



Welcome to the summer edition of **Community Link**. If you would like to send any articles or information for the next newsletter (September 2010 edition) or if you would prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter, please contact me on **0117 9604186**, or email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk). The deadline for articles is **September 13<sup>th</sup>**, 2010. Thank you. Steph Bengry-Howell, Community Development Worker. TC&KFCP, The Clocktower, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XN. Don't forget to look at the web site: [www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](http://www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk) ! Email details of your group for the directory, volunteering opportunities & news of community events.

### **News from the Chase & Kings Forest Community Project**

#### **Members' Lunch**

*(Free Lunch provided)*

**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 2pm**

@ The Clocktower, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XU

This is an opportunity for people to meet with other voluntary and community groups working in the Chase & Kings Forest areas, to share problems and celebrate successes. It is also an opportunity to meet our **Volunteer Development Worker**, Helen Stone, to find out more about the Volunteer Development Project and the support available to groups.

If you would like to attend, please fill in the enclosed booking form or email me on: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

#### **Friends of Network**

A small informal meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> May and attended by Katherine from South Gloucestershire Council along with representatives from 3 groups. People discussed the work their respective groups had been involved in, along with issues around fundraising, the need for communication between groups and volunteers. It was suggested that a social evening was held, to enable people from different groups to meet and socialise. If I have not contacted you, but you feel that the network is relevant to your work, and you would like to be involved, please let me know on: **0117 9604186**  
Or email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

## Local News

### South Gloucestershire Priority Neighbourhoods Team

The South Gloucestershire Council Priority Neighbourhoods Team now has **four members of staff**, three of whom will have links with the Chase and Kings Forest areas. There is a lot of great work already happening in your area and the role of the team is to add to this work by supporting community groups and agencies in joint projects.

The Team are:

Peggy Ralph - **Cadbury Heath** 01454 865683 (Tues, Thurs, and Wed a.m.)

Sarah Roberts - **Staple Hill** 01454 864605 (Tues and Fridays)

Marian Jones - **Kingswood** 01454 865839 (Full Time)

Look out for more information in the next Priority Neighbourhoods newsletter coming out in July!

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### VCS Survey 2010

CVS South Gloucestershire is undertaking a survey of the voluntary and community sector, they would be very grateful if you could spend 10 minutes completing the on line survey through the following link:

<http://hosted.southglos.gov.uk/SNAP/thirdsector/thirdsectorsurvey2010.htm>

Alternatively, to request a paper copy and free post envelope, please email Steph Briggs at [info@cvs-sg.org.uk](mailto:info@cvs-sg.org.uk) or call **01454 865205**.

The information collected will be treated anonymously but will provide vital information about the needs of the organisations and help shape the services and support provided. The survey is being supported by South Gloucestershire Council and Southern Brooks Community Partnership, Chase and Kings Forest Community Project, The Care Forum, The Faith Forum, Children Playlink and the Volunteer Centres as part of the work to support the voluntary and community sector to thrive in South Gloucestershire.

Please also see the CVS website for details:

<http://www.cvs-sg.org.uk/2010/05/vcs-survey-2010/>

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### Play Ranger Sessions in The Summer Holidays

Play Rangers will be running free, open access play sessions throughout the summer holidays. Activities will include den building, sports, arts and crafts and fire building. Session times are as follows:

Tyndale Park, Yate (Every Monday 10:00am-12:30pm and Wednesday 2:15pm-5:00pm)

**Page Park**, Staple Hill (**Every Monday** 2:15pm-5:00pm and **Wednesday** 10:00am-12:30pm)

**Kingswood Park** (**Every Tuesday** 10:00am-12:30pm and **Thursday** 2:15pm-5:00pm)  
Elm Park, Filton (Every Tuesday 2:15pm-5:00pm and Thursday 10:00am-12:30pm)"

**FFI: Hayley Edwards** (Senior Play Ranger- Childrens Playlink),

[hayley.edwards@childrensplaylink.org.uk](mailto:hayley.edwards@childrensplaylink.org.uk)

## Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!



South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community. The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community needs and receives.

To **find out** about your local Safer Stronger

Community Group visit <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk>. Here, you will be able to become a member of your local group, view agendas and minutes from meetings and gain access to more information about the issues and projects in your area. Alternatively, you can contact your **Community Safety Officer** on **01454 864625/01454 868760**.

