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NEWS

RVA RECEIVE QUALITY AWARD

I am pleased to inform all our readers that Rother Voluntary Action has gained the NAVCA (National Association of Voluntary Community Action) Quality Award. The NAVCA Quality Award goes to local voluntary sector support and development organisations which meet NAVCA's performance standards. The five standards are outcomes focused and address the difference local support and development organisations make through the delivery of their services:

Standard 1: Supporting the identification of needs in local communities and facilitating provision to meet those needs.

Standard 2: Assisting local voluntary organisations and community groups to function more effectively and deliver quality services.

Standard 3: Facilitating effective communication, networking and collaboration amongst local voluntary organisations and community groups.

Standard 4: Enabling the diverse views of the local sector to be represented and in supporting structures which promote effective partnership working.

Standard 5: Ensuring the voluntary and community sector's role as an integral part of local planning and policy making.

The Quality Award is given following a rigorous independent audit process which is subject to moderation. Of the 290 local support and development organisations in membership of NAVCA, to date less than a third have gained the Quality Award and have successfully renewed their Award.

The fact that RVA has gained the Quality Award means that voluntary organisations and community groups in your area have available to them good quality support and development services. It also means that you have in your area a local support and development organisation able to work in partnership with you and to represent the local voluntary and community sector effectively.

FUNDING WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT OPERATORS

On Tuesday 8th November Rother Voluntary Action, in partnership with HVA and 3VA, hosted a successful and well attended workshop for Community Transport Operators across East Sussex. The presentations were delivered by Kellie Armstrong from the Community Transport Association, Scott Lipa (North Wealden Community Transport Partnership) and David Young (Chairman of East SALC and RALC)

The main topic was 'funding' and the workshop was held between the two funding rounds when operators in East Sussex could apply for money from the £171,000 funding pot from the Department for Transport which is being administered by East Sussex County Council.

The morning sessions focused on where to find sources of funding, how to write successful applications and the importance of ensuring that the schemes are in good 'business' shape to utilise the money!

The tables were turned in the afternoon when the attendees were put in the role of the Funding Panel to decide who deserved the money. They were presented with 3 funding applications from fictitious Community Transport Operators to discuss and score– each contained examples of good practice in completing applications and some had areas which could be improved upon!

The feedback from delegates was excellent and illustrated the relevance of the workshop to the sector.

The workshop itself was funded by East Sussex County Council

CHARTER CENTRE – GOOD NEWS

It appears that Cabinet became very engaged in challenging the process and ensuring the outcome met the needs of the local people and agreed that the Charter Centre in Bexhill was a necessary venue for older people's services locally. The final proposals are certainly looking very positive.

85% of users are at the Charter Centre for 3 days or less and through the consultation period it became clear that a) they wanted to remain within the Charter Centre and b) that they were willing to renegotiate times according to the level of need for the service. This means that the Charter Centre, as ASC provision, will now open on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays and cater for the vast majority of present clients within this remit.

For the 15% of users accessing the services more than 3 times a week negotiations are being undertaken with Bexhill Caring Community and Peterhouse Day Care Centre who are able to accept additional clients. As an aside both charities offer a less expensive alternative to the Charter Centre.

In addition ASC are in discussion with two local voluntary groups – ARRCC and Bexhill Caring Community about possible services they could offer on the remaining days.

New services are also being commissioned from the centre including hairdressing and podiatry. They will also be opening a Blue Badge Clinic, where, when the system changes, people will be able to attend for assessment. The whole process has caused ASC and Amicus Horizon – who run the sheltered housing scheme that occupies the rest of Thalia House to become much closer and to look for more opportunities for partnership working.

We all agreed that what is going on needs some time to bed in and that ARRCC and Bexhill Caring Community need to be given the opportunity to develop further services but if there is still time available in the Centre once the new system is in place we will also look for additional and alternative users for the centre. Primarily looking at the needs of older people first but, in order to sustain the centre we could then look at some other alternative users.

