

Newsletter 4 April 2011

Thank you to all of you that have taken the time to give feedback about this newsletter, all of which has been very supportive! I also thank all of those who have passed on the newsletter to others in your organisation. I hope that you continue to enjoy and benefit from the contents of this newsletter!

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Preserving Surrey's Faith Heritage

Did you know that historical records of Surrey's diverse faiths are held at Surrey History Centre in Woking? Surrey History Centre, which is part of Surrey County Council, opened in 1998 and is purpose-built for the storage and permanent preservation of the county's archives. A whole host of faiths feature in the collections but the Centre endeavours to make the collections more representative of Surrey's diversity. Currently, the Centre acts as the Diocesan record office for Surrey, holding Anglican parish records dating from the 1530's. It also holds a variety of other faith records, including Non-Conformist records dating back to the 1660's, some Roman Catholic registers and records relating to the Shah Jahan Mosque.



Surrey History Centre is very keen to hear from other faith organisations who may wish to deposit their records for safekeeping. Records can be of any date and might include:



- registers,
- newsletters,
- photographs,
- publicity material and
- minutes of meetings.

Items can be loaned or given and are stored in proper archival conditions. Records are catalogued by an archivist and interested researchers can access the items in the Centre's supervised search room. A copy of the catalogue is made available on the Centre's website and can be accessed worldwide <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre>

New visitors to the Centre are always welcome whether to research family or local history, or who once lived in their house. Behind the scenes tours and talks to groups are available, as well as a whole series of events and family activities. For further details please contact Di Stiff, (Collections Development Archivist), Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6ND on 01483 518740, or email: di.stiff@surreycc.gov.uk

Introducing Reverend Jan Moore: **Faith Coordinator / Lead Chaplain for Surrey Police**

(Picture: Revd Jan Moore)



I'm currently in my third year of office as the Faith Coordinator/Lead Chaplain for Surrey Police. I continue to focus on three main areas of work for Surrey Police:

- To further develop, maintain and coordinate a network of voluntary chaplains who provide a chaplaincy service to police stations and police work centres across the county
- To generate contacts and develop relationships with leaders and members of diverse faith communities across the county.
- To encourage faith communities into active relevant partnerships with the police.

What do Police Chaplains do?

Chaplains provide non-judgemental and confidential support to any member of Surrey Police whether they are of a particular faith or no faith at all. They are chosen for their listening skills, sensitivity, empathy and commitment. And they are people of prayer.

All the Chaplains are vetted and trained by Surrey Police. I'm pleased to tell you that Surrey Police now has 21 volunteer chaplains who each offer between 4-8 hours per month. Between them they currently represent 6 different faiths and 4 different Christian denominations., but this is expanding all the time.



(Pictures: Pictured above are a few of the Surrey Police Chaplains. (left to right) Revd. Dave Food Free Church, Wendy Gibson Baptist, Sajidah Rehman Muslim, Rod Boreham Community Church, Abina Loryman Pentecostal, Simon Trick Ba'hai)

The Greatest Challenge

The biggest challenge lies in bringing faith communities into active relevant partnership with police. What might you have noticed or not noticed in your area upon which you could act as a 'saving' activity. For example:

- saving the police from some of their load, in a time when their resources are stretched.
- saving a vulnerable individual or group from getting caught up in crime.
- saving other vulnerable individuals or groups from becoming the victims of crime.

Part of our 'big society' is about taking local responsibility. It is often the case that the local police will have a much better notion of how that sense of responsibility could be usefully channelled. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team would be pleased to hear from you.

Training new Police Officers in Faith Understanding

Another aspect of the Chaplaincy's work is to facilitate training for Student Police Officers regarding faith knowledge and understanding. This is important to Surrey Police so that the behaviours, culture, traditions and beliefs of individuals are considered, if at all possible, when police are on operational duties. If you have any concerns that Surrey Police have not delivered a sensitive service in this regard, again please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be pleased to hear those concerns, in order to improve the service. I am also happy to be invited to speak at faith group events.

