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Welcome to our Summer 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

Pathways International Education and Training provide ESOL classes for EU migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and Black Minority Ethnic Residents. Up to the end of July 2011 courses are free for those on certain benefits*, otherwise they charge £2.50 per hour plus a £30 exam fee. They also have short taster courses available without an exam which are free of charge to all those within the above groups. They are currently seeking to set up classes in the Poole area, please contact them on 01202-393394 if you or someone you know may be interested in taking a test to check your English level or you just want to find out more information. Alternatively you can visit their offices at 319A Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8BT.

*(A full list of relevant benefits is available on request. A small deposit is charged for those who are fully funded by the government, which is returnable on completion of the course.)

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust are holding their 21st Annual Conference on 29th September at Kingston Maurward, Dorchester. For more information and to book your place see <http://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/conference>

Poole CVS and Volunteer Centre AGM - Wednesday 14th September. 50th Anniversary celebration. To book your place or to see an agenda please contact Poole CVS on **01202 682046** Or www.poolecvs.org.uk

Worship venue available for faith communities in the Parkstone area. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676. M.phillips@poole.gov.uk

Core purpose of Sure Start Children's Centres

The Government believes that the core purpose of Sure Start Children's Centres is to improve outcomes for young children and their families, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged, so children are equipped for life and ready for school, no matter what their background or family circumstances.

You can comment on the core purpose by completing a short [online questionnaire](#). Your

views will help to develop the core purpose further, so that the final product can serve as a useful tool for local authorities and children's centre leaders.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/children-centres-form>

Consultation on a Revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Launch Date: Wednesday 6 July 2011

Closing Date: Friday 30 September 2011

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was recently reviewed by Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive of Action for Children. This consultation seeks your view on the Government's proposed changes to the EYFS

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1747&external=no&menu=1>

The 24 hour GP

Did you know that you can access a GP 24 hours a day? Using the GP out-of-hours service is an easy way to get treatment throughout the year. All GPs across Dorset offer an 'out-of-hours' service by calling **0845 600 1013** when your surgery is closed.

Some patients are not aware that they can get treatment from a GP 24 hours a day, often going to the emergency departments (ED) at hospitals during the 'out-of-hours' period instead. This not only causes pressure on the ED but can mean a lengthy wait for patients with non life-threatening illnesses or injuries whilst urgent cases are prioritised.

Dr Ros Maycock, a GP from Poole said: "Bank holidays are always a time of increased activity for the NHS. By using the GP services you could be treated faster than waiting to be seen in hospital as a non-emergency case. Many people who become unwell have a viral illness which they can be treat themselves at home. Pharmacies are an excellent source of information, advice and treatment if you become unwell and many are open late at night."

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. M.phillips@poole.gov.uk

A new anthology of creative writing (and photography) called "Dorset Voices", is to be published by Roving Press next year.

People from diverse backgrounds who have Dorset connections are encouraged to submit their work (prose, poetry and photographs).

Please visit the blog for detailed submission guidelines:

www.poundburyvoices.blogspot.com

NB The deadline for submissions is 30 July 2011.

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 or m.phillips@poole.gov.uk

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.

Training courses

FREE Healthy Eating Cookery Workshops!

Annie Newbury of the Dorset Food & Health Trust is currently offering free cookery workshops to any Bournemouth organisation that supports small(ish) groups of people who might benefit from some information, advice and guidance about simple cooking skills and healthy eating choices. All ingredients and equipment supplied.

Might this be for you? Contact Annie on 01747-812149 or annie@dorsetfoodandhealth.co.uk for the details.