

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

Newsletter

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Saturday 5th March

Harlequin Theatre, Redhill

10am to 4pm

Come and join us and celebrate the work of the
voluntary sector in East Surrey.

www.volunteerfair.co.uk

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Welcome

The second Volunteer Fair is taking place next Saturday at Redhill's Harlequin Theatre. This is the second such fair we have organised, the first taking place in January 2009. However this time we are working with our colleagues at Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC) to ensure the event is bigger and covers not just the Redhill area but East Surrey as a whole. There are a wide range of voluntary groups and charities working to improve the lives of East Surrey's residents, many working in both Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge. There are many challenges, not least the issue of funding and a greater need for volunteers to get involved. One aim of this event is to get members of the public in and hopefully inspire them to consider volunteering.

We are grateful to Surrey County Council, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Tandridge District Council for their support financially and to Sam Gyimah, our new Member of Parliament for East Surrey, for agreeing to open the proceedings.

Full details of the event are set out below but please check the website www.volunteerfair.co.uk for any up to date changes or additions to the programme plus any other news.

Des Shepherd (Manager)



Saturday 5th March 2011

10am – 4pm

Harlequin Theatre, Redhill

Free Entry & Prize Draw!

Plus Live Music, First Aid Demonstrations, Kids Entertainment and Much More!

Official Opening

Sam Gyimah MP will officially open the event at 10am.

Sam was elected the MP for East Surrey in the 2010 General Election and since taking office has taken a keen interest in local matters, especially the voluntary sector in Tandridge.



Events

Throughout the day there will be a range of events and activities:



Demonstrations (by the St John Ambulance) between 10am and 3pm including:

- Frighten Your Family with their casualty make up.
- First Aid Demonstrations
- Resuscitation Demonstrations

Childrens' Craft Activities

This activity to keep the children happy and occupied whilst their parents look around the fair. Sessions are:

- 10am – 12noon
- 12.30 – 2pm
- 2.30 – 4pm

Plus a detective trail. All children who get five questions correct on the quiz sheet get a goodie bag!



Magic Lady

The children's entertainer Magic Lady will be on hand throughout the day with a variety of activities, including balloon modelling and fun flowers!....

Live Music

There will be live music in the auditorium. The full schedule will be available on www.volunteerfair.co.uk/events.htm soon.

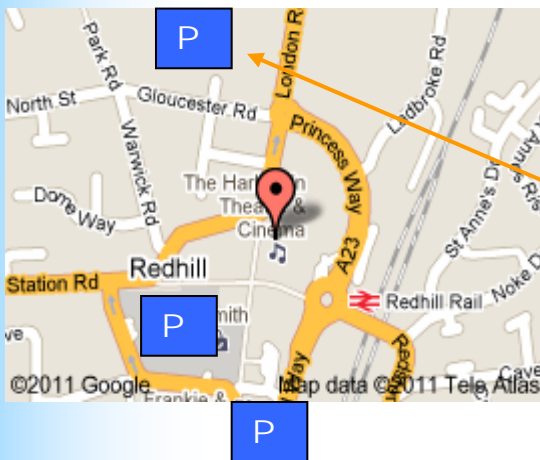


Find out how to Volunteer

If you are not sure where to start with volunteering, the first people to speak to are one of the four volunteer centres based in Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge. The Volunteer Centres' stand will be prominently sited near the main entrance of the Harlequin Theatre.

How to Find Us

The Harlequin Theatre is located in Warwick Quadrant in Redhill's Town Centre:



It is suggested visitors to the Fair, park in the Gloucester Road (Pay and Display) Car Park.

Other car parks are at Marketfield Way and the Belfry Shopping Centre.

In Focus...

Gatton Park

Gatton Park, with its lakes, woodland and hidden gardens is a beautiful environment in which to work. The two current aims are to restore some of the most endangered features of the estate and to use it as a 'landscape for learning', to enable all children to experience this great environment. Volunteering opportunities range from caring from our animals to managing our beautiful park, a fine example of the genius of Capability Brown, and from assisting with children's events to office management.

Encouragingly, our volunteer numbers at Gatton have grown, but we know that some people who are keen to contribute can't manage it because they have particular support requirements that are not yet met. We want to address these needs and so greatly enhance and diversify our volunteer opportunities. As a start we are going to improve community involvement in the park by providing more events, tours and supported visits for exactly those groups who at present can't take part.

Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Gatton Trust has been able to begin restoration of the historic parterre garden at the front of Gatton Hall. Using this as an opportunity to improve our volunteering set-up and community engagement the Trust has recruited a Volunteer and Community Project Officer, Fern Warwick-Ching, to help deliver these exciting new projects.

Pay them a visit to see how they're are getting on! Go to www.gattonpark.com for details.

Gatton Park will have a stall at the Fair – why not come and show your support!



News and Events...

MyCommunitySpace

MyCommunitySpace, available at www.mycommunityspace.org.uk was designed after consulting community and voluntary organisations identified there was a gap for a resource that would help them with their space requirements. The website is for anyone who: Needs to promote their premises for hire; Wants to find a space to base their activities; Is looking for specialist advice and support on running and maintaining a community building; Wants to find out about premises-related events up and down the country. MyCommunitySpace is totally free, so take a look...

Register And Be Ready To Receive: Giving World Online

A national awareness campaign is being launched by the online charity Giving World Online over the next few weeks which will benefit charities and community groups around the UK.

Giving World Online is a charity set up to offer a simple solution for companies with surplus goods to dispose of. They register with Giving World Online and publicise their goods to charities and community groups who can access the items free of charge to support the people they work with.

Now is the time for charities and community groups to register to be able to access those goods. As goods become available on the website, only those charities and community groups already registered will have immediate access. For more information and to register, go to www.givingworldonline.com

Measuring Your Social Impact – An Introduction: Wednesday 2nd March, 10.30 – 3.30pm, Surrey Community Action, Astolat, Coniers Way, Guildford GU4 7HL

For further information contact ljbym@surreyca.org.uk 01483 447 138 or janea@surreyca.org.uk 01483 447 105

Free Organisational Training Needs Analysis from Surrey Community Action

Please contact Ann Meager on 01483 459292 Ext 224 if you would like a free training needs analysis for your organisation.

Making Sense: A Practical Discussion to Improve the Ways Government and the Voluntary Sector Work Together: 17th March, 2011

Mary Ward House, London

Join Compact Voice and hear government ministers, representatives from the Local Government Ombudsman and voluntary and community sector leaders present their perspectives on key policies including Commissioning, Procurement, Localism, and 'Big Society'.

The event is completely free! Register at <http://compactvoicelondonevent.eventbrite.com>

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