

# Rother Voluntary Action E-BULLETIN

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## NEWS

### SETTING UP A CHARITABLE COMPANY OR CIO

The Charities Commission has **updated the online registration application form** with additional questions that help applicants ensure their organisation meets these new public benefit requirements. If you are planning to set up a charitable company or charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and transfer the assets of their charity to it, you should read the published guidance "Becoming a charitable company or CIO" <http://bit.ly/1cj5goQ>

### SMALL CHARITIES CAN NOW REGISTER AS CIOs

From Bates Wells Braithwaite weekly review: there has been confirmation from the Charity Commission that **Charitable Incorporated Organisations can now be registered with incomes under five thousand pounds**. Pending the website/online form being updated, "you will need to put on the form that your income is over £5,000 in order to progress . . . You should then put a note at the end in the special circumstances box at the end of the form explaining that the income is under £5,000." Smaller charities previously unable to register can now, via registration as a CIO, obtain a charity number. FAQs on CIOs <http://preview.tinyurl.com/k2sgej9>

### RECENT AND FORTHCOMING EMPLOYMENT LAW

Personnel professionals body CIPD has updated its factsheet outlining **the major changes to employment legislation in 2013 and 2014**, <http://preview.tinyurl.com/pqzwx87> Employment relations body Acas also has a brief table of forthcoming employment law for 2014/15, at <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3909>

## SOCIAL MEDIA UK TRENDS FOR 2014

A number of sector bods have suggested the following as useful. 'UK Social Media Statistics for 2014' looks at demographics, overall user numbers, and any other interesting snippets which suggest changes to **how the major social media sites are being used**, and who by. From Social Media Today, <http://preview.tinyurl.com/p597ogu>

## 6 SOCIAL MEDIA PITFALLS TO AVOID IN 2014

It's a new year, so what better time to freshen up your charity's social media strategy? Check out **these 6 traps** which non profits tend to fall in to when using social media. <http://bit.ly/MjX9PM>

## DATA, SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND IMPACT

A couple of articles from Pioneers Post on data tools around **social investments and social impact Tracking** <http://preview.tinyurl.com/phloyuu> It refers to 'Visualising Social Investment Data', <http://data.gov.uk/data/viz/social-investment-and-foundations> And... Big Society Capital has worked with various experts to create an 'Outcomes Matrix', an attempt to build a common language of social impact. <http://preview.tinyurl.com/ne2gbb7>, or <http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/outcomes-matrix>

## PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY RESEARCH

TSRC research spans the transition from New Labour to Coalition government. They have published a digest of this research that provides valuable evidence about some of the key changes that have occurred, as well as revealing continuities in **government policy and practice towards the third sector**. <http://bit.ly/1a3j4W8>

## CLIMATE WEEK

**Climate Week 2014 is 3-9 March**. It is Britain's largest climate change campaign, with half a million people attending over 3,000 events each year. Climate Week is about how people can live and work more sustainably, and you can run any kind of event or activity you wish. <http://bit.ly/1a3kjVo>

## LAND REGISTRATION AND CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATIONS

The Land Registry has published **guidance** on dealing with the land registration aspects of transactions involving charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), including their dissolution. It is primarily aimed at conveyancers, legal advisers to charities, and to those acquiring land from charities, <http://bit.ly/1a3ksYS>

## CHILDREN ENGLAND SURVEY

Children England has released the results of its members' survey. **Members identified rising demand for services, reduced statutory funding** and the difficulty of finding time to bid for and manage funding as the biggest challenges they face. <http://bit.ly/1a3iV55>

## CALLS TO CHILDLINE IN 2012/13

ChildLine has published its review of 2012/13 Can I tell You Something? <http://bit.ly/1a3iWWG> Key points include: ChildLine counselled 278,886 children and young people; An 87% increase in contacts related to cyberbullying (compared to 2011/12); A 41% increase in contacts about self-

harm (compared to 2011/12) - where age was known, 70 per cent of the contacts received about self-harm came from young people aged between 12-15 years; A 33% increase in young people talking about suicidal thoughts and feelings.

### SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AS HYBRID ORGANISATIONS

'Social Enterprises as Hybrid Organizations: A Review and Research Agenda', an early view of an article from the International Journal of Management Review, is available from <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijmr.12028/abstract> The authors identify hybridity, the pursuit of the dual mission of financial sustainability and social purpose, as **the defining characteristic of social enterprises** and assess the impact of this on the management of the mission, financial resource acquisition and human resource mobilization, and present a framework for understanding the tensions and trade-offs resulting from hybridity.

### MILLIONS OF POUNDS STILL AVAILABLE IN HOUSING FUND

**Tens of millions of pounds specifically ring-fenced** to help people adapt to welfare reforms is still available through local authorities. Find out more <http://bit.ly/1a3kEaL>

## LOCAL NEWS

### JOIN THE GIANT MARCH FOR ROAD SAFETY

10am on Wed 11 June 2014. At 10am on Wed 11 June 2014 thousands of kids will march for road safety, raising awareness of the dangers of traffic, the benefits of walking and asking drivers to **make communities safer** by slowing down around schools and homes. Register for a FREE pack including banner and stickers! Online [www.giantwalkingbus.org](http://www.giantwalkingbus.org) Phone 01484 550061 Email [walkingbus@brake.org.uk](mailto:walkingbus@brake.org.uk)

### HASTINGS EXCHANGE SEED FUND

Are you based in Hastings or Rother? Do you have a good idea for a community-university partnership project? Would you like up to £5000 to explore new work together? Then the Hastings Exchange Seed Fund is for you! The Hastings Exchange has been created to bring together all of the economic and social engagement work which the University of Brighton does in Hastings and Rother with the underlying principle of partnership working and sharing knowledge. **The seed fund is now open to new applications and the deadline is 14 March 2014.** For further information visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjjcg> or contact Ceri Davies on 01273 644557

### HASTINGS AND ROTHER ENERGY MONTH

Voluntary organisations across Rother and Hastings are joining up to promote both the ESCC Winter Warm Initiative which provides free home checks for the vulnerable and the Big Energy Switching project which aims to help people switch providers and lower their energy bills. There will be a series of events held across Hastings and Rother in February starting with the first event which will feature stalls, information points, help and advice on how to keep warm and reduce fuel bills. **Date is the 14th February at the De La Warr Pavilion from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The Rt Hon Greg Barker**

**MP will formally launch the campaign at this event.** For more details on any planned events, or if you wish to attend or if you wish to have display space contact call 07758255851 or email [sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk)

### CHANGES FOR HASTINGS & ROTHER MIND (ACTIV8 LTD)

Hastings & Rother Mind (Activ8 Ltd) would like it to be known that they **no longer have an office** base, but will still be operating as a committee. If you wish to contact us please feel free to continue to use the following email address: [activ8network@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:activ8network@hotmail.co.uk)

### LEARNING DISABILITY PILOT PROGRAM STARTING MID-MARCH 2014

**Free TRY IT days.** Choose from a range of days through March and April. Contact Claire for more details or your ASC placement team. Take part in an 8 day pilot or choose from the day/days that interest you.

Day 1, welcome to Little Gate Farm day

Day 2, Introduction to chickens and eggs

Day 3, Introduction to chicken housing -Prepare and assemble a chicken coop

Day 4 , All things fencing- Erect and maintain fox proof fence

Day 5 Introduction to the woodland and Hazel pole selecting

Day 6 Incubators and pullets -Prepare the chicken coop for flock arrival

Day 7, Make a kitchen spatula out of ash

Day 8, Lambing time! Care for new born lambs and ewes.

