

New Academic Year



With the end of the summer term and released from the pressure of School visits we started on our programme for the new Academic Year.

Joined by Georgia Brooks for the second summer we contacted hundreds of schools across the South and by the time you read this newsletter many schools will already have received visits. Those that haven't will be completing arrangements for the year ahead.

Freed from school pressures we were able to give more time to fundraising, which is very vital this year as we have not had one person in post for this role.

With the help of Georgia Brooks 60 applications were made to major charitable foundations and Local & Parish Councils. Usually the latter are very helpful as they have personal contact with the schools we visit.

Recruitment and Training

Over the past 3 months we have recruited 5 new volunteers and the next training session will be at Stirlands Cricket Pavilion in Birdham on Tuesday 6th November 2007, 10:30-3pm. Laura Dymock, our Trainer, starts maternity leave after this date and in the meantime Esi Hardy will stand in for her, together with Linda Hall another well known local actress. Our sincere thanks to both of them.

Fund Raising

Two Charities with funding problems have joined forces and on the 20th October are presenting an extravaganza of Classical & Popular Music with Margo Dodd (a very popular local soprano) heading an entertaining evening, including Christopher West and Raymond Box (violinists) from Chichester Youth Orchestra and the Barber Shop Singers. Full details on our website. Satven.org.

Over the next few months we will be presenting further concerts in association with local Charities needing additional funding.

Artists will include Adrian Butterworth (Violinist) and Frances Kelly (harpist), both well known to local music lovers. The Charities we hope to help include St. Richard's Hospital Cancer Appeal, St. Wilfred's Hospice, St Joseph's Hostel (CCCA) and local Churches.

Christmas Charities Fair

Our participation in the Annual Christmas Charities Fair at The Grange, Midhurst, takes place on 10th November 9am-12 noon.



Contributions of jewellery & items for the Tombola are very much needed. As usual we are running a raffle and collecting for St. Richard's Hospital, Cancer Appeal. If you have time to spare to help that morning it would be very welcome.

Outreach Worker

Following Lisa Chandler's move to Newbury we are glad to welcome Emma Bailey to work in Hampshire and part of Sussex.

We are still looking for more funding for Hampshire and have contacted Parish Councils for help in this respect.



SVA at Nutbourne

Our office at Nutbourne is up and running but only on a part-time basis at present. Emma Bailey will be based there and we are hoping to recruit local volunteers to make it a "drop in" centre for local people with problems regarding disability.

Volunteers

We are always happy to receive referrals of young disabled/disadvantaged young people to train in I.T. and Admin skills. Whilst many of our volunteers come from government and local agencies, some introduce themselves. After attending training sessions and one-to-one coaching either on Admin skills or speaking in Schools they are able to give talks to Schools on their own.

Young people attending our I.T. Training sessions earlier in the year are already in employment and confidence building continues for those recently recruited for School talks.

We have to thank the undermentioned for donations this term:

Bonhomie United Charity Society

Bishopstoke Parish Council

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