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Welcome to our December 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)

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.

Community news and events

Hope FM and Poole Rotary Club in association with Poole Christmas Parcels Fund present a Christmas Celebration on Friday 10th December at 7.30 pm, St James church, Thames Street, The Quay, Poole

Tickets £7.50 Adults, £5.00 children. Available from Bournemouth YMCA, Poole Salvation Army, Keith Jones Bookshop.

Please contact John on 01202 767949 for more information and to nominate a recipient of a parcel.

Dorset Race Equality Council are holding 2 police focus groups regarding how minority ethnic individuals feel about reporting incidents to the police, how incidents have been handled in the past and whether any changes need to be made when reporting a crime. Please help us by coming along and having your say; your views will help shape the way Police deal with crime reporting!

The first focus group will be held in Bournemouth (Bournemouth Islamic Centre) on Monday 13th December between 6.00pm-8.00pm.

The second will be held in Dorchester (West Dorset District Council) on Wednesday 15th December between 12.00pm-2.00pm

Food and drink will be provided as well as £10 for attendance. Please ring **Mevan Kattan** Community Development Officer, Dorset Race Equality Council 01202 553003 www.dorsetrec.org.uk for further details and to confirm a place as soon as possible.

Dorset Probation Trust's Community Payback Team are keen to develop partnerships with voluntary organisations in the community who would be able to offer supervised individual placements to offenders who have been sentenced to Unpaid Work in the Dorset Community. Organisations would need to provide a minimum of one days supervised work per week, in areas such as conservation, retail, horticulture and painting and decorating. Dorset Probation Trust would provide ongoing and comprehensive support to any organisation which is interested in offering individual placements to offenders, including a full assessment to ensure any individual is

suitable for the placement and type of work.

If your organisation wants to find out more about the work we do, or if you have work suitable for offenders, please contact Gordon MacPherson, Individual Placement Supervisor, on 01929 557653 or gordon.macpherson@dorset.probation.gsi.gov.uk.

Worship venue available for faith communities in the Parkstone area. Also available is a worship venue for sale in Ashley Road, Parkstone. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676.

Christmas at Compton Acres. "Experience the real spirit of Christmas" on Saturday 11th December from 2 pm to 4pm. For the very first time the Grade II listed gardens are joining forces with local parish churches and volunteers to host a magical traditional Christmas event. Families will have the opportunity to watch the 'real' Christmas story play out in drama and song at the unique community Christmas. Entry to the gardens from 1.30 pm. A set entry donation of £2 per adult and £1 per child with 100% of the proceeds raised going to Life Education Wessex. Also Every Wednesday from 1st to 22nd December, Christmas festivities from 6 pm to 8 pm

The Big Heat campaign is encouraging all those who can afford to, to donate all or part of their Winter Fuel Allowance to help fund support and services for vulnerable older people in Dorset who are affected by fuel poverty. Fuel poverty particularly affects older people and according to published the figures

- Over 100 people in Bournemouth and Poole died at the beginning of the year due to cold weather related illness
- More than 2,500 people died this year from cold weather related illness in the South West
- The cold weather period in question last just 8 to 12 weeks
- Bournemouth and West Dorset has amongst the highest percentage rate of people affected by fuel poverty in the country?
- More than 17,000 people living in Bournemouth and West Dorset suffer from fuel poverty
- More than 33,000 people living in Dorset as a whole are affected by fuel poverty
- Cold weather related mortality figures for this year are predicted to be higher, particularly amongst the elderly

Many cold weather related deaths amongst the elderly are preventable if the right support is on hand. The Big Heat campaign aims to address this by collaboratively funding organisations within Dorset who have the local knowledge, practical experience and expertise in providing services and support to vulnerable older people in our community. The winter fuel allowance provides vital support to alleviate fuel poverty. The fuel poverty figures show how important the winter fuel allowance is to many of the affected people. The Big Heat aims to preserve the spirit of the allowance by ensuring it directly funds community action that tackles the additional affects of fuel poverty

