloadable leaflet from SILC - Surrey Independent Living Council on direct payments for children - all form part of this new site.

## News and Events...

### Piano Looking for a Home

If you would like a piano for your organisation, this might be the perfect opportunity. If you can collect the instrument from an address in Banstead and have it tuned, it could be yours for free. It's old, but in good condition and just needs some basic TLC. Please contact Carol at RBVS for further details.

### Music At Nutfield Parish Church

The Crucifixion: Stainer  
Friday, 22nd April (Good Friday) at 7:00 pm  
All Welcome!

### Live at Home: It's All About You!

A number of free workshops will be running at Redhill Methodist Church. Listen out for further details!

## Permanent Home Needed for Small Charity.

Bloomin' Arts is a small registered charity working with adults with learning disabilities in the Performing Arts. They have been hiring village halls over the past twelve years to run their drama and arts activities. They are now looking for something more permanent with office and storage space. Ideally they would also like parking facilities and disabled access and toilets. Please contact Patricia on 07946 354 365 if you might be able to suggest anywhere suitable.

## Writers Booked!

Surrey County Council Library Service are holding their fourth author's event. For more information and see which authors will be taking part, go to:

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwpublications.nsf/docidLookupFileResourcesByUNID/docidBAFC3FDADE1333B68025783A002C102C?openDocument>

## Delta Club

Delta Club, which is a self-run group for disabled adults based in Horley, has a full program of events for 2011 and would welcome new members to come along and enjoy them with us. We have transport within a 10-mile radius of Horley. Please phone Doreen on 01737 766070.

## Surrey Community Action's 'Next Decade' Conference

For Voluntary and Community Organisations in Surrey  
Tuesday 21st June

St Saviours Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4QD  
Cost: Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector Organisations:  
SCA Members £20, Non-Members £25. All others £35.

For further information or to book, see [www.surreyca.org.uk](http://www.surreyca.org.uk) or call the conference booking line on 01483 447116.

## Oasis CFC – Computers For Charity

A range of refurbished computers and associated equipment is available at [www.oasiscfc.org](http://www.oasiscfc.org) at low cost for charities. Why not take a look?

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Want to see your event listed here?  
Contact Carol for further details.

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