Email Claire Cordell at [littlegatecarefarm@gmail.com](mailto:littlegatecarefarm@gmail.com) or call 01797260125  
[www.littlegatecarefarm.co.uk](http://www.littlegatecarefarm.co.uk)

## FUNDING & SUPPORT

### PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES 2013 TO 2014 AND 2014 TO 2015

The Government has published details of **Public health grants to local authorities** 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015. This information shows the amount per head that each local authority will receive for public health work <http://bit.ly/1ez6D0t>

### SUSSEX PCC LAUNCHES £200,000 COMMUNITY FUND

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, has established a new fund to support local voluntary and community groups tackle crime and improve community safety. The Fund, worth £200,000, will support local projects that address the priorities outlined in Mrs Bourne's Police and Crime Plan. **Awards of up to £5,000 will be granted.** In exceptional circumstances the Commissioner will consider requests for funding above £5,000. Funding will be granted quarterly and the first deadline for applications is 31st March 2014 <http://bit.ly/18Y0TPo>

### CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION - NEW GUIDELINES

The trust has published **new guidelines and refreshed its website.** The key priorities remain heritage and conservation, criminal justice and overseas work. Major grants (above £7,000) are now

available only to charities with an income above £350,000. Organisations with income less than that can apply to the small grant programme, which has older people as an additional priority.

<http://bit.ly/1ez6Nom>

### TREES FUTURE GRANTS

The Tree Council has opened funding for 2014. They offer help for tree planting through grants programmes open to any school or community group that actively involves children under 16. It includes funds for fruit tree planting through the Orchard Windfalls fund. Grants awarded will cover 75% of the total costs of projects, which should be between £100 and £700. **Deadline for applications is 31 March 2014**, so log it in your diary. <http://bit.ly/1ez6Roi>

### LLOYDS FOUNDATION

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales has unveiled its **new strategy for distributing** at least £23m a year. Grants will be available to charities with turnover of £1m or less. By April the foundation will offer two funding pots. The main programme, called Invest, will offer longer-term funding of up to £25,000 per year for up to six years. The other, called Enable, will meet short-term development needs with the support of £15,000 per charity spread over a maximum of two years <http://bit.ly/1ez6Yjw>

### NATIONAL DIVERSITY AWARDS

The National Diversity Awards in association with Microsoft is a celebration of the outstanding achievements of positive role models, entrepreneurs & community organisations across the UK. You can nominate a positive role model and community organisation under different strands including age, disability, gender, LGBT or race/faith/religion. **Nominations open 3 February**.

<http://bit.ly/1ez7b6l>

### HELPING COMMUNITIES APPLY FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

RCEF can provide a grant of up to £20,000 for investigating the **viability of renewable energy** in your area. <http://bit.ly/1ez7ePH>

### LOCALITY BROKERS SERVICE

The Locality Brokers service is launching a new round of support for community organisations which are acquiring, refurbishing or looking to build a community asset. Additional funding has been made available for a limited time only, **applications accepted until 3 March** <http://bit.ly/1ez7BK8>

### PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The only round of the People's Postcode Trust for the South of England in 2014 will be Quarter Two. The opening date will be 5 April 2014 and **the closing date 20 May 2014**. Through the Trust, funding has been available for projects that provide assistance in one or more of the Trust's following fields of operation:

- Prevention of poverty; reduction of distress and suffering.
- Promote, maintain, improve and advance health.
- Advancement of citizenship or community development.
- Advancement of public participation in sport.

- Advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation.
- Advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Registered charities, SCIOs, constituted voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, community interest companies (CIC), not-for-profit organisations and sports clubs are eligible to apply. Grants normally range from £500 to £10,000 for organisations in Scotland and England and up to £5,000 for those in Wales. For more information, please visit the Postcode Trust website.

