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NEWS

VALUING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - SURVEY

A last call to community organisations in Rother! If you haven't already (and many thanks to all those that have) can you help us by filling out this survey?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGQP7DT>

RVA are conducting a survey of voluntary and community organisations in Rother to contribute to a county-wide report which will highlight the importance of the voluntary sector in the local economy. This is an update of the hugely successful “*Valuing the Voluntary Sector*” report conducted in 2011 which successfully demonstrated the vital importance of community groups in economic terms to the local economy. For the first time in economic terms we were able to show that the voluntary sector deserved serious consideration for support and investment. This new updated report will help us make the case for continued funding and investment in the East Sussex voluntary sector particularly from economic funding streams that may be shortly available through the South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE RISES

The National Minimum Wage (NMW) is a minimum amount per hour that most workers in the UK are entitled to be paid. NMW rates increases **came into effect on 1 October 2014**:

- the main rate for workers aged 21 and over will increase to £6.50 (currently £6.31)
- the 18-20 rate will increase to £5.13 from £5.03
- the 16-17 rate for workers above school leaving age but under 18 will increase to £3.79 from £3.72

- the apprentice rate will increase from £2.68 to £2.73 per hour.

It is important to note that these rates, which are in force from 1 October 2014, apply to pay reference periods beginning on or after that date.

UNDER THE RADAR' GROUPS PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES

New research from the Community Development Foundation shows the vital contribution small community groups are making nationally to society and how funders can best support them. *The Guardian's Society pages* has a piece or go to <http://tailor-made.cdf.org.uk/about-the-research/>

VOLUNTEERING FAQs

The head of research at NCVO has a new article '*Answering the top five questions about volunteering in England*'. He gives pointers on such questions as **how many people volunteer**, the economic value, how England/UK compares to the rest of the world.

THE VALUE OF SPORTS VOLUNTEERING

Research has been published by Join In on the **hidden value of sport volunteers**, "going beyond cost to measure the true value they create through participation, wellbeing, trust and community".

'Hidden diamonds: Uncovering the true value of sport volunteers' is available via <http://www.joininuk.org/hidden-diamonds-true-value-of-sport-volunteers/>

FLEXIBLE WORKING

The right to request flexible working **has now extended to all employees** - not just those caring for a child or dependant adult. Under the provision of the Children and Families Act 2014 from 30th June 2014 an extension of the right to the existing request flexible working process was introduced. The statutory right to request procedure has now been replaced by an *ACAS Code of Practice*. These changes are intended to make it easier for employees to apply to change their hours, the days they work or the locations they work from. Employers now have three months from the date of an application, including any appeal, to make a decision on the request. However, this timeframe can now be extended by agreement between both parties. An employee does not need give a reason for their request however, as per previous arrangements, an employee has to have 26 weeks continuous service to make an application, only one request can be made in any twelve month period and any changes will result in a permanent change to your employee's terms and conditions of employment.

CHANGES TO SORP

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) have now published Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and, as a result, the guidance for **The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities has been updated to take into account these changes**. Smaller entities, including charities, have been able to claim certain reporting exemptions under Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities (FRSSE), and this is still the case. For this reason, two SORPs have been drafted. One to account for smaller charities reporting under the new FRSSE 2015 and the other to account for all other charities reporting under the FRS 102.

If you are a charity preparing accounts on an accruals basis you must therefore decide which SORP to use for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2015. All charities (excluding charitable companies in the Republic of Ireland) are eligible to use the FRSSE SORP if two of the three following criteria are met:

- Gross income not exceeding £6.5m
- Total assets not exceeding £3.26m
- Employs no more than 50 staff

However, the FRSSE 2015 is unlikely to exist after 2016 so any charity adopting the FRSSE SORP may have to change their accounting policies twice in succession. More here <http://bit.ly/1tW2glz>

RTI PENALTIES

HMRC have confirmed **that employers with fewer than 50 employees will face automated in-year penalties for late real-time PAYE returns from 6 March 2015** which is later than had originally been anticipated. Those who employ 50 or more people will face penalties from 6 October 2014. HMRC will send electronic messages to all employers shortly to let them know when the penalties will apply to them, based on the number of employees shown in the department's records. For the purposes above, an employer who, during a tax month, fails to make a return on or before the filing date will be liable to a penalty as follows:

- 1-9 employees - £100
- 10-49 employees - £200
- 50-249 employees - £300 and
- 250 or more employees - £400.

