



RIVERSIDE ACTIVE LIVES NETWORK

Promoting independence for people with physical and sensory disabilities

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone,

I thought an update was long overdue, so here we go!

This newsletter introduces our new logo and letterhead, expertly created by Paul Kitchener with Tom Wingrove's input. An excellent professional job, thank you gentlemen!

On the letterhead, you will see our general information together with our charity registration number at the top and our new dedicated bank details on the bottom to which all future payments need to be sent to. Reminders of account details will be printed on your individual invoices. Our bankers are CAF which are the Charity Aid Foundation Bank, who deal solely with registered charities like ourselves.

Saturday 27th September saw us hold our Grand Opening and Late Summer Fair, which was attended by the Deputy Mayor and local councillors as well as the Kent Messenger. Whilst the public did not attend in great numbers, we still managed to collect in excess of £600.00, which was absolutely brilliant and this money goes into the new account, purely for outings and entertainment. We also had excellent press coverage and my meetings with councillors has already opened up many funding opportunities for us.

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A massive thank you to everyone involved, who made the day such a success.

We have thought long and hard about holding a Christmas Fair this year, but feel that as time is short, it would be better to postpone this until Christmas 2015, when we will have more time to prepare, so that we can make it really special. We will however be participating in the Gravesham Christmas Fair, which is being organised by the council on Saturday 29th November, where we will be, able to sell our Christmas items (cards, glassware etc.,) as well as generally promoting who we are. More details will follow on this very soon.

On Wednesday 15th October 2014, we held our inaugural meeting of Trustees, as is required by the Registrar of Charities. The Trustees oversee the running of our organisation to insure that we adhere to rules and regulations. With this in mind and to guide us through this important stage of our development we have selected people with experience and enthusiasm.

Our co-chairs Peter Wright and Tom Wingrove need no introduction. They have fought for the rights of people with disabilities for many years and we are so lucky to have them and their considerable experience on our board.

Trustee number three is Gloria Durrant (my wife) who most of you will have met by now. Gloria has been a qualified counsellor for a number of years and will be able to assist individuals or recommend organisations that can help when support is needed.

We then have our member trustees Joe Byrne and Sharon Boore. Both Sharon and Joe will hold their office as trustees for a period of two years and then it is hoped that others amongst you will come forward to take up the challenge. Joe and Sharon's main responsibility will be to arrange outside activities and evening entertainment (with Paul and Anne Kitchener's help) and general fund raising, which will be put into a separate Nationwide Building Society Account, to support outings etc, in the future. This account will be solely run by you, the members and only you will decide how

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the funds are spent. Joe and Sharon will require everyone's input and full support, which I know that I can count on from you.

CHRISTMAS 2014

I would just like to remind people that the closing date to get items to Sharon for the Christmas hamper is Tuesday 9th December. If anyone has other items which they feel would make good prizes for the raffle, kindly let Joe or Sharon know.

Our Christmas lunch at the centre is on Tuesday 16th December and if all possible could all payments of £10.00 be made by Tuesday 9th December.

Our last day at The Riverside will be Wednesday 17th December and our first day back will be Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued help and support. We are in the process of creating a very special organisation and you can all be immensely proud of what we have achieved to date.

**Best wishes to everyone
Vanessa, Carol and Vince**

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