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

### FUNDING FOR BEXHILL AND SIDLEY

Are you a community group? Or belong to one in Sidley or Bexhill Central? **You may be able to apply for funding** to help you: buy Equipment; organise a trip; pay for venue hire; help with running costs. For further information or to download the application forms visit <http://bit.ly/1cBIKve> for Sidley and <http://bit.ly/1cBIQ60> for Bexhill Central

### PAYROLL SERVICE

In response to requests from members RVA is launching its own Payroll Service. This service will also **help groups and organisations** with the introduction of HMRC's Real Time Information (RTI) reporting in respect of payroll, RVA has set up a Payroll Service to relieve member groups of the burden imposed by the new rules. This is part of the Community Accountancy Service in partnership with HVA and 3VA. If your group employs even one person, compliance is mandatory, so please contact Lorraine Brown at RVA [lorraine.brown@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.brown@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk) on 01424 217259 or download our leaflet from <http://bit.ly/15DQNYM>

### ADVICE

Sam Stone, the RVA Community Services Coordinator is available **to talk to groups about funding opportunities**. She has been accredited as a Funding Advisor through Fit 4 Funding and can be contacted at [sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk) or on 07758255851

## CONSULTATION

### SOUTH EAST COAST STRATEGIC CLINICAL NETWORK

The South East Coast Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) would like to hear from voluntary and community sector organisations, networks and forums involved in **all aspects of mental health** for adults, children and young people; dementia; and neurological conditions (including multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease and motor neurone disease) interested in sharing their ideas, skills and experiences to help shape local services now and in the future. For more information and to access an online questionnaire, please go **to** <http://www.raise-networks.org.uk/scn-questionnaire/>

### LOCAL NHS CONSULTATION

The three NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in East Sussex (Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG, Hastings and Rother CCG, High Weald Lewes Havens CCG) have today (January, 14 2014) launched a 12-week public consultation **on the future of local maternity, in-patient paediatrics and emergency gynaecology services**. The 12-week consultation period started on January 14 and

finishes on 8 April 2014. CCGs are consulting on six potential options for providing these services in a safe and sustainable way in the long term across hospital sites at Eastbourne, Hastings and Crowborough. The options have been developed by senior local doctors, nurses, midwives and other experts, informed by extensive public and clinical engagement since the launch of the Better Beginnings review last summer. There is no preferred option at this stage. The consultation will enable us to continue to hear the views of patients, public and stakeholders and this will inform the CCGs' final decision, which is likely to be made in July 2014. For more information visit [www.betterbeginnings-nhs.net](http://www.betterbeginnings-nhs.net), email [hrccg.betterbeginnings@nhs.net](mailto:hrccg.betterbeginnings@nhs.net), call 01273 403563 or write freepost to Better Beginnings, East Sussex CCGs, Freepost SEA2474, BN8 2ZZ. People can also keep up to date with the Better Beginnings review on twitter [www.twitter.com/BetterBeginsES](http://www.twitter.com/BetterBeginsES) and facebook [www.facebook.com/betterbeginningseastsussex](http://www.facebook.com/betterbeginningseastsussex)

### AGREEING THE DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY

**This consultation is open until 21 February 2014** <http://bit.ly/1ez8Dpj> Following wide consultation to develop the new strategy there is now a chance to voice an opinion on the draft strategy. You'll find the draft strategy in the related documents section of this consultation. The questionnaire will ask you about the different areas, and you'll have the opportunity to comment. It should take about 10 minutes to complete. They are seeking the views of colleagues and members of the public about this draft. The draft strategy is online at: <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/adult-social-care/domestic-abuse> The consultation will remain open until 21 February 2014.

## TRAINING AND E-LEARNING

### BIG ENERGY SAVING TRAINING

If you are a volunteer or frontline worker working with vulnerable households in Rother RVA together with Energise Sussex Coast are able to offer you **FREE training in how to advise households on lowering their energy bills** by switching energy suppliers, or tariffs or payment methods. If you are interested in receiving this short 2 hour training contact Richard Watson on 07854 951325 [richard@energisesussexcoast.co.uk](mailto:richard@energisesussexcoast.co.uk) or Sam Stone on 07758255851 [sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk)