TEA TIME CAPERS

A family tea time club, run with volunteers from Rye Partnership who have all trained as Cookery Leaders. This will take place in Tilling Green Community Centre once a week, after school. Families-Parents/Grandparents/Carers with their children, will prepare, cook, eat and tidy up together. This will help to demonstrate how such mundane tasks such as getting Dinner can be valuable family time and FUN. **Please come along to our Open Afternoon Session at Tilling Green Community Centre on Mon- 12th December 2-5pm**

There will be FREE FOOD and Cookery Demonstrations and an opportunity to book a place to join the Tea Time Capers four week cookery sessions. **Starting January 2012**

Tea Time Capers' is being funded by: Working in Partnership with 'Rother Voluntary Action'

For more details contact Sam Stone: sam.stone_rva@btconnect.com

BEXHILL MUSEUM OLYMPICS APPEAL

AM "Olympics-year Appeal" is being made by curator Julian Porter as Bexhill Museum prepares to celebrate the town's contribution to sport with a special exhibition. Julian says:

"During 2012 Bexhill Museum will be looking at the town's sporting heritage and we need your help. Do you have any sporting equipment or memorabilia that you would consider donating or loaning to the museum in 2012? In order to show how things have changed over the years we need old as well as new examples, so that we are not just looking at antiquities. For example, sports whistles, rattles, football boots, cricket bats and balls are the sort of things we are looking for. Of particular interest are sports kits and uniforms. We would like to ask you to look out for things that you might consider donating to Bexhill Museum. Almost everything in the museum has been donated so that they can be seen and appreciated by other residents and visitors to our town."

Contact Julian Porter at the museum on 01424 878950 or at Julian.Porter@rother.gov.uk if you have anything you could donate.

FROM EAST SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

Feedback has been received over the last year in relation to blue badge bays that sit within barriered car parks. To gain access and exit, the user has to take a ticket, have it validated for exit, and then use it at the exit barrier. This does involve additional travel and presents difficulties.

Work is underway to relocate these barriered bays to open parking areas and the new arrangements will commence from Monday 17 October.

Both sites will have more BB bays near to entrances so it is a positive move. A copy of the press release and maps showing the new bays are available for download below.

<http://files.thecountylink.net/bb1.pdf>

<http://files.thecountylink.net/bbedgh.pdf>

<http://files.thecountylink.net/bbch.pdf>

From The General Medical Council

As part of the current review of *Good Medical Practice*, the core guidance for doctors, the GMC are asking patients and the public for their views.

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/9981.asp>

They are covering a number of issues, including what makes a good doctor, how doctors should approach health inequalities, and how a doctor should conduct themselves outside of their medical practice, for example, on social networking sites.

From Micro-Market Development Project, Adult Social Care, East Sussex County Council

The report of the survey on Developing Social Care and Support Options in Your Local Area is now available. The report details some of the works ESCC are already undertaking in the areas of need identified, and make some further commitments based on the survey feedback. The report can be downloaded via the following link on the East Sussex County Council website:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2011/supportoptions/download.htm>

SHAPING HEALTH WATCH EAST SUSSEX - PATIENT, PUBLIC AND SERVICE USER SURVEY

[HealthWatch](#) will be the name of the new independent consumer champion for the public to promote better outcomes in health for all and in social care for adults.

East Sussex County Council has a responsibility to ensure that the county has its own Local HealthWatch organisation in place for October 2012. For a brief introduction to HealthWatch read the '[HealthWatch Q&As](#)'.

To help develop HealthWatch East Sussex, submit your views and experiences by completing this [short online survey](#). The survey will be open for completion until Monday 6 February 2012. The responses to the survey will be made available mid February and be used to shape HealthWatch East Sussex.

