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## Welcome to our Spring newsletter

Information sheet to the faith community and the wider community serving Poole, Bournemouth and the surrounding area.

If you have been passed this newsletter by a friend or colleague, and would like to receive your own copy on a regular basis, please contact Michelle Brett to be added to the distribution list. Similarly, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please contact Michelle to be removed from the list ([m.brett@poole.gov.uk](mailto:m.brett@poole.gov.uk))

If you know of a resource that would be useful to other recipients of this newsletter please let us know and we may be able to promote it for you through this medium.

### Chaplaincy Wessex : the new face of Chaplaincy

For ten years now the Chaplaincy to the Borough of Poole has complemented and supported other branches of chaplaincy within the area. As most know, the Management Committee have been planning the launch of a new model of chaplaincy – based on the skills, experience, drive and generosity of volunteers.

In part this is resource driven, but it is more, much more, than that. Paid chaplains can too easily be left to get on with an impossible task – meeting the spiritual and emotional needs to huge numbers and ranges of people. Trained volunteers drawn from our faith communities can number among them a vast range of skills and experience – often closely related to the field where chaplains are being requested.

So this is the first call for expressions of interest. Leaflets and posters will shortly be distributed to faith groups across the conurbation.

Discussions are well advanced with Bournemouth and Poole College, the Bournemouth and Poole Community Palliative Care Team, and of course on our 'home turf' the Borough itself, as to what types of support they need. Lewis Manning Hospice and Dorset Healthcare Foundation NHS Trust have also expressed interest.

Revd Mike Oates, our Voluntary Chaplaincy Development Worker, is preparing training materials, protocols and quality standards with which to equip and support volunteers.

The opportunities to be involved in are many and varied:

- Pastoral care for staff, students, patients and families.
- Administrative support
- Expertise in training and supervision
- Prayer support from your faith group will be valued for volunteers and for the whole project.

And our new title. With both the geographical and generic remit clearly growing, the Chaplaincy Management Committee met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to

draft a new constitution which can provide appropriate governance arrangements. The new title will be 'Chaplaincy Wessex'. The Committee members are concerned that other chaplaincy organisations across the "Wessex" area should not misunderstand the purpose of adopting such a title. Given the likely area of activity to be well beyond the boundaries of Poole, our original title is misleading. Having myself headed an organisation with the cumbersome suffix to its title "...across Bournemouth Dorset and Poole" I am determined to avoid that alternative! However, the new title has no implied ambitions in respect of all other chaplaincies in "Wessex" – we look to learn from, complement and partner their work.

If you are interested in learning more about what is required – or know someone who may be – please do follow this up with us. There will be two information evenings: firstly on Tuesday 17th May at the College's Lansdowne site in Bournemouth (room L026) and on Monday 6th June at the North Road, Poole site (room P228), in both cases 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Contact Michelle Brett on 01202 733580

Andrew Williams  
Chair, Chaplaincy Management Committee

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## Community news and events

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** Community Fest at Bournemouth & Poole College, Poole Campus. It's a family day which seeks to involve community groups and volunteers to showcase the great work that takes place in our local community.

The festival will bring the community together, to experience a range of performers from different cultures and origins, bringing diversity in Performing Arts, literature and film. And with the Olympics 2012 just around the corner we will be hosting The Bournemouth and Poole College Wacky Olympics offering 30 teams of all ages and abilities within the Dorset community an opportunity to compete for the prestigious Bournemouth and Poole Wacky Olympics medals.

The festival is also an opportunity to raise money for local charities and in particular the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation [www.jtyaf.org](http://www.jtyaf.org) Lieutenant John 'JT' Thornton Royal Marine from Ferndown, Dorset was tragically killed aged 22 in Southern Afghanistan on 30th March 2008. John lived his dream and died doing the job he loved and we hope that by supporting this charity that we may too inspire many of our local young people to achieve their dreams.

Contact Gemma Genco for more information on 01202 205205 or email [communityfest@thecollege.co.uk](mailto:communityfest@thecollege.co.uk)

**Fun4Kids spots are coordinated by Bridging Communities in partnership with many other stakeholders, such as Poole Borough Council, Dorset Fire Service, Dorset Police Safer neighbourhood Teams etc. Lions Club, Bridging Communities and Marks & Spencers, will be holding a fashion show at the Haven Hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> May to raise much needed funds for Fun4Kids. Tickets priced at £15 each as well as more information about each of the projects, are available from Robert Maguire 01202 697977, Alison Dalton 07908 110121 or Bridget Whitehead 07765 407309.**

Riding Lights will be performing *The Narrow Road* in St.Peter's Parkstone on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 (concessions £6.00) available from The Parish Office, St.Peter's Church, Church Road, Parkstone BH14 0NN 01202 749085 [st-peters-park@btconnect.com](mailto:st-peters-park@btconnect.com)

Sports Forum (accessible sailing for all) [Knoticat needs volunteers](#)  
`Knoticat` is a specially converted 9 metre sailing catamaran, which has been providing hands on sailing to disabled people in the local area for the past ten years. It is run by the sailing arm of the local charity, Sports Forum (SF) which is now launching a joint appeal to recruit more volunteers to continue and enhance the sailing operation and raise funds to replace the ageing `Knoticat`.