### THE NEXT WRAP COURSE FOR CARERS

Monday, 10 March in Hastings: Venue: Carisbrooke House, Stockleigh Road, St Leonards on Sea TN38 0ES Session dates: 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March, 7 April, 14 April  
Session times: 10.30am - 1.30pm. **The courses are aimed primarily at carers of people with functional mental health needs and carers with their own mental health needs.** However, it is likely that there will be spaces on some of the courses for other carers who may benefit so please contact us to discuss if you would like to attend whatever your caring situation. The courses are free of charge. If you would like to find out more about WRAP whatever your caring situation please contact Molly on 07507 734 370 [molly@coastalwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:molly@coastalwellbeing.co.uk) or Lucy 07598 323 254 [lucy@coastalwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:lucy@coastalwellbeing.co.uk) [www.coastalwellbeing.co.uk/wrap-for-carers/](http://www.coastalwellbeing.co.uk/wrap-for-carers/)

### FREE MENTAL HEALTH WELL BEING TRAINING

8 March, 10am – 1pm, Battle Memorial Hall, 81 High Street, Battle. Would you like to know more about mental health and ways you can support the young people you work with? If so, the MHFA Lite course run by Mental Health First Aid may be for you – this is **an introductory mental health awareness course that will teach you what mental health is and about common mental health problems**. We are able to offer staff and volunteers an opportunity to do this course for FREE in March. But places are limited so please get in touch ASAP to book a place. Closing date for booking: Friday 28 February 2014.. How to book – please complete the booking form below and email it to [jennywingate@sparknetwork.org.uk](mailto:jennywingate@sparknetwork.org.uk) or call 07921 485 813 with any queries. For more information about Mental Health First Aid, please see their website [www.mhfaengland.org](http://www.mhfaengland.org)

### COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

This FREE training will provide voluntary and community organisations the opportunity to develop their knowledge, awareness and skills in order to protect their members and committee members, to continue to meet their legal requirements, in the face of adversity. This will take place at HVA on **Tuesday 11 February 2014** (9.15am for a 9.30 start). For more information or to book a place visit [www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/training](http://www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/training) or phone 01424 444010.

### LEVEL 2: TAKING THE LEAD IN CHILD PROTECTION

This is a FREE developmental course targeted at those with responsibility for Child Protection and Safeguarding in their organisation or group and you must have completed an Introduction to Child Protection course in the past two years. This will take place in Eastbourne **on Wednesday 12 February 2014 10am - 1pm**. For more information and to book, please visit 3VA's event calendar at [www.3va.org.uk](http://www.3va.org.uk)

### SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS (PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER CENTRE EAST SUSSEX)

Without effective support most organisations find that their volunteers eventually start voting with their feet and starting heading for the exit. This can be demoralising and demotivating not just for those people managing volunteers, but for other volunteers too. This session is designed to help you understand how to keep your volunteers well supported. This will take place at HVA **on Wednesday 19 February 2014 10am – 1pm**. To book a place contact Katherine Perrin on [katherine.perrin@3va.org.uk](mailto:katherine.perrin@3va.org.uk) or 01323 639373.

### ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING FREE TRAINING

Free training on **Thursday 20th February**. The Illegal Money Lending Team is a Trading Standards project set up to prosecute Loan Sharks and help their victims. When we talk about Loan Sharks we're not talking about Wonga or the Provident, we mean the unlicensed lender who lends money informally – perhaps through the pub, sports club or at the school gates. If you work with people that are at risk of using Loan Sharks then you need to know about us! On the training you'll learn the key signs to look out for, typical characteristics and how the team can help your clients. So please come along to a training session, find out more about us and meet other people working in a



similar field to you. Please email Jo Clarke [joanne.clarke@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.clarke@birmingham.gov.uk) to book a place and include your name, job description, organisation, mobile number and session choice (5 things!) There is no charge for the training but please provide notice if you're unable to attend once booked. There are two sessions but you only need to attend one, they are both exactly the same:  
Date Thursday 20th February 2014 Morning 10.00 – 12.30 or Afternoon session: 14.00 – 16.30;  
Venue: Telscombe Room, Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes BN7 1AB

### ESSENTIAL FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Taking place at Community Wise, Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1PY on **Wednesday, 12 February from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Run by an accredited British Heart Foundation Trainer, participants will receive a certificate in Essential First Aid upon completion. The cost is £10 per person and booking is essential. Please phone 01323 722924 to secure a place.