ADVOCACY, MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

POhWERs advocacy service provides independent one to one advocacy, available to adults living in East Sussex who fall within the broad criteria identified on the website. An advocate will work alongside a person who is either using or seeking to access services provided by Adult Social Care, when they wish to address a specific issue and need some support to understand the process or make their voice heard. For more information on what the service provides and how to get in touch, please go to http://www.pohwer.net/our_services/generic_one_to_2.html

POhWER volunteering opportunities to become available in the New Year

FUNDING

BIG LOTTER FUND NEWS

Could you help us learn how communities in England can live in a more sustainable way?

If the answer is yes, your community could be one of 10 to receive up to **£1million** to work across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to build a sustainable and resilient community that can develop inspirational ideas and share their learning with other communities across England.

We are particularly keen to see vulnerable people benefitting by making greener choices that will help them reduce their costs and improve their quality of life.

Our offer

We will invest in up to 10 communities by providing:

- Access to expert support and advice to help each community develop their skills, knowledge and abilities and build on best practice within and between communities
- Up to £10,000 to develop a project delivery plan that details the environmental, economic and social challenges affecting the community and how they can be addressed
- Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million for up to five years. This funding will provide an opportunity for communities to work together to access further resources and support so that their communities are sustainable and resilient long after our funding ends.

Want to know more . . .

To find out more about **Communities Living Sustainably** please visit our [website](#) or contact the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30. Please note the closing date for the expression of interest stage is **Tuesday 31 January 2012**.

PROJECTS NEEDED

Nominet Trust are looking for projects that work with older people (65+) to: use the internet to address specific social problems facing older people; design new and better ways for older people to access and use the internet; and develop and use technologies familiar to older people that may have internet functionality such as projects that use IPTV or internet radio.

If you think you have a project that addresses the recommendations set out, submit your project outline via their first stage eligibility form. The first stage applications for the 250k challenge **should be submitted by 1st February 2012**. Those shortlisted must submit their full applications by 1st March 2012. For full details please visit <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-apply-0>

HIDDEN HISTORIES IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is offering grants for projects which explore and engage people with their own and other's heritage. The Heritage Lottery Fund has teamed up with Afrikaba to run a free workshop in Hastings on **Wednesday 7 December** to offer information about how to apply for the funding. To book your space call 020 75916171 or email southeastengland@hlf.org.uk.

VILLAGE SOS INFORMATION EVENT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Village SOS is holding a free event in Brighton on community enterprises on **Monday 5 December**, from 10am to 4pm. The session is aimed at motivating groups that are interested in starting their own community-based project, such as community-owned shops and pubs, broadband projects or transport schemes. The target audience for this funding stream is groups that support rural communities, with more information available by [clicking here](#).

CONSULTATIONS

NATIONAL WELL-BEING

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) Measuring National Well-being (MNW) programme aims to develop and publish an accepted and trusted set of National Statistics to understand and monitor well-being.

The programme was launched in November 2010 with a national debate on 'What matters to you?' to improve understanding of what should be included in measures of the nation's well-being. This consultation seeks your views on a proposed set of domains (aspects of national well-being) and headline indicators which are outlined in the [discussion paper](#). The domains and indicators have been developed from responses to the national debate, research into well-being and international initiatives.

How to respond

Please read the discussion paper and then respond via: the online [response form](#) or by completing a [response form in Word](#) (84.5 Kb Word document) The consultation will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will close on 23 January 2012. Responses from this consultation will be used to further develop the domains and measures of national well-being.

ONS will publish a response to the views expressed during the consultation approximately eight weeks after the consultation closes.

OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO CHANGING THE CHEQUE SYSTEM

The government is to explore how it can extend regulation to the Payments Council, the body which had previously planned to abolish the cheque system. There will be a consultation early next year. This is part of a report from the Treasury Select Committee following up its previous one on the future of cheques, with responses from government and Payments Council to its recommendations. In pdf, 142KB, from <http://preview.tinyurl.com/c27jg8x> or see the news page at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/c9vmdy8>

TRAINING

A TREASURERS HANDBOOK PART 2 with Pat Weaver

Thursday 15 December, 9.30am – 2pm, Martlets Room, First Floor, Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN11 1AE

This **FREE** course (to the voluntary/community sector) will cover budgeting, book keeping and cash flow forecasting, which are absolutely essential skills for all Treasurers.