### MEETING DATES

#### **Parkwall Group**

Wednesday 7th July, 2pm - Pavilion, Park Road, Cadbury Heath

#### **Staple Hill, Rodway and Mangotsfield Group**

Tuesday 7th September, 7pm - Mangotsfield Secondary School, Rodway Hill, Mangotsfield, BS16 9LH

#### **Kingswood Group**

Thursday 9th September, 7pm - Park Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 8DB

#### **Boyd Valley Group**

Thurs 26th August, 7pm - Doynton Village Hall, Tog Hill Lane, Doynton, BS30 5SY

#### **Hanham and Longwell Green Group**

Tuesday 3rd August, 2pm - Hanham Community Centre, 118 - 124 High Street, Hanham, BS15 3EJ

#### **Downend, Bromley Heath and Emersons Green Group**

Mon 13th Sept, 7pm - Emersons Green Primary School, Guest Avenue, Emersons Green, BS16 7GA

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### **South Gloucestershire's Drop-In HIV Clinic**

The Terrence Higgins Trust has been running drop-in HIV testing clinics since 2004, staffed by trained professionals with experience of providing counselling. In December 2009 a pilot project funded by South Gloucestershire Council and NHS South Gloucestershire commenced to run a Fastest Clinic in South Gloucestershire based at the Park Centre, High Street, Kingswood. Fastest is a finger-prick test which gives results in less than an hour. A positive result needs further investigation, and support and advice is then available to help people access local services; but a negative result means that the person testing is clear of HIV.

Running on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30, the clinic offers the following:

- Welcoming and friendly reception service
- Comfortable clinic setting
- Weekday evening service provision
- HIV and sexual health information

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- Confidential and culturally appropriate service
- Pre- and post-test discussion
- HIV test results provided during clinic
- Rapid referral of positive service users to GUM services in accordance with agreed clinical care pathways
- Offer of Chlamydia screening to service users under 25
- Condoms and follow-up support from Health Promotion Specialists
- Information and support from THT HIV Long Term Condition Management services for service users testing HIV positive
- Signposting of service users to other statutory and voluntary agencies as appropriate

The pilot project runs until the end of August. For more information, contact the Terrence Higgins Trust on **0117 955 1000** or go to [www.tht.org.uk/fastest](http://www.tht.org.uk/fastest)

### News from Cadbury Heath Library



The BBC Dig In campaign is for first-time growers of all ages. As our bit to help we're digging in by growing vegetables and flowers in the space at the side of Cadbury Heath Library. Pop in to see how our seedlings are coming on and find out how you or you and your family can take part: this could be by borrowing books about growing and cooking for yourself, or accessing the [Dig In website](#) to discover a unique set of growing animations and heaps of great advice or by helping us with our garden. In the autumn we will hold harvesting events to take our crops from plot to pot with easy-to-prepare, tasty recipes for all the family to enjoy.

### Libraries in Stitches! - Knit a poem

South Gloucestershire Library and Arts service launched our knit a poem project during National Family Week at Coronation Park on **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Following on from the Poetry Society's successful knitted poem for poetry day in October last year, the service commissioned a poem by poet Marcus Moore via Bristol based poetry organisation Poetry Can. Each library in South Gloucestershire will knit one line, letter by letter, by asking knitting, craft and hobby groups, and other users, to knit letters and stitch it together. Libraries will have wool, needles and patterns available so that users can pick it up and do a bit on their visit to the library throughout the summer. We will not unveil the whole poem until it is all finished. We plan to have an event on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, National Poetry day, when the finished poem will be revealed. The Poet Marcus Moore will speak about his experience of writing for knitting and will perform his poem.

## News from Local Groups



**Do you know a local family who are in need of practical support to help make ends meet?**

**Would they benefit from receiving a good quality food hamper?**

If so, you could nominate them for a **Gift Hamper** from our Storehouse service. Storehouse is a part of Bristol Community Church where food hampers are given unconditionally to families in need. They are delivered to their home for **free** and **in total confidence**. We do not need to know any details other than name and address, (size of family may also be helpful).

This service has born out of a heart to serve our community in a very real and practical way. We can provide a one off hamper or support a family for a period of time. Each hamper consists of durable food items such as pasta, tins, cereal, toiletries, tea, and coffee for it to be of real use to the receiver. We aim to give away 5 Hampers per month with a bigger 'drive' at Christmas. The service is coordinated by Claire Morgan. To **suggest a family** please **call on: 0117 9478441** or email [bfp@bristolcommunitychurch.org](mailto:bfp@bristolcommunitychurch.org).

