

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter. One development this autumn has been the opportunity to have a weekly slot in the Surrey Mirror. I am very grateful to Jolene Hill, the Editor, for facilitating this and we are now getting some feedback from readers to aspects of the work of the Volunteer Centre. This is really welcome as it promotes our work to a wider audience, outside the voluntary sector.

The last Voluntary Sector Forum, held last week (on the 6th October) concentrated on the issues around providing services for the elderly. The event was very useful as it had a specific focus and the comments made were taken back by the Borough Council representatives who were present. The forums will now be taking place at three monthly intervals and the next one, scheduled for January 2012, will look at the provision of services for young people.

Des Shepherd (Manager)

Dates For Your Diary.....

- Thursday 20th October: Volunteer Drop-In, Banstead Help Shop
- Thursday 3rd November: Volunteer Drop-In, Horley Help Shop
- Monday 21st November: Network Lunch & AGM, 12.30pm – 2pm
At Holy Trinity Church Centre, Redhill

News and Events...

Charity Firewalk at Dorking Rugby Club: Raising funds for Surrey Care Trust

Friday 21st October 2011, 6.30pm for walkers, 8.30pm for spectators

Walk over 20ft of hot embers at this fun event, which is great for team building experience. Professional instruction is provided by firewalk experts, BLAZE, who will equip you to face the heat without pain or injury, and leave you with that warm feeling knowing you have raised funds for a local charity!

All you need to do is pledge to raise £150 (but they do encourage you to raise as much as possible!)

Call Vicky at Surrey Care Trust to register or for more information on 01483 412751, email vicky.nash@surreycaretrust.org.uk or go to www.surreycaretrust.org.uk to download a pack and registration form. (open to anyone over the age of 16)

Redhill Youth Club Launch: Thursday 27th October at 1pm

Redhill Youth Club now runs on Fridays from 7pm – 9.30pm at the Youth Association Building (behind the Liquid & Envy nightclub). The Club is also looking for more volunteers to help with sessions on a fortnightly basis (although this is flexible). Training can be provided, so if you're interested please contact our Volunteer Centre on 01737 762 115 or e-mail volunteer@rbcvs.org.uk for information and to apply.

CSV Make a Difference Day: 29th October

This year's theme is 'combating loneliness and isolation', something many of us face at sometime in our lives and the key focus for this year's activities. If you would like to find out more and get involved, see www.csv.org.uk/difference or call 0800 284533

'Give An Hour' Campaign

Nearly 9 million people in the UK aren't currently online, so the search is on for 'digital champions' to assist in enabling more people to use the web. More information can be found at www.raceonline2012.org/charity

Practical Nature Conservation Volunteers Needed

Surrey Greenspace Project, part of the Surrey Wildlife Trust, is looking for volunteers to work in the Merstham area on practical conservation work. Volunteering with the project offers you great opportunities to learn new practical skills, learn about plants, animals and their habitats and make a real difference to your local area. Meeting every first Saturday of the month, we are looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in working in the outdoors. No previous experience is required and you will be given full instruction and any protective equipment that is required. Contact the Volunteer Centre for further details.

Free 'Understanding Disability' Event

Wednesday 9th November 2011, Lingfield Racecourse, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6PQ

Get a detailed insight into a range of health conditions and impairments at INDI South East's 'Understanding Disability Networking Day. For full details please contact Vickie Ellis on vickie@asksid.org.uk or 01372 361901.

Surrey Wildlife Trust: Events in Merstham

There are a number of events hosted by Surrey Wildlife Trust's Greenspace Project...

- 17th October: Wildlife Watch (5-11years), 4-6pm at Merstham Community Facility,
- 20th October: Nature Tots (3-5years), 3.30pm – 5pm at Red Oak Children's Centre,
- 27th October: Halloween Fun, 4-6pm at Merstham Community Facility
- 20th November: Bike Ride at Spynes Mere, 1pm – 4pm
- Healthy Walks: 1.30pm – 3pm from Merstham Community Facility, every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Contact Tom Newman on 07967 575255 or e-mail tom.newman@surreywt.org.uk to book or for further information.

Horley Insight Group for the Blind & Partially Sighted

The Horley Insight Group for the Blind & Partially Sighted has been in existence now for over 20 years and meets on the second Monday of every month, except August, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Road, Horley.

The group has a wide range of speakers; for example the Fire & Rescue Service, local councillors, family historians, The National Trust etc, as well as regular visits from SAVI and other organisations that deal with the welfare of those who are registered blind. We provide tea and home made cakes, which our members much enjoy and usually have a chance for a chat before the meetings finish.

Every December, we have a Christmas Party, with entertainment, and we try to organise regular lunch outings. The club has recently visited The Clink Restaurant at High Down Prison, and Nymans Gardens.

New members are always welcome and if you would like any further information please contact either Cathy on 01293 782163 or Valerie on 01293 785229.

Redstone FM Launch

redstone fm

On Thursday 22 September, Redstone FM held a special launch event at the Town Hall in Reigate and revealed its plans to broadcast on the new DAB frequency for Surrey.