This is a free workshop for new, existing or potential Treasurers, giving an introduction to the world of budget setting, setting up and maintaining a book keeping system and how to do and use a cash flow forecast. The closing date for bookings is Wednesday 30 November. For more information, [click here](#)

TRAIN THE TRAINER (2 DAY COURSE) with McCrudden Training

9.30am – 4.30pm. Tuesday 31 January (Eastbourne Homes, Ivy House, 3 Ivy Terrace, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4QU)

Wednesday 8 February, (3VA, The Annexe, 8 Saffron's Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1DG)

Course aims: This course supports anyone who is involved in the promotion of learning and the development of others. This practical workshop explores the ways in which people learn as well as the identification and prioritisation of knowledge and skills when developing training.

The course is suitable for those new to training, or those who simply want to refresh their skills.

Closing date: Tuesday 10 January 2012. For more information, [click here](#)

VOLUNTEERING ENHANCES OUR HEALTH

A free public lecture on the subject of volunteering and its effects on health is taking place on **Monday 12 December**, from 6pm to 8pm in the Court Room of Eastbourne Town Hall. The lecture will be given by Gaynor Sadlo, Professor of Occupational Science at the University of Brighton, and is organised in collaboration with 3VA and Age Concern Eastbourne, and with support from the Community University Partnership Programme (Cupp). Refreshments will be provided, with more information by calling 01273 644189 or emailing m.vasquet-whittome@brighton.ac.uk.

VACANCIES

HOME-START HASTINGS & ROTHER

Home-Start offers one to one personalised support for parents with children under five; reaching out to families who may feel marginalised or isolated within their community.

Home-Start places trained volunteers alongside parents. Support is then tailored to the individual needs of each family and provided for as long as the family needs it.

Our mission is to offer support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children, helping them to grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to support families in Rye, Rother, Hastings and St Leonards. If you are a parent and feel you can offer 3 hours of your own time per week, we would be delighted to hear from you. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and are of varying ages; they all have one thing in common – they understand family life. If this sounds interesting please call us on 01424 443636 or download a volunteer application form from our website www.hshr.org.uk. Our next Preparation course will be held at **Rye Children's Centre, The Grove, Rye TN31 7ND, beginning 03 February for 10 Fridays (10.00am-2.00pm) excluding school half term and Easter holidays.**

Alternatively if you are a family who would like support, please call us. Further details are included on our website www.hshr.org.uk

BITS & PIECES

NEW SERVICE

The Alzheimer's Society has a new dementia service for Rother offering information and support for people affected by dementia. For more information about the services we can offer contact:
Dementia Advisor: Jan Cutting -07715802135
Dementia Support Worker: Susanne Gifford – 07715802134

A LOAN SHARK ISN'T JUST FOR CHRISTMAS...

The crack down on loan sharks continues countywide and your help is needed in raising awareness. If you need materials, would like to request training/presentations for your frontline staff or suspect loan shark activity, please call the illegal money lending team on 0300 555 2222.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

We are making a call from Rother Neighbourhood Watch specifically to people in the Rye area as there has been a lack of uptake for the scheme here in comparison to the rest of Rother. The Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch urges you to consider what NW can offer, especially now as the winter approaches and our elderly neighbours tend to feel more vulnerable. Please take the time to look at the web site www.rothernhw.org.uk and see what they are offering. Have you renewed your house insurance recently? Did they ask if you are in NH Watch? If you are in NH Watch then does your Insurance Company give you a discount? Many do so shop around. Have you taken advantage of the Privilege Card? It is all on the web site. They urgently need more co-ordinators to come forward. For more information contact Charles McIlwrick Chairman Rother NH Watch Association at charles.mcilwrick@rothernhw.org.uk