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## Freedom Fridays

Each week a group of women, who have all suffered domestic abuse, meet at **Orchard Studios** and take part in different craft activities. They have learned



stained glass skills including glass fusing and have made silver jewellery. They have also had a go at pottery and photography. Their latest craft is knitting! The group decided they would knit an outfit for the sculpture at Kingswood Foundation, including a pink knitted dog. Here is the result!



Everyone involved in Freedom Fridays misses Jo Pearce, who was one of the original founders of the group. Jo tragically died earlier this year and the group have dressed the sculpture in memory of her. Jo would have loved this mad idea!!!

If anyone would like **more information** about Freedom Fridays please tel: **Janet 01179670799**

### The Urban Academy website is now live!

The Urban Academy provides arts and performing arts activities for young people. Based at the **Kingswood Foundation** in Kingswood, the Urban Academy offers a wide range of activities including dance, film-making, drama and more. All activities take place out of school time and are open to anyone aged 13-19. Visit [www.urbanacademy.co.uk](http://www.urbanacademy.co.uk) to view the full range of what's on offer and to get involved.



### Youth4Youth are looking for summer festival acts, artists and volunteers!

The Main Event is a music and performing arts festival which showcases the very best of Bristol's home-grown talent. Organised by Youth4Youth, this year's festival will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> September**, at the Kingswood Foundation. Currently



Bands, Rappers, Singers, Dj's, Performers, Visual & Digital Artists, Photographers, Filmmakers, Volunteers and Stewards are being sought. If you would like to **get involved** then

visit [www.youth4youth.co.uk](http://www.youth4youth.co.uk) and download an application form. Youth4Youth is run by young people for young people and has won the 2009 Philip Lawrence Award and

Diana award of excellence amongst numerous other accolades.

### Arts4Life Reengagement Programmes

Arts4Life is a ten week course for young people who are finding it hard to engage with school. This term 30 young people are enrolled on Arts4Life studying filmmaking, animation and graffiti. For a chance to find out more there will be open showcases at 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July. Arts4Life are currently taking bookings for courses starting September 2010.



To **find out more** visit:

[www.kingswood-foundation.org.uk](http://www.kingswood-foundation.org.uk) or contact **Aimee** tel: **0117 947 7948**.

## Volunteering Kingswood

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**Hoorah! We now have a name, a new telephone number + a new website!**

**Welcome to 'Volunteering Kingswood'** – a development project supporting and promoting volunteering within the Chase and Kings Forest areas of South Gloucestershire. This new project, managed by The Chase and Kings Forest Community Project, is initially funded - until end March 2010 - to support groups and individuals in the Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath areas of South Gloucestershire. We are also keen to ensure groups across the wider Chase and Kings Forest area also have access to our services in terms of resources through our resource bank and web-based services.

We are very keen to spread the word about the support and services we offer, raise our profile and ensure that we can respond to local needs in terms of volunteering and volunteering support.

Please contact us for further information about what we do and how we can help and support you!

Helen Stone: Volunteer Development Worker  
Chase and Kings Forest Community Project  
The Clocktower  
Tower Road North  
Warmley, South Gloucestershire BS30 8XU  
[helen@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:helen@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

0117 9600376

*(please note new contact telephone number from 15/6/10)*

AND ... look out for our new Volunteering Project website launching beginning July:

[www.volunteeringkingswood.org.uk](http://www.volunteeringkingswood.org.uk)

Our Aims:

- To promote and encourage volunteering and volunteering opportunities across the area
- To develop a resource bank of information relating to volunteering opportunities: both through a website and to take out into communities through 'Outreach' sessions at local venues
- To provide a brokerage service: matching needs of local groups and organisations to individual volunteers
- To provide support to groups and organisations offering volunteering opportunities – around good practice and beyond
- To offer individuals interested in volunteering the support they may need to get involved and find the right opportunity for them

## New website under production

Many thanks to our IT volunteer, Mike, for the time he is offering to get our new 'Volunteering Kingswood' website up and running; until the site is ready to be launched please go to [www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](http://www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk) and hit the 'Volunteering' drop-down button for current information and local volunteering opportunities.

## Organisations

I hope to get out and about to meet many of you across the areas of Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath who rely on volunteers to support the activities of your groups and organisations; please contact me if you would like to arrange a visit!