Project `Seahorse` (Safe Easily Accessible Hands-On Real Sailing Experience) has been launched this year to raise funds to purchase a replacement for Knoticat as she is now becoming a bit of an old lady, still safe and functional, but in need of some TLC after such a busy ten years. Sponsors fundraisers and volunteers are urgently needed to assist in raising money to provide the successor to Knoticat. Anyone who feels that they can help is asked to make contact with Secretary Jan on 077 486 88 999  
website: [www.sportsforum.org.uk](http://www.sportsforum.org.uk) Charity No 900608  
Affiliated to charity: Physically Disabled & Able Bodied . (Phab)

**Worship venue available for faith communities in the Parkstone area. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676. [M.phillips@poole.gov.uk](mailto:M.phillips@poole.gov.uk)**

National Family Week 30<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June. National Family Week aims to celebrate family life in the UK and connect millions of families with the organisations, good causes and services that support them. For the last two years, families have enjoyed thousands of events, special offers, competitions and much more as part of the UK's biggest celebration of family life. For further information on National Family Week, ideas, toolkits and other resources to support your involvement, please visit [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk) and register for the Partner Zone.

**St Thomas Indian Orthodox church are looking for a church hall for sale/long term lease . email : [stthomasiocp@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasiocp@gmail.com) 01202 300670**

**Footprints (a volunteer mentoring service)** requires donations of toiletries and small household items suitable for equipping a bedsit (for example crockery, cutlery, small electrical items, bedding etc.) for male and female clients who are returning to the community from local prisons. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676.

**Anne Frank and You Exhibition. St Peter's Church, Bournemouth Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The free interactive exhibition has been designed for schools and colleges but is open to all. In one of her first diary entries, Anne Frank wondered if, later on, she or anyone else would be interested in the musings of a 13 year old school girl. Over sixty years after her terrible death in Bergen-Belsen, those musings, some everyday, many profound, continue to move us by their essential humanity. Anne's diary has inspired millions the world over. For more information go to [www.annefrank.org.uk](http://www.annefrank.org.uk)**

Reminder : the Chaplaincy website [www.chaplaincypole.info](http://www.chaplaincypole.info) contains details of worship times and addresses to help people find the right church or faith community for them. Please take a few minutes to check the details of your church or faith community, If updates are required please email [m.brett@poole.gov.uk](mailto:m.brett@poole.gov.uk) who will update the records on your behalf. If your community is not listed, please feel free to add your details using the simple, step-by-step instructions. This will also assist the local authority in being able to rapidly and effectively utilise the faith communities personnel and buildings in the event of a local emergency. It is also a good opportunity to show-case your facilities

to the wider community and statutory sector, with the possibility of generating exciting and creative opportunities and income through partnership working. Events and articles can also be promoted on this website and we invite you to take advantage of this free service. If you need assistance contact Michelle on 01202 733580.

**Parkstone Christian Centre has accommodation available within its centre for like-minded organisations interested in social action, or community activities/projects/initiatives in the Poole area. For more information contact Mark Phillips on 07980 002676.**

**Footprints (a volunteer mentoring service)** has expanded dramatically over the last 12 months and is now working with 40-50 ex offenders including female ex offenders, the over 50s and include those serving a community sentence (an alternative to custody). Volunteer mentors are urgently required. Full training, support/supervision and expenses are provided. Contact Mark Phillips on 07980 002676 or [m.phillips@poole.gov.uk](mailto:m.phillips@poole.gov.uk).

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## **Training courses**

**Redundancy - What Employers Need to Know** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Boscombe Salvation Army, Palmerston Road

For voluntary/community groups and charities, this course is aimed at managers and other employment related decision makers who have some knowledge of employment law but feel they need to improve their knowledge about redundancy. It will look at the law, practice and procedure surrounding redundancies. Tutor will be Nick Hanning, Chair of Bournemouth and Poole Pro Bono Group and there will be a number of pro-forma letters provided to help guide the process.

**Introduction to Trusteeship** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 12.30 pm

Moordown Community Centre

Do you understand your legal responsibilities as a committee member/trustee? This course will introduce the role and responsibilities of a trustee and provide information about where to seek further support.

**Effective Committee Meetings** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1.15 pm - 3.45 pm

Moordown Community Centre

Do your group's committee meetings last for hours? Do the accounts make sense to you? Are you considering offering to become the Chair of your group but concerned that you might not have the skills to run the meetings? This course will look at how committee meetings of small community groups and charities might be run effectively. The roles of Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be considered as well as the responsibilities of the rest of the committee members in ensuring meetings run efficiently.

**All of the courses above cost £5 per person per course. Tea/coffee will be provided. For more details on any of these course contact [Jacqueline.salazar@bournemouthcvs.org.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.salazar@bournemouthcvs.org.uk) or phone 01202 466130**

**Islamic Awareness Course - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.** 10 am to 1 pm. Bournemouth Islamic Centre and Central Mosque. An introduction to the Muslim faith for statutory and community sector practitioners. £45 per person. For more information and to book your place please email [m.brett@poole.gov.uk](mailto:m.brett@poole.gov.uk).