



News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House Centre

Merry Christmas, one and all!

Ho ho ho. Adur Voluntary Action would like to wish all our loyal readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Funding Assistance

On page four of this Christmas-themed issue of AVA News are two funding opportunities you might be interested in. If you need any help or support in completing your applications for these funds, please contact us at info@adurva.org.

Information

Independence Day

Lancing Independent are seeking further members to contribute to Lancing and Sompting's "only interactive discussion forum". Lancing Independent's site offers visitors the chance to air their views and opinions on any topic concerning Lancing, Sompting or the surrounding area. All topics are welcome.



Lancing Independent

To find out more, go to <http://www.lancingindependent.co.uk/>. To register on the forum and get involved, visit <http://tinyurl.com/cxyuvd9>.

Use your loaf

The Real Bread Campaign is a campaign to get people to eat more 'real bread'. Their definition of 'real bread' is bread that is free of anything artificial - additives, preservatives, etc.



To find out more, go to <http://www.sustainweb.org/realbread/>.

Tackling Disability

There are now two disabled parking spaces at the Ropetackle in Shoreham. They are at the end of Little High Street and are already in use. This is the result of a campaign that began in 2008 and involved lobbying councillors, MPs, etc. Congratulations to all involved.

Technology

Internet Paradiso

Company Paradiso Productions, an organisation aimed at working creatively with people to enable them to tell their stories, has launched a new website at <http://www.companyparadiso.co.uk>. The site features a blog, information about recent and upcoming projects, contact details, and more.



Tweet Life

SCIP is a social enterprise dedicated to providing low cost, high quality ethical IT services, integrating Hardware, Software, IT support, Web Design, Databases, Training, Hosting, Consultancy and Advice.



They have published a short, simple guide to help readers understand the various ways in which Twitter is used and how it could be helpful to them.

Entitled 'Get to Grips with Twitter', it can be found at http://scip.org.uk/news/what_do_you_do_if_you_dont_get_twitter_0.

Do or do not (there is no try)

The BBC is offering promotional opportunities for charities through its Things to Do website, calling on charities to sign up as partners and post their upcoming events.

Things to Do launched earlier this year with six different project themes ranging from arts and crafts to outdoor activities. To be eligible as a partner, organisations must run free or cost-recovery events.

To find out more, visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo>.

Information

Incidental

The Hate Incident Support Service monitors the reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents across West Sussex. These are incidents that have been perceived by either the victim, third party or witness to have been motivated by racism, faith, homophobia, transgender or disability. All hate crimes or incidents should be reported to Victim Support Sussex either by telephoning: 0845 3899 528 or by going online at:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/harmreduction

The service is also able to offer free one-to-one emotional and practical support to victims of hate crime. Awareness training around hate crime can be provided to any organisation or community group. If anyone is interested, please call Helen Ranasinghe on: 01293 613010.



Das Kapital

Skills for Care is undertaking a piece of work which recognises the importance of a local approach to increasing 'social capital'. Practical tools are being developed with employer partners, which support the implementation of 'neighbourhood workforce planning' and community skills development (meeting the objectives of a 'big society' through enabling skilled communities.)

For more details about the project see: <http://tinyurl.com/cy4jwjp>.



They would also like to involve other organisations in this project - in particular faith based groups delivering adult social care in informal/community settings. For further details, e-mail ali.rusbridge@skillsforcare.org.uk or call 07779 352 199.

Technology

The Set Up

SiftGroups' Nick Torday has written an article for the Guardian's Voluntary Sector Network Blog on how charities can evolve community engagement into a truly collaborative model.

Focusing on the sort of things charities should focus on before setting up an online community, it draws on research from SiftGroups' comprehensive Community Report for the charity sector.

For the full article, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cyt9xb2>.

Power Up

Consultancy London Advice Services Alliance (Lasa), volunteering organisation IT4Communities and the Charity Technology Trust, which provides credit card and other services to charities, have pledged to work together to improve the uptake of technology among charities.

Lasa chief executive, Terry Stokes, told delegates at the organisation's 'Powering Up the Third Sector' IT conference that, over the last six months, he had been having regular meetings with Richard Craig, chief executive of the Charity Technology Trust (CTT) as well as IT4Communities' Davies.

For further information (and a few spelling errors!), go to <http://tinyurl.com/7z5j6ho>.

Decisions, Decisions

American nonprofit software information provider Idealware has updated its 'Nonprofit Social Media Decision Guide', first published summer 2010.

The guide looks at the various tools available, examines what you might want to achieve with social media, integration, and a workbook. The new edition has additional sections on goals and strategies, and information about using social media for fundraising and advocacy.

To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.idealware.org/reports/nonprofit-social-media-decision-guide>.

Events

Celebrating Inclusive Communities

Date: December 17th, 6-10pm

Venue: St Andrews Church Hall, 2 Cants Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0LG

Tickets: £30



The Circles Network are holding a 'Celebrating Inclusive Communities' event to raise funds for the Network. There will be live music, an auction, raffle, welcome cocktail and even a three course meal!