For help with payroll contact RVA via lorraine.brown@rva.uk.com

FLU BRIEFING

As the national campaign is launched to get over 65s and children and adults with weakened immune systems to get flu vaccines, NAVCA has **published a short briefing** showing how our members can help the fight against flu. **The two page briefing** provides examples of local health bodies working with NAVCA members to unleash the potential of charities and community groups to improve local health and wellbeing. The briefing is shows what is possible if local health bodies work with NAVCA members.

YOUR SHORT GUIDE TO AUTO ENROLMENT

Large employers had to implement the Government's pensions Auto Enrolment scheme first. But the 'real test' is still to come – since the country's many SMEs will now face their staging dates. **Find out your responsibilities as an employer** and the the steps you need to take with our quick, easy-to-follow guide to Auto Enrolment. <http://slidesha.re/1tW6kZn>

NHS FIVE YEAR PLAN

NAVCA has *welcomed the NHS five year plan*, launched last week by Simon Stevens, the Chief Executive of NHS England. The NHS five year forward view has a welcome recognition of the value of the voluntary sector in delivering community based services that improve health. NAVCA in particular appreciate the:

- Recognition of the value of volunteering and volunteers.
- Acknowledgement that the NHS can conflate volunteering with the voluntary sector.
- Measures to address funding pressures on the voluntary sector and the recognition of the importance and value for money grants offer.
- Increased focus on prevention and early intervention.
- **Recognition of the role of local infrastructure bodies in community solutions** by highlighting the social prescribing pilot led by Voluntary Action Rotherham.

Neil Cleeveley, acting Chief Executive at NAVCA, said; "It is really good to see Simon Stevens understands the important role that charities and community groups can play in improving people's health and providing better local services. I am particularly pleased to see the social prescribing work led by Voluntary Action Rotherham get such recognition. We have many other examples of how NAVCA members are providing a bridge between NHS partners and local charities."

CONSULTATION RULING

This week Irwin Mitchell LLP published the ground breaking judgement of a Supreme Court hearing that is likely to have implications for the voluntary and community sector in regard to consultations. We have known for many years that some consultations carried out by public authorities may be less than fair, particularly when a limited level of information is provided regarding the options available. This limiting of information can prevent those being consulted being able to make fully reasoned responses to the questions. Alex Rook, a partner at Irwin Mitchell, said " Today's ruling will send a very clear message to all local authorities that they cannot hide away from the true reasoning behind their decisions, **and will be required to give the public more information about the possible options and the reason why they favour their proposal.**" <http://bit.ly/1DZhhdW>

NCVO and CES merger

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has announced that its merger with Charities Evaluation Services **has been finalised**. CES will be merging into NCVO, with CES staff moving into the NCVO's Society Building offices from November 1st. <http://bit.ly/1DZirGc>

TRANSFORMING YOUTH SERVICES

A New Economics Foundation briefing explores how co-production has helped local authorities in Lambeth and Cornwall to commission services of real value to the young people they support. It also **looks at what other authorities can do** to adopt the same approach. <http://bit.ly/1DZj5DI>

ROTHER CHANCES FOR CHANGE

Has funded its first project in Rye. Street style dance classes with Beth Lamb. Starting Tuesday 11th November at: The Pretious sports hall, main street, Northiam. Please contact Beth on 07890 764995 for more information.

IMPROVING THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF CHARITIES

CharityComms director, Vicky Browning has written an update on the Understanding Charities Group, a cross-sector consortium set up to meet the sector's need for a positive narrative to **improve the public's understanding** of what charities do. <http://bit.ly/1DZjDcy>

PHE COLD WEATHER PLAN

Practical things we can all do to minimise the risk to our health this winter have been spelt out in the [2014 Cold Weather Plan for England](#). The plan, which is published by Public Health England, the Local Government Association and NHS England, **offers advice that people can take, before and during the winter, to reduce the risks to health**. The PHE Winter Health Watch website will also launch early November and brings together PHE's weekly monitoring of winter-related illnesses and deaths.