Any information on volunteering opportunities you would like advertised can be uploaded onto our website and leaflets distributed at events and outreach sessions across the area - so do please 'use' us! I would also like to hear about any support we might be able to offer you as a group to look at best practice around working with volunteers! And ... please do send on any 'good news' stories celebrating the work of your volunteers!

If you have any questions or comments please get in touch by e-mail or phone 0117 9600376.

## Latest Volunteering Opportunities...

We will be continually updating and adding to this list on our website over the coming months to give a much wider picture of volunteering opportunities available within the local area. PLEASE contact me with any volunteering opportunities you would like advertised.

If you are thinking of volunteering but are not quite sure what direction to take and would like to talk to someone in person please call or e-mail Helen:

0117 9600376 / [info@volunteeringkingswood.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteeringkingswood.org.uk)

### **Kingswood Bus Project**

The Bus Project is a mobile youth project taking the bus out to reach young people across the local community. They are currently looking for volunteers to join their committee – particularly those with skills in any of the following areas: legal, office administration, fundraising and youth work. If you think you can offer your skills to help the Bus Project go from strength to strength please contact the chair Pat Apps: 0117 9329122 or e-mail: [patapps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:patapps@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Kingsmeadow Community Flat**

have a number of volunteering opportunities available – and are particularly looking for people from the local community to get more involved with the exciting projects being run from the flat:

- Volunteers to help with their Dreamscheme project for youngsters living in the area. This new project encourages children to take on tasks within their local community – and in return they earn points which can then be swapped in for 'rewards' such as trips and activities. If you would like to find out more and think you might be able to contribute some time to work alongside the project team working with the youngsters on a regular basis please contact us!

- Help! Please!! Is there anyone out there locally able to offer admin/filing support for an hour or two a week?

- And finally ... the project is keen to find someone who can offer basic accounting skills; time involved would not be great – but hugely appreciated!

To find out more about any of these volunteering opportunities please contact Ceri on 0117 9048425 or e-mail [info@kingsmeadowflat.org.uk](mailto:info@kingsmeadowflat.org.uk) - Monday to Wednesday

### **Chase and Kings Forest Community Project**

are also looking for specific skills to support the work of their project:

- book keeping skills (knowledge of SAGE would be an advantage): 2/3 hrs per month +
- minute taker for 6-weekly meetings + 2 hrs a month

PLEASE spread the word and support us to support groups and projects across the area!

For more information please contact Kay on 07870 993 445

### **Our Place Community Flat, Staple Hill ...**

is currently looking for volunteer cooks and waiters for Monday mornings: 9.30 – 1pm to help with community lunches for local residents.

If you can spare a few hours a week to help please call Gemma on 07894 201 281 or e-mail [our.place@hotmail.com](mailto:our.place@hotmail.com)

### **Would you like to volunteer within the local Home Library Service?**

We are looking for volunteers to visit people who are unable to use their local library - because of disability, frailty or responsibility as a full time carer – to:

- deliver a selection of books, information and other library materials direct to the homes of library members who are housebound and
- help to select books and other library materials for the people they visit.

How can you get involved? Please contact Julie Barker at Kingswood Library on 01454 868006 or e-mail: [kingswood.library@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:kingswood.library@southglos.gov.uk)

### **Kingswood Heritage Museum Trust**

Can you spare a few hours of your time to help at the museum? We meet Tuesday and Sunday afternoon between 2 – 5 p.m. The following posts need to be filled:

Receptionist / Kitchen Staff-to serve light refreshments / Shop Assistant – in a small shop / Room Stewards (training given); help is also needed in the Heritage Garden on Tuesday afternoons - ground clearance, pruning, grass cutting and general tidying up.

If you may be able to help please call in to the museum any Tuesday afternoon to meet with Alan Bryant.

### **The Princess Royal Trust**

Carer Volunteers are needed to help promote our services and to reach unsupported carers. If you are reliable, have a friendly manner and occasional time to spare this could be the ideal role for you! For more information please contact

Amy Flood: 0117 [9589903](tel:01179589903)/[amyf@carers-bs.org.uk](mailto:amyf@carers-bs.org.uk) (Full training and support given)

### **Bristol Aero Collection are currently looking for volunteers.**

The aim of the organisation is to advance public education and enjoyment of the aerospace industry through the provision of a museum for display, restoration and conservation of aircraft, and associated products from the 'Bristol' family of companies over the last 100 years.