Revd. Jan can be contacted on: **01483 633440 / moore13672@surrey.pnn.police.uk**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Surrey Youth Focus Celebration of Youth 2011 A free event, showcasing the positive things that young people are doing, as well as an opportunity for young people to find out more about volunteering! **Saturday 2nd April 2011, 6pm—8pm** at Jubilee International High School. For further details, contact **Kate Peters**: kate.peters@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk / 01483 453 962

Surrey Islamic Society Event for Women Only Come and find out about women in Islam. Tickets are £7; includes food and refreshments. **Saturday 9th April 2011, 10am—7pm**. For more details please contact lemaoulabi@gmail.com / 07791 957 536. (*more details on pg. 5 of this newsletter*)

South East England Faiths Forum 2011 Conference: 'Faith & The Big Society' An opportunity for you to listen to leading policy influencers and take part in interactive workshops! **11 April 2011 10.30am - 3.30pm**, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 7XH. To register, please contact: **Ushna Mughal** on: 07854 373 965 / ushna.mughal@se-faithforum.net / contact@se-faithforum.net (*more details on pg. 6 of this newsletter*)

Training Course: Supporting Young People with Disabilities - One day training course aimed at those who work with disabled young people (paid and volunteers). The course is available on either **Saturday 16th April** or **Friday 20th May, 10.00am – 4.00pm**. Venue: **Rentwood, School Lane, Fetcham**. Course cost: £180. Application forms can be downloaded from: www.lifetrain.org.uk or email youth.work@lifetrain.org.uk - For more information please phone **Sue Wilson: 01372360875**

Internet Awareness Sessions for the residents of Woking Aimed at increasing the knowledge of using the internet and the risks involved for children and parents. **6th / 16th / 17th May 2011** (time & venue to be confirmed) - for further details, please contact **Sian Sangarde-Brown**: sian.b@ntlworld.com (*more details on pg.7 of this newsletter*).

National ChurchWatch – Free seminar about safety and security for faith venues. **18th May 2011, 1.45pm - 4pm** at **Christchurch, Town Square, Woking. GU21 6JD**. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact **Lee Sawkins** on **07967986388** or email 12631@surrey.pnn.police.uk (*more details on pg.8 of this newsletter*).

Surrey County Show – This annual show brings the best of the country side to the heart of town. **Monday 30th May 2011** on **Stoke Park, Guildford**. Book your tickets early to enjoy a substantial discount. For more info or to book tickets please go to: <http://www.surreycountyshow.co.uk/>

Diocese of Guildford & The Samaritans Seminar entitled: Suicide; The Aftermath The aftermath of suicide stretches far and wide. This interactive presentation gives voice to some survivors, examines the reporting of suicide in the media and strategies for prevention. **Monday 27th June 2011. St Mary's Church, The Ridgeway, Fetcham, KT22 9AZ. 10.30am – 2.30 pm**. Please email your interest to: suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk / 01483 790 335

Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice – Lifetrain are offering Youth Workers the opportunity to gain this nationally accredited qualification which is endorsed by the National Youth Agency. For further details please contact **Sue Wilson** on: **01372 360 875** / www.lifetrain.org.uk (*more details on pg.9 of this newsletter*).

*The following events are being organised by Elmbridge Multifatih Forum - to attend, or for further details, contact **Rushna**: 01932 248751 / rushna@master11.wanadoo.co.uk*

Passover Supper A demonstration by Rabbi Alan Plancey, including Supper **Tuesday 5th April 2011, 7.00pm. EMF Centre, Mercer Close, Thames Ditton.**

The Dead Sea Scrolls (A talk and slide presentation by Robert Feather) **Tuesday 12th July 2011, 7.00pm. EMF Centre, Mercer Close, Thames Ditton.**

Mapping Youth Work - Mole Valley

Are Your Faith Communities Youth Efforts Mapped?

Mole Valley District Council are currently undergoing a mapping exercise which aims to get a comprehensive picture of existing projects and services across Mole Valley for youth provision. It is a well known fact that many faith communities are involved in youth work on a number of levels and it is important that all of your youth activities are logged in order to give a true report of activities in the District. Mole Valley would love to hear about all the youth work you are involved with e.g. uniformed groups (Brownies / Scouts etc.), Youth Café's, Youth Clubs, Youth Reading Groups, Homework Clubs etc.

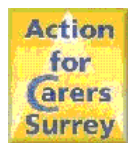


In order to log your faith communities youth work, please get in touch with: Stella Keen (Senior Partnerships Community Safety Officer):
01306 870 603 / partnerships@molevalley.gov.uk

Survey for Adult Carers in Surrey

NHS Surrey, in partnership with Action for Carers Surrey and Surrey County Council (SCC), has developed a health survey to help understand the impact that caring has on the health of carers and to help in the development of services for them.

