

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

Newsletter

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*Wishing you a very
Happy Christmas*

*From the staff of Reigate & Banstead
Voluntary Service*



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Welcome...

This autumn has seen the coldest November for some thirty years and I am sure has tested our ability to get to work, the children to school and generally cope with the rigours of life. Those who have provided services, whether within public or voluntary sector have been truly tested. As I write these notes it seems positively balmy (well it above freezing!) but more of this cold icy, snowy weather is on the way. It seems the cold snap we had last winter was not an isolated occurrence. Despite the difficulties faced in the early part of December, we do have Christmas to look forward to, a time of good cheer and giving and I am heartened at the various initiatives taking place on Christmas Day to provide festive meals to those who would otherwise be alone. Giving up our time for others is one of the things that makes us a civilised society, whether it is a one off activity or a regular commitment.

After Christmas we have the New Year celebrations and the making of resolutions. Much of the positive energy and goodwill around New Year is wasted on making resolutions we won't keep. Instead of resolutions focused on us as individuals - going to the gym, changing our diet, cutting back on smoking or drink - why not turn our good intentions towards others? The more people get involved with helping others through volunteering, the bigger the impact. The Government's spending cuts won't make a cohesive society but generous actions do.

Des Shepherd (Manager)

Dates for your diary...

17th January 2011 – Network Lunch, Venue TBC

Join us at one of our regular network lunches and enjoy the benefits of getting to know other organisations in the borough, sharing information and hearing a great speaker talk on a relevant subject...and good food!

5th March 2011 - Volunteer Fair

Stalls are still available, so please do get in touch if your organisation would like to have one, or if you would like further information on the event. Or just come and bring your friends!

****Volunteer Fair 5th March 2011: Booking Deadline****

There are still stalls available for the 2011 Volunteer Fair. If your organisation would like to book a stall, please get in touch as soon as possible. **The deadline for bookings is Wednesday 5th January 2011.** Contact Carol on 01737 763156 or e-mail carol@rbcvs.org.uk for further details and to book.

In Focus...

Each month we will be publishing a feature piece on a local organisation or event. If you would like to send us a feature, please e-mail Carol at carol@rbcvs.org.uk . **The deadline for our January Newsletter will be Tuesday 4th January.** Not every piece will be included, but we will try!



News and Events

The BIG Christmas Sing, Merstham: Saturday 11th December

On the Green, Portland Drive, Merstham between 5.30pm and 6pm.
Join Merstham residents and sing carols in aid of Christian Aid – and bring a torch or lantern!

Together at Christmas, Merstham

There are still spaces for those who would benefit from spending time with others on Christmas Day in Merstham. Call 07518 513220 for further details.

Mayor's Community Award Winners 2010

Huge congratulations to all those listed here...

•Young Volunteer Awards

Kayleigh-Jade Telfer - Surrey V-involved
Mel Ellis - Radio Redhill

•Team Awards

Reigate and Redhill Live at Home Scheme Shopping Team
The Witness Service volunteer team - part of Victim Support

•Individual Trustee Awards

Peter Brooks - Age Concern
Lloyd Liles - Furnistore
Sue Mason-Brown - Radio Redhill
Linda Sourris - for her dedication to voluntary service in the local community

•Trustee Team Award

The Woodhatch Centre

If you would like to find out more about these awards, go to:

www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/news/2010/november/Mayors_Community_Awards_2010.asp

•Individual Volunteer Awards

Iris Bass - St. John Ambulance
John Tree - Friends of East Surrey Hospital
Azeez Akinbolu - Redhill Town Football Club
Pat Ayling - Brigitte Trust
Lottie Ellis - Radio Redhill
David Lees - Reigate & Banstead Arts Council
Lesley Mitchell - 7th Banstead Scout Group
David Blackadder - 7th Reigate Scout Group
Walter Lane - Arthritis Care local support group
Patricia Leyland - Age Concern

Outstanding Award

Mrs Audrey Gill - Reigate Beekeepers Association



Card Service

Reigate Baptist Church

Sunday 19th December @ 7pm

Mince pies and hot drinks will be served after the service.

Reigate Baptist Church, Sycamore Walk, Woodhatch, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7LR
www.reigatebaptistchurch.com - info@reigatebaptistchurch.com - 01737 248258

Youth Access Training: Buy One Get One Free In January!

1 and 2 day training courses are available in London on Counselling Young People and **related** topics.

For more information and to book, go to www.youthaccess.org.uk or call 0208 772 9900

Managing European Regional Development Fund Projects – Courses Available

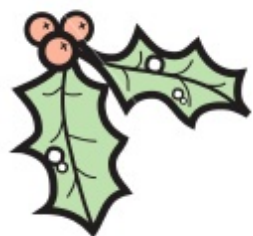
National Training Resources have places available for courses across England in January. Go to www.national-training.co.uk for further information and to book.

Sustainable Redhill Meeting: Tuesday 21st December at 8.00pm

Agenda: Christmas drinks!

Come along to this month's meeting and enjoy a festive drink with the Sustainable Redhill members. Find out what the group has been getting up to this year and all the plans for next year - all ideas welcome!

Home Cottage Pub, Redstone Hill, Redhill RH1 4AW - *Everyone Welcome!*



Funding

Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillor's Awards

Each year Reigate & Banstead Borough Councillors are given a sum of money to give as grants to organisations within their wards that they would like to support, and fulfil a number of criteria.

This year they were given £500 each, and more than 30 Councillors still have unspent funds. A list of these Councillors is available from us at RBVS. Please note that the deadline for Councillors to submit applications is **31st January 2011**, so get in touch soon!

People's Millions - Jubilee

The Big Lottery Fund and ITV, with the approval of Buckingham Palace, will be helping to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 with 60 Lottery grants.

Community groups will be able to apply for up to £60,000 from a total of £3.6million, funding projects that will inspire, involve or improve the local communities they live in. Finalists will be showcased on ITV regional news when the public will vote for the projects they want to receive funding.

If you are interested please visit www.peoplesmillions.org.uk or call 0845 010 11 12. Groups have until **midday on 4 February 2011** to get their entries in. The winning projects will be awarded the funding in summer 2011, in order to be up and running in time for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year in 2012.

Resources

Apprenticeship Briefing Sheet: Ladder 4 Learning

An apprenticeship is a nationally recognised training programme to develop people into a line of work by using hands on experience to learn a specific trade. Ladder4learning have produced a useful briefing sheet which can be downloaded here: <http://tinyurl.com/2apu3ve>

The Surrey LiNK: Now on Twitter and Facebook

If you would like to know more about the Surrey LiNK and how to get involved, go to www.twitter.com or www.facebook.com and search for TheSurreyLiNK .

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