

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

Newsletter

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Welcome

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service is organising a number of initiatives this Autumn. As you will see from the Diary Dates below, the Volunteer Centre are running regular drop in sessions in Horley, Banstead and Merstham. This is part of our aim to broaden the awareness of volunteering beyond our Redhill base. If you are involved with an organisation in any of these three areas and are looking to recruit local volunteers, please get in touch with us so we can target potential volunteers who are local to these areas.

We also have the opportunity to have space in the Surrey Mirror each week where we will be highlighting different aspects of local volunteering. We are grateful to the newspaper for allowing us editorial space. On the subject of the Surrey Mirror, one of their reporters will be one of the speakers at our AGM later this month. We hope to see you there too!

Des Shepherd (Manager)

Dates For Your Diary.....

•Friday 23rd September: Volunteer Drop-In, Banstead, 10am – 1pm

Banstead Help Shop, The Horseshoe, Bolters Lane, Banstead.

For both volunteers and those needing volunteers and further guidance, feel free to drop in and have a chat! More information is available at www.reigateandbansteadvolunteercentre.org.

•RBVS AGM & Network Lunch: Monday 26th September, 12.30pm – 2pm

Holy Trinity Church Centre, Carlton Road, Redhill

We will have the Surrey Mirror speaking again at this event, so please do bring your comments and queries. If you would like to vote at the AGM, please remember to complete our membership forms and return them to us prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

•Voluntary Sector Forum: 6th October, 12noon – 2pm

'Older People & The Voluntary Sector'

Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate

If you would like more information on our quarterly Forums, or would like to attend, please do get in touch.

•Thursday 6th October: Volunteer Drop-In, Horley, 10am – 12.30pm

Horley Help Shop, Consort Way, Horley

•Monday 10th October: Volunteer Drop-In, Merstham, 10am – 12noon

Merstham Community Facility, 44 Portland Drive, Merstham.

SeeAbility Horley: Volunteers Wanted!

SeeAbility supports people with visual impairments and multiple disabilities. Their two services in Horley are home to 13 people. They need **Befriender Volunteers/Escorts** to spend time with them chatting, reading, doing quizzes, making art/craft or cooking. Some would like support to go to the shops, music venues, the theatre, the pub or for a coffee. Some want support to go **fishing, sailing and tandem bike riding**. Most opportunities are flexible (weekdays/weekends/evenings). New recruits are offered training and support in their role. Please contact the Volunteer Centre for further information.

News and Events...

Merstham Happy Healthy Week: 11th – 17th September

Merstham will be a hive of activity during Happy Healthy Week! A number of events are planned, including a Fun Day on Sunday 11th September. More information can be found at our website, www.rbcvs.org.uk.

Steps Ahead: Surrey Care Trust

Surrey Care Trust are running the Steps Ahead scheme for 16-18 year olds, to help them achieve skills to enable them to access work, further education or training.

The programme runs for four days a week, allowing one day for potential work placements and community projects. Contact Gaby on 07769 647502 for more information on the scheme in East Surrey (based in Redhill)

It's All About You: 30th September, 1pm – 3pm

Redhill Methodist Centre, Gloucester Road, Redhill, RH1 1BP

This session focuses on the Help Shops and the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged, so if you're over 60 and want to find out more about these issues, for yourself or to pass on to others, why not come along? Places must be booked, contact Reigate & Redhill Live at Home on 01737 780610 or e-mail tanyalah@tiscali.co.uk.

Rotary Club Funding for Redhill

The Rotary Club of Redhill is to give away up to £3,000 to assist charities with connections to the town. The money is principally intended to assist those who have a new project in mind which is unlikely to succeed without such financial backing.

Funds from £500 to £3000 can be applied for, and applications setting out the scheme on which the money would be spent together with full details of the charity and its aims, should be sent to John on johnjoseph1212@btinternet.com or to Carole Knight on carolek380@yahoo.co.uk. **Applications should be received by the end of October** so that donations can be made before Christmas.

NextStep

NextStep assists clients with accessing accommodation, providing a rent deposit guarantee and support to both clients and landlords.

Having established a clients' suitability to the scheme, any potential support needs and their ability to maintain a private housing tenancy, areas of concern are discussed with the applicant and NextStep work with them and other agencies to establish a support network.

Once placed in accommodation they undertake a tenancy support programme, which includes regular telephone contact with both the tenant and landlord and visits to the property to address any issues that may arise during the first few months of the tenancy.

NextStep also provide a completely free service to landlords. They have a database of potential tenants so that a vacant property can be filled very quickly. They can provide all paperwork required for the tenancy to start including agreements, inventories and a deposit guarantee bond. They also administer housing benefit claims, follow up any queries that may arise and provide support and offer advice to the landlord. For further information please contact NextStep on 01737 378482.

OpenXchange

Warp Managed Systems are giving away free Linux based desktop and server computers to charities to promote awareness of the free Open Source software available to the charitable sector.

They aim to help charities reduce their IT running costs and at the same time increase the level of security and stability in the desktop computer environment. They are giving away refurbished corporate machines, with clean installations of the latest version of Cent-OS the free distribution of Red Hat Linux. Go to www.warpmanagementsystems.co.uk for further details.

The 'Travelling Trends' Fashion Show Is Back! Supporting ESDAS

Ladies - Look good, feel great! Come along and buy Autumn High Street fashion at reduced prices.

Tuesday 27th September 2011 at Nutfield Lodge, Redhill

Doors open 6.45pm – show starts 7.30pm prompt

Raffle on the night with these great prizes and more!

- 2 nights Bed & Breakfast for 2 people at Little Widefield Farm, Okehampton, Devon
- £100 Marks & Spencer voucher
- Cannon digital camera
- 2 tickets for a Manchester United Football Club home game

All proceeds will go towards supporting those affected by domestic abuse within East Surrey.

Entry is £5 – including a lucky number draw. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Minimum age is 14. Please call Janine or Leigh on 01737 771350 or email: support@esdas.org.uk

WEA FREE Dance Taster Sessions

Dance is great fun can really make a difference to your 'joie de vivre' and general energy levels. WEA dance classes are taught by qualified tutors and are regularly checked to ensure quality. Numbers are limited to make sure you can see the tutor – and they can see you to make sure you are doing it right and not risking hurting yourself.

Take advantage of WEA FREE taster sessions and try out a new form of dance to see if it's right for you. Come along, have fun – remember, if you're moving you're improving!!

See www.southern.wea.org.uk enter your postcode and keywords: free dance tasters, and you will find out more about sessions near you.

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

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