GET EVERYBODY ACTIVE EVERY DAY

PHE has co-produced '*Everybody active, every day*', an evidence-based **approach to improve the nation's health through everyday activity**. The new framework for national and local action addresses the national physical inactivity epidemic, responsible for 1 in 6 deaths and costing the country an estimated £7.4 billion a year.

CHILD POVERTY MAP OF THE UK

A [report by End Child Poverty](#) reveals **the wide disparity in poverty rates** across the UK, between regions and variations within regions.

FUNDING & SUPPORT

FIRST WORLD WAR - HERITAGE GRANTS

Grants of £3,000-£10,000 are available from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help people *discover more about the war*, and mark the centenary. This programme has a short application form, and is suitable for everyone, including first-time applicants. They also provide grants of more than £10,000 for First World War projects through other current funding schemes

GABY HARDWICKE FOUNDATION

This local funder offers awards to individuals and groups for capital items that will make a difference to people. **Grants average £2,000** but there are no set maximum or minimum amounts. Funding is

available for groups situated along the coastal strip between Eastbourne and Hastings. For more information, please contact the Gaby Hardwicke Foundation at pwt@gabyhardwicke.co.uk.

GALAXY HOT CHOCOLATE FUND

The Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund is open again this year from 3 November for 16 weeks. **£300 awards will be donated each week** to help people or groups with their community programmes.

<http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/>

SOUTHERN WATER FUND

Deadline: 9 January 2015. A Sussex Community Foundation administered grant, the Southern Water Fund offers awards of **between £500 and £2,000** to community groups and charities in Sussex involved with community garden and allotment projects. Southern Water is particularly interested in projects linked with addressing the water shortage. <http://www.sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/>

SEEDCORN FUND

Deadline: 9 January 2015 Does your group have an innovative or new approach to delivering services? Do you need some money to help you get started? Then the Sussex Community Foundation administered Seedcorn Fund might be the right fund for you. **Grants of up to £5,000** are available for groups with inventive ideas for new projects. <http://bit.ly/1DZrRl8>

WARR PARTNERSHIP

The WARR Partnership will be responsible for delivering the Leader programme across rural Rother and thirteen Wealden parishes between 2015 and 2020. **A wide range of projects will be eligible** for funding grants of up to £50,000 but they will need to meet specific criteria and have approval of the WARR Partnership and Defra. Some match funding will also be required. For more information, contact don.cranfield@plumpton.ac.uk. <http://www.warrpartnership.org.uk/>

VOLUNTEER HUB – ST MARYS CENTRE, RYE

RVA now operates a volunteer hub where people who would like to volunteer can find out about what available **in the Rye area**. It is now open during term time on a Wednesday 9.30-11.30 at the St Mary's Centre Rye. Contact sam.stone@rva.uk.com

GROW WILD

Funding of £1,000 to £4,000 is *available to community groups* that want to bring people together to transform a communal space by sowing and growing UK native plants. They are looking to fund at least 60 groups in 2015 across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Deadline is 2 December.

INSPIRED FACILITIES

This popular scheme from Sport England makes grants **of £20,000 - £75,000** to voluntary groups wanting to *improve their local sports facilities*. It is now an open programme, with no fixed rounds

FUNDING FOR RYE AREA GROUPS

The Rye fund is open to voluntary groups and charities **within six miles of Rye**. More info <http://bit.ly/1fPV1gl>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The Department for Communities and Local Government is offering **grants up to £2,000** for local groups to host an event which **encourages new communities to formally embark on neighbourhood planning**. The funding is aimed especially for areas that have a low take up of neighbourhood planning, and meetings should be able to attract at least 10 communities.