SMALL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS INVITED TO JOIN COMMUNITY MATTERS

Community Matters, an umbrella body for grassroots community action, has members furthering the recreational, educational, environmental, economic or social welfare aims of their community. It is offering membership at no charge for small community organisations with annual income below fifteen thousand pounds. See <http://www.communitymatters.org.uk/content/335/Become-a-Member>

FREE LOCALISM BILL EVENTS

Urban Forum and NAVCA are running three free events in London and the South East, working with a series of local partners, to prepare for the practicalities, opportunities and challenges of the rights within the Localism Bill. The events are aimed at supporting inclusion and equality in how the new rights are taken up; focusing in particular on the needs of communities who currently lack power. The events will take place on **6 December** in London, **18 January 2012** in Croydon and **1 February 2012** in Brighton, with more information available by [clicking here](#).

NATURE AND IMPACT OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR

National Children's Bureau has published 'The Ripple Effect: The Nature and Impact of the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector'. Produced with NCVO, the analysis of the sector in England finds that it is amongst the hardest hit by government funding cuts and local authority austerity measures. The report gives an insight into the make-up and work of the sector, the relationship between the sector and government and the difference the sector makes to the lives of children and families across the country. Download via NCB's Voluntary Sector Support page <http://www.ncb.org.uk/vss> or direct (pdf, 1.72MB) from http://www.ncb.org.uk/media/431274/the_ripple_effect.pdf

THE MUSIC WELL - WELLBEING THROUGH MUSIC

The Music Well now provides regular

- Music Therapy sessions
- Singing for wellbeing
- Drum Circles
- Music Workshops
- Gong Baths

They would like to invite NEW MEMBERS to their groups held regularly in central Rye. Go along and try!

For further information please see website, Facebook or ring for times and places www.themusicwell.org.uk 01797 227994

The Music Well is also looking for an EVENT ORGANISER/FUNDRAISER for a few hours a week. If you think you can help give Liz a ring on 01797 227994

EASTBOURNE TOWN HALL TO BECOME COMMUNITY HUB

A process is underway to make Eastbourne Town Hall a hub for community organisations by relocating council staff. In total, 33 staff will relocate from the Town Hall to 1 Grove Road allowing the council to hire out space in the historic building. The move will generate opportunities for groups and organisations that are looking to hire out space, with more information on the plans available by [clicking here](#).

SKILL SHARE

Free fantastic opportunity for all community and voluntary organisations working with young people to develop their workforce and the services they deliver. Skill Share is working in partnership with ESCVYS to deliver training needs and organisation development, alongside a bursary of £500 per staff member to access training. Please contact Jaan Madan for more details jaanmadan@escvys.org.uk 07811307538 www.skill-share.net

BEACH CLEANING WITH BEXHILL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (BEG)

BEG needs your help to clean a big stretch of the beach on Saturday, **3rd December**. Meet at 10am by the public conveniences at the West end of West Parade. The work will end by 11.30am but volunteers can finish when they like. BEG is insured and provides equipment and refreshments. Volunteers are asked to have strong gloves and suitable footwear.

In 2012, BEG will be beach cleaning again on **Saturday 14th January, Saturday 11th Feb and Saturday 10 March**. For further information please call Joe Conneally on 07941 151822 or email info@bexhillenvironmentalgroup.org.uk .

NEW WEBSITE

Rother Seniors forum have now set up a website. Visit www.rotherseniorsforum.org.uk

WHATS ON

BEXHILL COMMUNITY NETWORK: 7th December 2011 - Bexhill Town Hall at 2pm
RYE NETWORK: 10th January 2012 - The School Creative Centre, New Road, Rye at 2pm
MUDDY BOOTS (Battle area Network): 6th February 2012 - The Watch Oak, Battle, at 2pm

HARD OF HEARING GROUP

The group meets once a month and is run by the East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre. Different speakers attend each month to talk on a variety of subjects and equipment is demonstrated which can be of help to hard of hearing people. You will also learn useful tips on how to communicate with deaf or hard of hearing people so your friends and family might want to come along too. The next meeting at Battle will be on **Friday 2nd Dec** 2011, 2pm – 3.30pm at the Battle Medical Centre, Telham House, 13 Mitre Way.