### SOCIAL CARE TRAINING

East Sussex County Council **provide a range of training for those working in health and social care** (and open to the voluntary and community sector). All courses are FREE, so have a look online at the [Social Care Training Prospectus](http://bit.ly/1ezacni) <http://bit.ly/1ezacni> to see what topics are covered. For more information, please contact Debbie Mephram on 01323 463337, Hannah Shemza on 01323 466024 or by emailing [dps.training@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:dps.training@eastsussex.gov.uk).

### MAKING SOCIAL MEDIA WORK

**A best practice guide for charities, NGOs and social enterprises** on creating great social media content has been published by Aegis Media and Social Misfits Media. Start at The Guardian's Voluntary Sector Network article <http://preview.tinyurl.com/o5yahwr>

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<http://bit.ly/1cWux6z>

### WRITING YOUR VOLUNTEER POLICY

**March 20th, Hastings**. There comes a time when almost every volunteer manager is asked to write their organisation's volunteer policy. You feel nervous trepidation...what...how?... why?! Fear not! This masterclass will take you on a journey that demystifies the whole process and shows you how to produce a volunteer policy that is both easy to read and easy to understand  
<http://bit.ly/1cWuBTR>

## Bits and Bobs

### OPEN DATA: OFF-GAS POSTCODES

Thinking of community energy? Here is a list of all the **postcodes** in Great Britain that are off the mains gas grid <http://bit.ly/1ez7qOP>

### DIVERSITY CALENDAR

The Diversity Calendar 2014 has been produced by CIPD in partnership with Diversiton, containing **important dates such as holy days, festivals, bank holidays** and some awareness events <http://bit.ly/1ez6ppU>

### 'CAN DO' – GUIDE FOR ORGANISERS OF VOLUNTARY EVENTS

**Voluntary and community events are an important aspect of everyday** life that help to encourage and enable people to participate, and play a more active part, in society <http://bit.ly/1cyd7Qx>  
Available at <http://bit.ly/1cydaMe> the guide has seven parts with links to more specialised guidance  
Part 1: What do I need to think about when planning an event; Part 2: Do I need any licences or other sort of permission; Part 3: How do I keep organisers, volunteers and participants safe; Part 4: How do I make sure that food and drink is safe; Part 5: Can I close a road; Part 6: Do I need insurance; and Part 7: Am I planning an event for which there is specialist guidance elsewhere?

### YOUR GUIDE TO ORGANISING A STREET PARTY

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party>

This step-by-step guide **provides practical advice for anyone looking to hold a street party**, whether it is to celebrate a national or local event, to take part in the Big Lunch in early June each year, or just to get together with neighbours. It addresses some of the popular myths surrounding street parties and sets the record straight on what is actually needed (including on road closures, charges, playing music and insurance) as well as providing links to organisations who offer advice and support to people planning their own street parties. The guidance includes a simple form you can use to let your local council know about your plans and apply for a road closure, or you can look for guidance on your council's own website. <http://bit.ly/1cydNFs>

### LITTLE GATE FARM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers who want to work supporting a small farm charity project and there are various roles available. **In the office: Marketing:** some skill in writing blogs, twitter updates, Facebook page updates, website updates, you tube, uploading photos/videos.