THE NATIONAL PROSPECTUS GRANTS PROGRAMME

Through the National Prospectus Grant Programme, the Department of Education wants to help **improve outcomes for children and young people** (particularly those who are disadvantaged) and their families. It will **award grants** in the region of £100,000 - £750,000 across seven policy themes with a total of £25m available for 2015 - 16. The deadline for applications is 21 November.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need Small Grants Programme: **next deadline 1st December**. Small Grants is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for any amount up to and including £10,000 for one year <http://bbc.in/Zb3VgK>. Children in Need Main Grants Programme: Main Grants is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. Next deadline 15th January <http://bbc.in/Zb43wIJanuary 2015>

ASDA FOUNDATION

Community grants of grants of up to £20,000 are available to organisations supported by Community Life Champions in stores, fitting their vision to 'Transform Communities, improving lives locally'. Starting point is an eligibility checker online. Deadline for applications is 30 September. <http://www.asdafoundation.org/>

FREE IT SUPPORT

Giveaday is a new scheme **matching up IT professionals to charities**, to provide pro bono advice on security and data protection <http://www.giveaday.co.uk> report here <http://bit.ly/1nbude9>

PAYROLL SERVICE

RVA offers local organisations a Payroll Service. This service **helps groups and organisations** with HMRC's Real Time Information (RTI) reporting in respect of payroll. If your group employs even one person, compliance is mandatory, so please contact Lorraine Brown at RVA lorraine.brown@rva.uk.com on 01424 217259 or download our leaflet from <http://bit.ly/15DQNmM>

RVA DBS CHECKS

RVA now offers a DBS Checking Service. For more information on costs and the process contact sam.stone@rva.uk.com

EAST SUSSEX 4 COMMUNITY

Are you looking for funding? East Sussex County Council **provide a free online funding search tool** called East Sussex 4 Community <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/eastsussex/> Once you have registered, you are able to search within their database of thousands of funders

FUNDING 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@rva.uk.com or on: 07722298692

CONSULTATION

ONLINE TAX SERVICE

HM Revenue and Customs is developing a new digital service for organisations applying to be recognised as a charity for tax purposes. **HMRC is asking for help** in labelling the service via a short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCFTCNB>.

CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL VALUE ACT

The **government has opened the promised consultation on how the Social Value Act is working**, and whether and how it should be extended (see newsletter 631). It may be worth referring to NCVO's background article, <http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2014/09/26/social-value-act-where-are-we-now/>. Runs to 28th November, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/social-value-act-review>.

SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT CONSULTATION

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory obligation to set the police precept - the amount Sussex residents pay for policing in their Council Tax. A precept increase in 2015/16 of up to 1.98% would provide additional funding in order to deliver the operational investments Sussex Police need to make. **The online consultation survey can be found [here](#)**. The consultation will close on Friday 9th January 2015

TRAINING

FREE AND SUBSIDISED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SPARK is currently facilitating training in the following areas – please follow the links to book:
 Paediatric First Aid – only £20 for a 12-hour course until March 2015 <http://bit.ly/Zb64ZV>
 Food Hygiene – free places available on online course <http://bit.ly/Zb68Zu>
 KIDS eLearning – free online training for VCS groups working with disabled children and young people <http://bit.ly/Zb6a3y>

DEMENTIA FRIENDS TRAINING

Bexhill Dementia Action Alliance are **offering Dementia Friends training to local organisations** in Bexhill, they have booked four sessions on Thursday 13th November in the morning from 9.50am for 10am start and the second session 11.20am for 11.30am start, the afternoon sessions are 1.20pm for 1.30pm start and 2.50pm for 3.00pm start the training is only an hour and is taking place at Bexhill Town Hall Committee room. Contact Debbie Peters on 01424 787866 or 07515189400

TRAINING AT AVAILABLE AT 3VA

- Writing a Fundraising Plan – 18th November 2014 (Lewes)
- Managing Staff Performance Successfully – 25th November 2014
- HR Essentials: Recruitment & Induction – 29th January 2014
- Child Protection: Taking the Lead – 24th February 2014
- An Introduction to Child Protection – 5th March 2015

All of the above courses will be running **in Eastbourne** unless otherwise stated. Further information about all of these upcoming training opportunities is available at www.3va.org.uk/upcoming or by contacting Martina Taylor at martina.taylor@3va.org.uk or on 01323 639 373.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS

Date: **Thursday 20 November** 2014 10.00am – 1.00pm. Facilitators: Giovanna Simpson (LSCG Training and Development Co-ordinator) & Cheryl Butler (Care for the Carers). This course aims to raise awareness of child protection issues and procedures and the signs and indicators of child abuse. FREE (subsidised by LCSB, SPARK and HVA). To book a place please visit: www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/training or call 01424 444010.

