

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Services

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Network Lunch Guest Speaker, March 2010*



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Welcome...

This month I want to highlight a number of events coming up over the next few weeks.

The week commencing 17th May sees the Happy and Healthy Merstham week. The aim is to promote community engagement in the area and the CVS will be playing its part by holding the next Network Lunch Meeting in the village. I believe this will be our first such meeting in Merstham but hopefully it can become a regular location, along with Banstead, Horley and Redhill.

Over the recent months we have held a number of one-day workshops on Media Survival. These were organised in conjunction with the Surrey Mirror. A number of delegates expressed an interest in taking this subject further and learn about taking newsworthy photographs and participating in radio interviews. In conjunction with Redstone FM, we are organising a two day course that expands on the initial workshops. Further details are printed in this newsletter.

A reminder also of the Voluntary Sector Forum, taking place at the Town Hall on Tuesday 20th April. Invitations will be sent out next week but please make a note in your diary!

Des Shepherd (Manager)

Dates for your diary...

20th April 2010 – Voluntary Sector Forum, Town Hall, Reigate.

17th May 2010 – Network Lunch. *Please note this will take place in Merstham at a venue to be announced and is in conjunction with the Happy and Healthy Merstham event (17th-22nd May).*

And next year . . .

5th March 2011 – Voluntary Sector Fair, Harlequin Theatre, Redhill.

News and Events

Your IT Problems Solved: Wednesday 24th March, 7pm – 9pm

If you have an IT problem, whether you need to know more about the internet, how to use features in Windows 7 or edit photos, drop in for practical help at the Merstham Community Facility, 44 Portland Drive, Merstham. E-mail info@mcft.org.uk or call 01737 645 217 for further details.

Arty Crafty - Merstham Community Facility

For Merstham Dads/male carers and their kids to spend time having fun with crafts, be creative, enjoy a coffee and a chat. On the last Saturday of every month at the Merstham Community Facility, 44 Portland Drive, Merstham, e-mail mersthamartycrafty@02.co.uk or call/text 07513 945345 for further details.

St John Ambulance: FREE Breath of Life First Aid Training

Saturday 24th April 2010, at venues across Surrey

Just turn up and join in! 30minute sessions on how to save someone's life are free for one day at venues across Surrey, including Reigate Priory School, Bell Street, Reigate and St John HQ in Horley. For more information go to www.surrey.sja.org.uk or call 01483 567163.

Could you represent the Sector in Surrey?

The Surrey Assembly is looking for Candidates to stand for Election to represent the sector on the Surrey Strategic Partnership.

If you would like to ensure that the Sector has a voice whilst expanding your own organisation's knowledge and development of policy & strategy, then this is for you.

One to one support is provided, with training and assistance in writing briefing papers and reports. There is also an induction programme for the role. To apply, please visit http://www.surreyca.org.uk/sic_assembly.htm

Closing dates for applications is the 26th of March 2010.

If you have any questions please contact; Hazel Robinson, Assembly Support Manager, email: hazelr@surreyca.org.uk Tel (mobile): 07500 470283

Newspapers and Copyright

You are probably aware that if you play music at an event, venue or shop where there are members of the public present you need a license from the Performing Rights Society (PRS). It would appear that there is a similar organisation that protects the copyright of newspapers. The Newspaper Licensing Agency is the UK newspaper industry's licensing body that grants permission to lawfully reproduce newspaper content for internal use. If you photocopy or scan anything from a newspaper, you need a license . . . or risk facing prosecution.

We are raising this issue now as we have heard that the Newspaper Licensing Agency are calling businesses and organisations asking "do you photocopy newspaper articles?" Further details can be found at www.nla.co.uk Alternatively, cut out rather than copy press stories.

No concessions gained in music licensing talks

Taken from Third Sector Online, 16 March 2010

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations has expressed disappointment after it gained no concessions from talks with music licensing authorities over the proposed removal of the charity exemption from licensing fees.

The sector umbrella body met representatives from Phonographic Performance Limited and the Performing Right Society on Monday to discuss plans to end the exemption for charities from fees to play recorded music. The exemption enjoyed by charities is expected to end in April, costing the sector an estimated £20m.

Belinda Pratten, head of policy at the NCVO, said: "We put forward some sensible options, which included exempting the smallest organisations from any fee, but this was flatly refused by PPL."

A PPL spokesman said: "Today's meeting, which the NCVO unfortunately left early, was attended by a number of representative organisations in the charity sector and steady progress was made."

Climate Change: Effective Communication Course 22nd April 2010.

This course has been updated in early 2010 to take in account the current concerns over scientific data, the steps following Copenhagen, and the need to communicate positive futures as well as problems. For more details please visit www.talkaction.org.

Change 4 Life For Adults

Change 4 Life are now aiming their healthy eating and living **3** scheme at adults, as it is estimated that 71% of 45-65 year olds are overweight or obese. For more information on the scheme see www.nhs.uk/change4life

Safeguarding in Youth Participation

27th April 2010, 10am – 4pm, London

This one day course supports organisations in developing and applying safe policies and procedures when working with young people.