The survey is open to all adult carers in Surrey and closes on 10th April 2011. It can be completed at:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/surreycarers>



Become a Full Member of the South East England Faiths Forum (SEEFF)

An 'organised' Faiths sector is one of the most significant groupings in our society and being a member of SEEFF brings the possibility of being a change agent for good in our society. SEEFF's membership will allow organisations to gain:

- An opportunity to influence local and national policies through events and consultations
- Share achievements and publicise events through the SEEFF website
- Access to information and support through the Regional Coordinator and Sub-Regional Support Groups
- Networking opportunities
- Vote in the general elections



For more information about how to join please email: contact@se-faithforum.net
To find out more about SEEFF go to: www.se-faithforum.net

If you would like anything featured in this newsletter, please contact:

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Surrey Islamic Society Event For Women Only

Blossoming Muslimah

Saturday 9th April, 2011
Austin Pearce Building, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 7XH

TALKS:

All talks include an interactive workshop

- * Roles of a blossoming Muslimah
10am-11am Myriam Cerrah
- * What is Hijab? and what it means to me?
11am-12am Sarah Joseph
- * Who is my Prince Charming?
12am-1pm Umm Jannah
- * Lunch and Dhur prayer
1pm-2pm
- * Cleanliness is half my Eman!!
2pm-3pm Speaker TBC

EVENTS:

- * Prepare for fashion show and Asr Prayer
3pm-4pm
- * Multicultural Fashion show and stalls
4pm-6pm
- * Dinner
6pm-7pm

Take part in the fashion show: bring your own traditional clothing!!!

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Islam

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Tickets: £7, women only (12+), no children please. Food and refreshments included
Tickets available from Surrey Sisters Islamic Society Facebook or at the door
Contact: Lemaoulabi@gmail.com or 07791957536

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South East England Faiths Forum Conference

South East England Faiths Forum would like to invite you to:

FAITH & THE BIG SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Be the Change You Want to See in the World

Date: 11th April 2011

Time: 10:30-3:30

Venue: University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7XH

This regional interfaith conference is your opportunity to:

- Explore how the changing public service reform agenda affects you, your community and your organisation
- Hear from leading thinkers and policy influencers in this field
- Take part in interactive workshops to learn and share how to give communities more power over their lives
- Explore what the centre's role is in promoting a Big Society
- Network with your peers and counterparts across South East in this unique gathering of faith, public and voluntary sector.

To register please contact Ushna Mughal at:

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FREE TRAINING ON INTERNET SAFETY for FRONT-LINE WORKERS and VOLUNTEERS

We have arranged a **two hour** training session to give you the knowledge of how to keep children, young people and others in your community, safe.

- ✓ The hands-on sessions will be delivered by CHILDNET, the UK recognised leader in this field.
- ✓ The session explores positive and creative online behaviour, and identifies how to address potential risks, through a treasure trail of online activities.
- ✓ Topics will include **cyberbullying, grooming, extreme behaviour websites and privacy.**

The training will take place on **Tuesday 26th April** at:

- 10-12 AM @ Broadmere Primary School, or
- 1- 3 PM in Mabury - venue tbc

PLEASE EMAIL SIAN TO BOOK A PLACE sian.b@ntlworld.com
or phone 07748 804078 for more info.

This session is for YOU if:
YOU WORK IN THE WOKING COMMUNITY?
YOU WORK WITH PARENTS AND CARERS IN WOKING?
YOU WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN WOKING?
OR ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER IN WOKING?



Exciting Free Seminar About
Faith Venue Safety & Security

National Churchwatch Safety Seminar

***National Churchwatch are conducting
a FREE safety seminar in Woking.***

The seminar is being held on the 18TH May 2011
between 1.45pm and 4pm at

Christchurch, Town Square, Woking, GU21 6JD

Refreshments will be provided

If you are interested in attending please contact Lee Sawkins at
Surrey police on 07967986388 or email

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Level 2 Certificate for Youth Workers Lifetrain Trust

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

We are offering Youth Workers the opportunity to gain this nationally accredited qualification which is endorsed by the National Youth Agency

We have secured funding from the NCVYS Progress Project to offer 10 subsidised places

For further details please visit our website www.lifetrain.org.uk or phone Sue Wilson (Development & Accreditation Director) on:

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