Contact Angela Butcher on 01444 236 593 or e-mail angela.butcher@circlesnetwork.org.uk for more information or to book a ticket.

Funding

West Sussex Support Programme for Social Enterprises (6th Social Enterprise Award)

Deadline: 4th of January 2012

West Sussex County Council (WSSCC), in collaboration with West Sussex Social Enterprise Network (WSSSEN), is running an award to promote social enterprise.



They are inviting organisations to submit proposals for viable business ideas that are to be delivered for the benefit of West Sussex's communities and/or environment. The ten best ideas will each receive an award of £5,000. The business idea must be linked to clear social objectives and your application must show how it will be financially sustainable.

The deadline to submit your entry is 4th of January 2012. For more info, go to <http://www.wssen.org.uk/>.

Information

Take Action

Action on Elder Abuse are looking for individuals to be the eyes and ears of their local Lancing based AEA Group. Individuals are encouraged to look out for signs of physical abuse (such as a history of unexplained falls or slap, kick and finger marks), psychological abuse (isolation, paranoia, resignation), sexual abuse (self inflicted injury, disturbed sleep pattern), financial abuse (unexplained or sudden inability to pay bills, disparity between assets and satisfactory living conditions), discrimination (access to activities denied due to disabilities, no attempt to address spiritual/cultural needs) or neglect (matted and tangled hair, unkempt, skin problems) and to report them to the Council on 01243 642 555, mentioning that it's an adult safeguarding concern.



Abuse can affect people in a variety of ways from trauma and trust issues to grief and denial. If you need advice about an abusive situation, call the Action on Elder Abuse Helpline on 080 8808 8141.

The Start of 2012



Home-Start Worthing and Adur are selling a specially illustrated 2012 calendar for £5. All money made from the calendar will go towards supporting local children and families, suffering with disability, postnatal depression, bereavement, isolation and many other situations that are difficult to cope with.

If interested, phone 01903 236916.

There's no business like Joe business



NAVCA has announced their new Chief Executive as Joe Irvin. Joe has a varied background in senior posts having worked as Director of Parliamentary affairs for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Director of Public Affairs at the British Airports Authority, Chief Special Adviser to John Prescott (as Deputy Prime Minister), Director of Policy at the Transport and General Workers Union, and in the 10 Downing St Policy Unit.

Adur Voluntary Action wishes Joe well in his new role. To find out more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ctdeob9>.

Events

The Prince's Trust 'Team' Programme

city college **brighton and hove**

The Prince's Trust, in collaboration with Brighton and Hove City College, are running a free twelve week course for young people aged 16 - 25, starting in January 2012. The course aims to help attendees work towards a qualification, take on community projects, receive useful training, complete a work placement, and more.



To find out more contact Neil on 07841 066849 or text TEAM and your name to 07841 066849 and they'll get back to you. The website for City College can be found at www.ccb.ac.uk.

Funding

Adur's Pot of Gold 2012

Adur Council has £70,000 ready and waiting to be spent on the best ideas to improve your community. £50,000 is ready for the big ideas (up to £15,000 per project) and £20,000 for the smaller ideas (less than £10,000).

Adur's community groups, charities, voluntary organisations or resident groups or associations can apply for funding to carry out community projects. They also want to hear ideas for improvements from Adur residents.

For more information or to apply for a share of the 'pot of gold' for your project, call Sarah Garbutt on 01903 221109, e-mail sarah.garbutt@adur-worthing.gov.uk or visit www.adur.gov.uk/pot-of-gold for an application form.



The BIG Harbour Community Pot

This is a new fund for 2012. £20,000 has been allocated by Shoreham Harbour, Brighton and Hove City Council, West Sussex County Council and Adur District Council.



See www.adur.gov.uk/pot-of-gold/#harbour for more details and an application form.

It's that time of the year again. It's...

The Annual AVA Christmas Quiz!

Q1) Which of the following was not a Doctor Who Christmas special?

- A) Voyage of the Damned
- B) The Christmas Invasion
- C) Daleks in Toyland
- D) A Christmas Carol



Q2) Name four items (other than snow) you might use to make a snowman.

Q3) From where do Advent Calendars originate?



- A) 18th Century England
- B) 19th Century Germany
- C) 19th Century Ireland
- D) 20th Century Jamaica

Q4) Which of the following actors has never played Santa Claus/Father Christmas (or a variation of the character)?

- A) Richard Attenborough
- B) Tim Allen
- C) Mel Smith
- D) Robin Williams



Q5) [blank]wood and Poison [blank]. What's missing?

Answers:

- Q1) C
- Q2) A hat, a scarf, a carrot, pieces of coal, small rocks, and sticks are all acceptable
- Q3) B
- Q4) D
- Q5) The Holly and the Ivy!

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