Building a Culture of Participation

11th May 2010, 9.45am – 4pm, London

This course aims to equip individuals with basic theory and practical approaches to participation. For more information call 0845 6036725 or e-mail enquiries@participationworks.org.uk

Surrey LiNk Webpage

The Surrey LiNk (Local Involvement Network), aiming to involve communities in how their health and social care services are provided, now have a new webpage. Why not take a look and let them know what you think? Go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreylink to find out more about their services.

Faiths & Communities Series

Community Development Foundation have released a 'Faiths and Communities' series of publications, available to purchase hard-copy or download online at the following address:

www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/browsepublications?category=Faith+and+communities

The Media Trust

The Media Trust have a number of tools and can provide advice and support on Marketing, advertising and media relations. For further information see www.mediatrust.org.

NHS Surrey Welcomes Interim Chief Executive

Ann Sutton has joined NHS Surrey as interim Chief Executive whilst the search for a permanent appointment is undertaken.

She comes from her current role as Chief Executive of NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent where she has been since 2006. She will return there on the conclusion of her interim role at NHS Surrey.

Ann has 30 years' NHS experience in all types of healthcare including commissioning, provision development and improvement, mainly in the Kent and Medway area.

Priory Park Community Festival back for 2010

The Priory Park Community Festival will be returning to the park this summer, on **Saturday 26 June 2010**.

Organised by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council in partnership with local community group the 'Reigate Events Collective', the event will be a free, fun-packed day for people of all ages featuring community, craft and information stalls; fun activities for children; traditional fairground rides; conservation activities; a youth zone; live music and a variety of food and drink stalls.

The Festival will incorporate the Council's event to mark Armed Forces Day, which honours our Forces past, present and future. It is hoped local TA Units, Veterans and Cadet Corps will entertain the crowds with a whole host of activities and demonstrations.

The organisers would still like to hear from anyone involved with a local community group, charity or business that would like to have a stall at the event, perform or volunteer their services. Please e-mail reigateeventscollective@googlemail.com or see the Priory Park Community Festival page on the Council's website www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk for further information.

Training

In association with Redstone FM, we at the RBCVS are running two training sessions during April and May. Provisional details are set out below:

Social Networking

Social media has become a rapidly growing marketing tool, not just for business but for a whole range of organisations. This 2 day short course is aimed at introducing the most popular social networking sites and how they can be used for the benefit of voluntary organisations.

Fee: £20

Dates: 23 and 30 April (provisional)

Media Survival

A short course aimed at those who work in the voluntary sector who deal with the local media in publicising their activities. This course will involve the local newspaper (Surrey Mirror) and the local community radio station (Redstone.fm) in the delivery thus giving learners first hand experience from professional practitioners.

Fee: £20

Dates: 7 and 14 May (provisional)

Full details will be contained in our next Training Bulletin which will be published next week. However as places are limited, please call the office or email carol@rbcvs.org.uk to register your interest.

Computer Courses at the Warwick School

The Adult Teaching staff at The Warwick School would be pleased to hear if any individuals or organisations would like the school to run any short (1/2 session) or perhaps longer sessions/courses covering a specific computer program or a particular subject.

If there is sufficient demand, they would be pleased to run a special session/course on request. Possible subjects could be : Building a Simple Website, Keeping Safe on the Internet – or whatever people would like and request.

Any suggestions/requests to Allan Hopkins at The Warwick School : Call 01737 378471 – or email hop@warwick.surrey.sch.uk

Volunteering



Volunteer Seeking Short-Term Opportunity

I am an experienced IT Analyst with a good amount of commercial experience and sharp business acumen. I currently have some time on hand to take part in volunteering activities, and would be happy to take on assignments that would help me gain organisational and leadership skills. I am open and willing to take on any activity that would help me work together with others and benefit the community. I live in Redhill, Surrey and am happy to travel a reasonable distance.

This volunteer is available now for any short-term IT-focused project. If you think you could use this volunteer's skills, or are in need of volunteers generally, please contact the Volunteer Centre on 01737 762 115 or e-mail Janet Rimmer at janet@rbcvs.org.uk.

*****Special Invitation*****

Glen Miller Style Evening: Brambles Respite Care Fundraiser

Saturday 24th April 2010, 7.30pm – 11pm

The Harlequin, Warwick Quadrant, Redhill .

Enjoy a 1940's style dinner and dance all night to the Big Band. Tickets are £30 each and all proceeds go to Brambles Respite Care. To book and for further information, call Ruth Mantle on 07805 288392 or 01737 353553 or call Brambles on 01293 771644/e-mail jfisher@brambles.org.uk

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If you have information or events to publicise, or would like to feature in our next Newsletter, please contact Carol on 01737 763 156 or e-mail carol@rbcvs.org.uk .

We can't promise everything will get in, but we will try!