Enjoy a relaxing end to another busy year. A look back at some of the events that took place in 2011 and a glimpse into the future and what 2012 may have in store for us. Followed by our usual fun and light-hearted Christmas quiz together with tea / coffee and mince pies.

For further information please contact:

David Rowan, East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre, 8 St Leonard's Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3UH ♦ Tel: 01323 722505 (voice/text/fax)
Email: david@eshrc.org.uk ♦ www.eshrc.org.uk

BEXHILL VIP

The Visitor Info Point in Bexhill is open Saturday and Sunday from 11.00am to 3.00pm offering a wide range of information to Visitors, Residents, Business and Community Groups. On **Saturday 3 December**, there will be a Table Sales at the Visitor Info Point, from 11.30am to 2.30pm. All welcome to come along and maybe find some early Christmas presents. Tea / coffee also available There is a supply of Bexhill memorabilia for sale at the BVIP, including Bexhill Pens, Bexhill Maps, Bexhill Postcards and Bexhill Christmas Cards.

HASTINGS & ROTHER DISABILITY FORUM

Hastings & Rother Forum members have an information stall in Priory Meadow on International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It would be lovely to talk to some of our members on that day. So please call in to Priory meadow between 9 & 5 on **3rd of December**.

THE SCHOOL

On **Saturday 10th December** The School Creative Centre in Rye will be holding a Christmas Bizarre. 11am to 7pm. Free entry and free parking. An exclusive shopping experience that offers a contemporary twist on the traditional festive fair. The Bizarre has it all from exquisite jewellery and ceramics to glorious textiles and paintings showcasing more than 20 highly original artists, designers and makers. For 2011 The School has been turned into a surreal wonderland and visitors can join Alice to wander through the magical Hall of Stalls and be inspired by the fabulous array of unique gifts for sale. But beware – not everything you see is as it seems.

To find out more visit www.theschoolcreativcentre.co.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE 1066

Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 13 Dec** 2011 5.30 p.m. at Hastings Town Hall

MEET THE COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday 14 December at the Congress Suite, Eastbourne
East Sussex County Council and the local NHS are planning for the 2012 Commissioning Grants Prospectus. The Prospectus provides details about investment that is available for voluntary and community organisations to meet needs in East Sussex. The 2012 Prospectus is expected to commission outcomes for working age and older adults with mental health problems including early onset dementia and Black and Minority Ethnic access to healthcare, health improvement and also funding for generic infrastructure support for the voluntary and community sector.

In 2010, we consulted with over 270 people and organisations on our plan to develop a Commissioning Grants Prospectus. The 2011 Prospectus was independently evaluated by the Institute of Public Care, which demonstrated that it was an effective approach to funding the sector to improve outcomes and efficiency.

Read more about the Commissioning Grants Prospectus and evaluation here:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/CGP>

Our 'Meet the Commissioners' event is designed to test the outcomes and objectives we are considering including in the 2012 Prospectus with potential service providers.

The event is your chance to:

- Hear about the proposed outcomes and objectives that commissioners would like to see delivered by voluntary and community sector organisations
- Discuss the proposed outcomes and objectives with commissioners and other stakeholders

The day will be split into sessions each related to the proposed outcomes in the Prospectus, and will also offer support to develop your proposal. You can choose to attend the sessions that are most relevant to your organisation.

Places are limited so please book by **Friday 9 December**.