VCES TRAINING: SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS

Thursday 27th November, 10am-1.30pm at Eastbourne. Without effective support most organisations find that their volunteers eventually start voting with their feet and starting heading for the exit. This Masterclass will help to teach you how to keep your volunteers well supported. Cost £35-£50. For more info contact Lee Shepherd (VCES) on 07535 992 638. To book a place contact Martina Taylor at martina.taylor@vces.org.uk

E LEARNING

CONNECTING CARE

is a Department of Health project delivered by Lasa, **designed to help charitable providers of adult social care make the most of information and communication technologies.** It includes a round-up of useful resources. <http://connectingcare.org.uk/>

CHILD POVERTY

A **new data tool** from the department for Education brings together indicators of child poverty as identified by the Child Poverty Unit. It is designed to **allow the comparison and analysis** of data from different local authorities and regions in England.

SETTING UP A CHARITY

The Charity Commission has today published revised guidance on setting up and registering a charity. **How to set up a charity is designed as a practical and concise "how-to" guide**, broken down into seven steps. It is accompanied by more detailed guidance on writing charitable purposes, choosing a charity name, recruiting trustees and applying to register. The Commission has also published revised guidance on Charity types: how to choose a structure and on How to write your governing document. <http://bit.ly/1mWv25r>

GOING DIGITAL

Nesta, has published 'Going Digital: **Five lessons for charities** developing technology-based innovations'. As well as practical tips for charities going down this route, the paper concludes with recommendations for how the sector and funders can help more charities harness the benefits of technology. <http://bit.ly/1wZGF4h>

NEW GUIDE FOR CHARITY CHAIRS

The Association of Chairs has **published a guide for chairs of charities and non-profit organisations** which focuses entirely on the chair's perspective and the particular challenges and opportunities of the role. <http://bit.ly/1wZGQfS>

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE

Training packs, contributions to training session expenses and consultancy support are on offer from Age UK for organisations who wish to train **their volunteers working with older people**, promoting physical activity and wellbeing. <http://bit.ly/1ukD4Jw>

CREATING CONFIDENCE IN PLANNING A COMMUNITY BUILDING

A web based planning tool has been launched by My Community **Rights to give communities an idea of whether their proposed community building**, such as housing, sports centres, community halls or neighbourhood hubs, will be a financial success. Community Buildings Checker is designed to take the guesswork out of early-stage planning and give confidence to groups that they could take on and complete a building project. <http://bit.ly/1ukDnDW>

EAST SUSSEX IN FIGURES (ESiF)

is the local information system for the county. **It's a website that provides access to essential data**, information and analysis. Headlines: East Sussex population was 534,400 in mid-2013, an additional 41,300 (8.5%) residents since 2001. A new Area profile is now available called "Evidence for funding" providing key data at ward, parish and local authority level **to assist organisations assembling bids for funding**. <http://bit.ly/1vHEXDV> Please contact the Research and Information team if you have any specific data or information enquiries. <http://bit.ly/1vHF7Lt>

BITS & BOBS

APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Does your group have anything planned over the festive season for which you would like to recruit new volunteers? It's about this time of year that Volunteer Centre East Sussex starts to receive enquiries about Christmas volunteering opportunities. Past experience has shown that enquirers tend to be looking for opportunities actually taking place during Christmas week, including Christmas Day and Boxing Day, and particularly those involving activities with vulnerable people, such as helping out at a Christmas day meal or party with the homeless or elderly. It would be great to take advantage of the surge in goodwill that we experience the closer we get to Christmas, **so if you have any opportunities that you would like VCES to promote**, please do get in touch with details at info@vces.org.uk or 01323 301 757.

TREASURER NEEDED AT BEXHILL OLD TOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Bexhill Old Town Preservation Society is seeking a new Treasurer, someone who understands accounting procedures and documents and preferably has experience of book keeping and accounting and budgets.

The Society is a well-established local charity for Bexhill Old Town which holds two significant annual community events, one at Christmas time and one to celebrate May Day.

It may also be useful for possible candidates to know that the Society's regular accounts are dealt with by a local accredited book keeping service.

If you are interested in this voluntary role please first telephone 01424 732642 or email admin@botps.org.uk for further information".