**General office jobs:** Book keeping/filing/answering the phone, **Creative volunteer**

**roles: Cooking/baking:** in the kitchen/and outdoor cooking area **.Art/craft:** woodland crafts

helpers/tutors **Horticulture-** with the farm team planning a horticulture program from scratch, ploy tunnels/raised beds etc. (some experience desired) **Animal care-** help with supporting our vulnerable adults care for the animals onsite. (Some experience desired, but not essential)

Contact Claire at: [littlegatecarefarm@gmail.com](mailto:littlegatecarefarm@gmail.com) Or call the farm office on: 01797260125

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### BATTLE HARD OF HEARING SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Battle Hard of Hearing Support Group will be held on **Monday 3rd February 2014**, from 2pm to 3:30pm at St Martins, Mount Street, Battle. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other hard of hearing people and to make new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment and to learn useful communication skills to help reduce the feeling of isolation. Everyone welcome, so put a note in your diary

### RYE SPORTS CENTRE

is urging the local community to sign up and join in with the World's Biggest Swim to raise funds for the Sports Relief charity. <http://bit.ly/1cyebnB> This year's Swimathon will take place on **Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March** so there is plenty of time to set up a team or train for a personal challenge. For further information on Swimathon visit [www.freedom-leisure.co.uk](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk) or [www.swimathon.org](http://www.swimathon.org) to register.

### ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE GREAT HOSPICE PUB QUIZ

Why not hold a Hospice Pub Quiz in your pub or club? They are easy to run and great fun! The Hospice supplies the questions and answers and the quiz is held simultaneously throughout Hastings and Rother on **the evening of Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm**. Teams of up to 6 people pay a minimum of £2.50 to take part. The winning team in each pub or club get small prizes and there are trophies for the overall winning team members. Raffles and auctions can be held too, to boost fundraising. If you would like to hold your Quiz on another night, we ask for a £15 donation for the pack, but your winning team would not be entered into the main competition. Call Marcia on 01424 456381 or email [fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com](mailto:fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com) for further details.

### ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE YELLOW DAY

This year's annual St Michael's Hospice Yellow Day will be taking place on **Friday 28th March**

### BEXHILL FESTIVAL OF THE SEA

is planning a cookery book of sea food recipes **to raise funds to support the annual festival in September**. They are looking for local people to submit recipes to the collection and to make it special, would like the owner of the recipe to tell something about him or herself, or why the recipe is special - just a few short lines to add a flavour of Bexhill. Please drop in recipes to Silver Nutmeg in Wickham Avenue or post them to Carole Green, 71 Wrestwood Rd. Bexhill, TN40 2LN. or email [thegreens837@aol.com](mailto:thegreens837@aol.com).

### BEXHILL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

is presenting a fundraising Variety Music Hall performance, starring veteran comedian and actor, Roy Hudd, to support their work. **5pm February 16<sup>th</sup>** at De La Warr Pavilion

### COMMUNITY NETWORK DATES

**Rye Network-** Creative Centre

**Bexhill Network-** Town Hall Bexhill

Contact [sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk](mailto:sam.stone@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk) for more info.

### FARMERS MARKETS

**Rye:** Every Wednesday – 10am till noon at The Strand Quay

**Bexhill:** Every Friday morning - Devonshire Square

**Robertsbridge** Village Market: First Saturday of every month 10am to noon in the Village Hall

**Brede :** Village Hall 10-12.00pm; Fridays

### WALKS

#### HEALTH WALKS

**Rye:** every Monday 10 am - meet at Gibbets Marsh Car Park

**Ticehurst:** every Monday 10.30am - meet at Pickforde Lane car park – Contact Peggy Langdown for more information on 01580 200599

**Combe Valley:** every Monday 11am – meet on Sidley Green outside the New Inn

**Robertsbridge:** every Tuesday 9.30am - meet outside Robertsbridge Youth Centre

**Bexhill:** every Friday 11.00am - meet in the foyer of the De la Warr Pavilion

**Battle:** every Friday 10 am – meet on The Green opposite Battle Abbey

For further information on all the above Health Walks telephone Paula Hubens, Healthy Walks Project Officer on 01424 446395 or email her at [p.hubens@tcv.org.uk](mailto:p.hubens@tcv.org.uk)

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