Contact: Claire Caddick on 01273 335670 or claire.caddick@eastsussex.gov.uk

WINCHELSEA CHRISTMAS FUN

Boxing Day, at 11:00am in Castle Street, Winchelsea

The Winchelsea Street Game. An encounter between three teams with no rules trying to place the Frenchman's Head on one goal, set in the Ancient Town of Winchelsea. Players and audience attend at their own risk. See www.winchelsea.net/community/game.htm.

Saturday, 14 January 2012, at 3:00pm in St Thomas's Church, Winchelsea

Edward II to Edward III: from nadir to zenith by **Dr Ian Mortimer**, author of *The Perfect King*, *The Greatest Traitor* and *A Time Traveller's Guide to the Middle Ages*.

Hosted by the Winchelsea Archaeological Society (registered charity 1143524). All welcome, £4 per head, free for members & under-16's

CHRISTMAS AT THE DE LA WARR

They have a number of family events on over the Christmas period, most of which are under £10 to attend, some as little as £3 and other that are free.

Visit <http://www.dlwp.com/News/Article.aspx?id=1565> for the full list.

RYE CASTLE MUSEUM

Saturday December 10th

Father Christmas in his Grotto at 3 East Street as part of the Rye Christmas Festival – from 5.30pm

Tuesday December 14th

Talk - 'A Life With Toy Soldiers' by Chris Viner, at 3 East Street – 7.30pm.

Chris, of Soldier of Rye, tells of a Journey with Military Miniatures.

HOMECALL QUIZ EVENING

A great way to kick start the new year and shake off the January gloom is by joining us on **January 27th** for one of Homecall's most popular events in our calendar year, The Homecall Quiz Night. For those of you who have regularly attended this popular annual event you will know that it is best to book your tickets well in advance in order to secure your place.

As in previous years the Quiz Night event takes place at Christchurch Methodist Hall in Bexhill, entry is at the junction of Springfield Road and Havelock Road. The fun begins at 7pm and we finish at 10pm. You don't have to be a potential Mastermind entrant in order to take part our questions target all subjects and cover all abilities. You can come on your own or come with friends or a team of 4. Tickets are £8 per person.

A light supper is served along with a fruit juice or soft drink. (May we respectfully ask you not to bring alcohol or to consume on the night, as the venue is a Methodist Church Hall). As well as the supper there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes and lots and lots of fun!!

Tickets available now from: Maureen Daley 01424 214458, Jan Corke 210358 or Jill Dyer 843262.

All proceeds to HOMECALL. Supporting Blind and Partially Sighted people in their homes in Bexhill and surrounding areas.

HEALTH WALKS

Rye: every Monday 10 am - meet at Gibbets Marsh Car Park

Ticehurst: every Monday 10am - meet at Pickford Lane car park

Robertsbridge: every Tuesday 9.30am - meet outside Robertsbridge Youth Centre

Bexhill Ravenside Retail Park: every Wednesday 11am - meet outside the Tesco store

Battle: every Friday 10 am – meet on The Green opposite Battle Abbey

Bexhill: Every Friday 11am - meet in De La Warr Pavilion. (Till work completed on the Colonnade)

For further information telephone Paula Hubens, Healthy Walks Project Officer on 01424 446395

FARMERS MARKETS

Rye: Every Wednesday – 10am till noon at The Strand Quay

Battle: Every Saturday – 9am till 1pm at Abbey Green

BEXHILL MUSEUM DATES

For full details of current, extensive, programme visit www.bexhillmuseum.co.uk

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<http://www.google.com/ig/add?feedurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk%2Fnews%2Ffeed>

RVA would like your short films about your community or local events or your opinions about things happening in your community. If you would like us to highlight news or issues contact Tina for more information at tina.hall@rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk

The Bexhill office has a small meeting room that can be used by any voluntary or community group. In addition we can provide photocopying services for groups in the Rye office.

Disclaimer: we check all information in the newsletter and web site, but as ever with these things we give no warranties, and encourage active checking before you make any decisions.



To all our readers and the very best wishes for 2012