NAVCA ESSENTIALS

is a service designed to help local community organisations **find discounted services**. The four suppliers involved in NAVCA Essentials are Tennyson Insurance, Utility Aid, The Co-Operative Business Telecoms and Charity BackRoom. These suppliers have all been selected by NAVCA because of their charity-centric approach and commitment to quality. To find out more about NAVCA Essentials got to the RVA website <http://bit.ly/1r3cAMZ>

MEETING / TRAINING ROOM IN CENTRAL BEXHILL

Ground floor room with interactive whiteboard-projector, CD/DVD, large wall-mounted whiteboard, and flip-chart, stands, 25 chairs and 6 tables. Address: 47 London Road, Bexhill TN39 3JY

Accessibility: level access from street. Disabled toilet facilities on-site. Refreshments: kettle, mugs, tea, coffee, milk and sugar can be provided; please let us know when you book. Bring your own

flipchart pads & dry-board markers Fees: £40 per half Chairs in a circle: seats 18 day (9-12 or 1-4), £75 full day + VAT Contact: **HFS Bexhill** 47 London Road Bexhill TN39 3JZ 01424 22 35 94

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHAT CAN APPRENTICES DO FOR YOU

To raise the profile of apprenticeships and enable voluntary organisations to learn more about them Hastings Voluntary Action are pleased to be partnering with Lets Do Business Group to host a workshop covering this subject **Find out more about how an apprenticeship opportunity could help your organization** gain a positive member of your team and also offer much needed real work experience to a young person. To book your place please click on the 'register now' button below. Event takes place on November 10th, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at HVA, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=123

KISS MY DISCO

11th November De La Warr Pavilion 7-11pm. A club night run by people with Learning Disabilities – open to all from age 18+. www.facebook.com/kissmydisco www.twitter.com/Kiss_My_Disco

SPARK AWARDS EVENING

the SPARK Awards evening, to be held at the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, on the **12 November 2014 between 6.00-8.30pm.** Contact SPARK for more info <http://www.sparknetwork.org.uk>

HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING TRUSTEES' WEEK 2014?

Trustees' Week 2014 runs 10-16 November. Now in its fifth year, this nationwide campaign raises awareness of trusteeship, celebrates the great work trustees do and encourages people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference. It's not too late to get involved - attend a local event, get involved in a Twitter Q&A or contribute to the website! Check out the [Trustees' Week website](#) and follow @trusteesweek for more information.

CREATIVE-ABILITY CRAFTING

Fully accessible venue at 73a Centre, London Road; Bexhill-on-Sea. All abilities welcome. Healthy options lunches & refreshments. Friendship, fun and support. Lots of easy to make projects including advent calendars, cards, gift boxes & bags, table centres, foodie gift ideas and much more. **Saturday 15th November & Saturday 29th November 11am – 2pm.** Please get in touch with Carol to book your place 01424 733061 078807 90024 or email contact@wiishes.org.uk Donations of £2.00 will be kindly received towards running costs

RVA AGM

The RVA AGM will be held **on 10.00am Thursday 4th December** at Centre Stage, London Road, Bexhill. Will feature walks, talks and networking time so come prepared to be active! Bexhill. Please see our website for more details <http://www.rva.uk.com/rva-annual-general-meeting/>

DEMENTIA SUPPORT

Join us for a musical evening at Christchurch, Blacklands, Laton Road, Hastings, **Saturday 13th December 2014 7.00pm.** Supporting those touched by dementia. Entrance £2-00 bookings essential. Tel. 01424 212519 email info@allergysupport.org.uk

COMMUNITY NETWORK DATES

Rye Network TBC at The School Creative Centre Rye

Bexhill Network Wednesday 10th December 2014 2.30pm-4.30pm, Bexhill Town Hall

Contact sam.stone@rva.uk.com 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

EVENTS IN BEXHILL

Discover Bexhill has a very useful web page where organisations are posting community events <http://www.discoverbexhill.com/events/>

EVENTS IN BATTLE

Try the Battle town diary here <http://www.battle-sussex.co.uk/event-diary.asp>

EVENTS IN RYE

Try the Rye town diary here <http://www.ryesussex.co.uk/event-diary.asp>

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