Redstone FM has been looking at a number of possibilities to broadcast a permanent radio service in East Surrey. With very few opportunities to broadcast on FM, Redstone FM will instead be one of the content providers for the recently licensed Digital Audio Service for Surrey.

The Surrey DAB license provides coverage throughout Surrey plus Crawley and parts of SW London. However, whilst the transmission area is county-wide, Redstone FM's core editorial area will be East Surrey (namely the Boroughs of Reigate & Banstead and Epsom & Ewell plus the Mole Valley and Tandridge Districts) with studios based in Redhill.

Redstone FM will continue to provide opportunities to visually impaired people (and those with other physical disabilities) to produce and present their own radio programmes. Just as important, is Redstone FM's plans to promote the work of local community and voluntary groups in the area and to provide a platform for the voluntary sector to reach a wider audience.

The launch event on the 22 September was attended by representatives from funders, disability charities and local community groups. Redstone FM Chairman, Steve Burge was pleased with the outcome, "After many months of quietly putting our plans in place, we are delighted to announce our plans to get Redstone FM back on the air."

The service is planned to be launched in May/June next year. Further information at www.redstone.fm

It's All About You: Redhill & Reigate Live At Home

The next session for the over 60's is being held on **Friday 18th November**. Speakers include Surrey Police and the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association. Contact Live at Home on 01737 780610, tanyalah@tiscali.co.uk

Health & Social Care

Training Available

If you would like to hear more about local training, contact our office or look out for further details in our future newsletters

5th Merstham Brownies Autumn Fair
22nd October, 11am – 1pm
Epiphany Church Hall, Merstham

Domestic Abuse Awareness Week

10th – 14th October 2011

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service are highlighting this week in their current newsletter. For further information see our website, www.rbcvs.org.uk where you can download a copy.

Quiz Night: Tuesday 8th November

Merstham Community Facility Trust

Come for a curry and a brain teaser at **7.30pm** to help raise funds for MCFT. Tickets are £12, cash bar available. Tickets from MCF, 44 Portland Drive, Merstham or e-mail info@mcft.co.uk

NHS: An Opportunity to Feedback on Emergency Services

If you would be interested in attending a meeting to feed back on services and view a presentation, please do get in touch. Spaces are limited for this meeting, so please contact Carol at the office as soon as possible.

Communicating with Children

London - 23rd November 2011

This unique new training course draws on essential tools and creative ideas for practice in communication with children and young people drawn from very recent developments in practice, policy and research.

This course is primarily designed for anyone involved in assessments of children in need, in making child protection enquiries, or assessments under The Common Assessment Framework. It is suitable for newly qualified and experienced professionals and useful for a wider body of child care professionals. For further details about the training course and to book a place or contact Natalie at naraine@ncb.org.uk Tel: 0207 834 6084

Can we advertise for you?
Contact Carol at
carol@rbcvs.org.uk
or call 01737 763156.

A Christmas Carol: An Orpheus Centre Production

14th, 15th & 16th December at the Orpheus Barn Theatre.

Contact the box office on 01883 741414 e-mail marketing@orpheus.org.uk for further information and tickets.

Welcome!

A number of new staff have joined various groups across the sector, so a huge welcome to Tania Hack, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Furnistore and Michelle Giles who oversees volunteers at Queen Elizabeth Foundation Mobility Centre, Carshalton. Also a big welcome to Rosemary Banks at Caterham Volunteer Centre. If you're new in town, why not let us know!

Jobs...

Age Concern, Merstham, Redhill & Reigate: Chief Officer

Merstham, Surrey, Full Time at £24,000 plus (dependent upon experience and subject to annual review) Due to the retirement of the current Chief Officer; the Trustees are seeking an experienced and dynamic person to continue to meet the challenges of the changing social care environment. You will have excellent management and communication skills, competent in IT and computer technology, and you be a strategic thinker, with the vision to develop new opportunities. Experience of managing a team of loyal, committed and friendly paid staff supported by volunteers is also required. For more details and an application pack (NO CV's please) please contact: www.ageconcernmrr.org.uk , email: mward@ageconcernmrr.org.uk

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services: Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker

£9,986 for 16 hours per week (over 4 days), 12-month fixed-term contract

You will join a highly motivated, professional team and will be required to work directly with individual clients and liaise with other agencies and organisations such as the police, housing, health, social care and legal services. It is essential that you have an ability to listen, to communicate empathetically, are non-judgmental and aware of the importance of confidentiality. Experience and/or training is essential to the role. Training and induction will be provided. A current driving license and own car is essential. For further information and/or an application pack call 01737 771350 or email leigh@esdas.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 12noon on 21st October 2011, Interview date: Tuesday 25th October 2011 in Redhill

One Community Support Worker: St Peter's House

21 hours per week, c21K (pro-rot)

Experienced in community based work and multi agency networking, SPH is looking to recruit the post of Community Support Worker. You will be able to develop and maintain HIV support services in the Surrey area in line with client's needs. You will be required to undertake a key worker role with an allocated client caseload and group work. CRB at advance level will be required. **Closing Date 21st October 2011.** To receive an information pack please contact Karen on 01737773917 extn 20 or download the details from our website: www.stpetershouse.org.uk CV's are not accepted.

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