We are able to accept donations online at www.localgiving4dorset.org or on the credit card donation hotline: 01202 292255

YIPPEE! Dorset Scrapstore comes to Poole

A new store has opened at 14 Alder Hills, Parkstone, BH12 4AS. From Wednesday 10th November they have been operating from the Poole Remploy factory, with a shop/warehouse plus a workshop area. Offering a wide selection of donated materials, and a range of Family and Adult Craft workshops. Opening times will be: Wednesday 4pm to 8pm

Thursday 11am to 4pm
Friday 11am to 4pm
Saturday 10am to 12pm

NB The opening date and times may be subject to change so please ring 01305 849444 to confirm

The Dorset Advocacy Service works with various individuals who, for whatever reason, do not feel they can speak up for themselves as effectively as they might wish. This could be due to lack of information about how systems work, lack of confidence in dealing with organisations or people who are perceived to be in authority, such as police, social services, housing, DSS and many more. It could also be due to feeling that they have fought long enough by themselves, and they'd like to have a friend or colleague working with them in their fight against discrimination, racist or other phobic crime, ignorance or prejudice. The Service is funded by all Dorset Councils, along with Poole and Bournemouth borough Councils.

They are here to help anyone who feels that they have received a poor service or treated differently because of their Race, Ethnicity, Faith or Belief. They also help those who have been a victim of abuse, harassment or violence (Hate Crimes) in their everyday lives. We receive calls from people who need help with a wide range of topics. Some clients lack confidence due to cultural issues to effectively challenge discrimination and present their case to officials. Others aren't aware of what laws are in place to ensure that they are treated fairly, in employment, accessing a service or just walking down the street.

Throughout their history as a charity specialising in casework, they have helped numerous individuals. We have helped victims of racist hate crime; got individuals reinstated in their jobs and stopped racist bullying in schools and the workplace. We can't guarantee a positive outcome for every individual but we will do our utmost.

It's easy to reach us, just call the Helpline number or email us on the below information.

Dorset Race, Religion, Faith & Belief Helpline: 01305 26 66 30

Christopher Hammond, Community Advocate; Race, Religion, Faith & Belief.
Office: 01202 553003 or christopher.hammond@dorsetrec.org.uk

Café 63 or as it was previously known, the Learning Café, is based in the Poole Probation office in Parkstone. It was started primarily to offer offenders the opportunity to learn basic cooking skills and work towards an accredited qualification, whilst preparing meals for both staff and offenders. Over the years it has grown into a thriving café and catering business. The Café supplies cook-chill food and sandwiches to various offices in Dorset Probation Trust in addition to supplying buffets at various prices to internal meetings and external organisations. Café 63 can supply your catering needs. For a quote contact Mike Watts on 01202 307219

Reminder : **the Chaplaincy website 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 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. Footprints (a volunteer mentoring service) requires donations of toiletries for male and female clients who are returning to the community from local prisons.

Training courses

Tendering Masterclass - 15th December

This course is aimed at those who have a good understanding of the procurement process already and so the trainer will not spend time setting out the legal and good practice aspects of commissioning and procurement. This day is aimed at those of you who do, or may well have to, complete tenders, improving your skills to make your tender as good as possible. This course usually would cost you £298.45 to attend, and is usually held in London or Birmingham. We are offering this at £55, including lunch, with funding from the BIG Lottery Fund.

Please contact Jacqueline.salazar@bournemouthcvs.org.uk for more information or to book your place. 01202 466130.

Vacancies

Messy Church Leader- Fixed Term 6 Month Contract

The Church of the Holy Angels, Lilliput is seeking to appoint a Leader for Messy Church in Lilliput from mid-January 2011 to mid-July 2011, 20hrs per month, Salary £200 per month.

For further details and an Application Form please contact:

Mrs C. Wehlau, Holy Angels' Parish Office, Lilliput Road, Poole, BH14 8JX

Tel: 01202 708567 email: holyangelschurch@btinternet.com