The type of activities volunteers can get involved with include:

- Showing the Concorde G-Boat to the visiting public at Filton.
- Running a museum of artefacts
- Restoration of a Bristol Blenheim Aircraft of WW2 in Bristol.

For more information and for current volunteering vacancies, contact: Bill Morgan, Trustee, on: 01454-613442 or email: [wmtstockton@aol.com](mailto:wmtstockton@aol.com)

**Survive** provides high quality services to women and children affected by domestic violence in South Gloucestershire and Bristol. We are looking for trustees (women only - section 7 sex discrimination act applies) to join our well established Board. If you are interested in being involved with a dynamic agency and taking on a leadership role to support strategic and service development we would like to hear from you. Full support in the role of trustee is provided including training, and reimbursement of expenses in return for your time and commitment. If you would like to know more please contact our Chief Executive, Anna Smith on: 0117 961 3065 or [annas@survivedv.org.uk](mailto:annas@survivedv.org.uk) [www.survivedv.org.uk](http://www.survivedv.org.uk)

#### **Do you like meeting new people & have a little time to spare?**

Friends of Kingswood Park are currently looking for new members to promote the work of the group in the Kingswood area by visiting schools, local clubs and community groups and to develop a programme of activities for the Park in partnership with other groups. Friends of Kingswood Park are a group of local residents working to develop the Park to be a centre of the community.

For more information about the group and the volunteer opportunities please contact the Secretary Di Block on: 0117 909 8275 or Email: [dynamight\\_block@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dynamight_block@yahoo.co.uk)

**To find out about these and other opportunities across the area please contact  
Volunteering Kingswood**

## Links to other volunteering sites:



[www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org)

The Do-it website is an on-line database of volunteering opportunities - providing details of opportunities throughout the UK! Do-It allows you to search either by postcode or by type of organisation or type of work. And if you have an opportunity you would like to register through us here at 'Volunteering Kingswood' we can send it on to the Do-it site! Get national coverage!!



involved is the name of the national youth volunteering programme -

dedicated to helping young people volunteer in ways that matter to them. [vinspired.com](http://vinspired.com) makes it easy for young people to find information about volunteering opportunities... so if you are aged between 16 and 25 either link directly to the website or contact your local south glos team on 01454 [317289](tel:317289) or e-mail: [southglos@youngbristol.com](mailto:southglos@youngbristol.com)

AND if you are a group or organisation that would like to include more young people in volunteering roles the team would love to hear from you too!

## Volunteering and State Benefits:

YES! You can volunteer whilst claiming state benefits ... But you will need to inform your advisor! We all know that the skills gained from being involved in volunteering can be hugely beneficial and can increase someone's employability regardless of age. If you are a young person looking for work, someone returning to work after a break or have been recently made redundant there are many opportunities out there which could use your skills ... and enable you to acquire new ones! For more information please contact your local Job Centre Plus – or us!

## Training

### Collaborative Working

This is a workshop for Trustees and Management Committee Members, exploring the future direction of work, and pressures faced by organisations. The session will focus on service delivery and the needs of service users and will explore the risks and opportunities that different types of collaborative working can offer.

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12.30-4pm**

Room 2 at - Park Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 8DB

To book call or email Steph on: **0117 9604186**

or at: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

Or complete the enclosed booking form.



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### Social Media ....could it help your organisation communicate? Check out our Workshop!

**Yate Library – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August – 1pm – 4pm**

You are no doubt familiar with the term Social Networking – you may already use Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube etc or you may be wondering what all the fuss is about! What relevance do they have to the community and voluntary sectors? Have you thought about how social media can apply to your work in helping to support and develop your local community? Come along to our afternoon workshop, in which we will try and answer your questions and help you look at new ways of communicating, finding information and getting your organisation/group known.

Together we will be exploring the answers to the questions:

- ❖ **What is social media?**
- ❖ **What is in it for me?**
- ❖ **What is available and what does it cost?**
- ❖ **How and where do I start?**
- ❖ **Is there any help out there?**

**The interactive workshop is free and anyone working or volunteering within the voluntary, community or statutory sectors is welcome to come, BUT places must be booked in advance.**

**Please email [volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com](mailto:volunteercentreyate@btconnect.com) or phone Carole on 01454 324102 to book a place.**

## Events and Meetings

### Footpath Walks in Oldland 2010

#### Walk One: Monday 5 July 2010

##### Cock Ridge Walk

Distance approx 2.5 miles with a time of say two hours maximum.

Meet in Wickes' car park, Aldermoor Way, Longwell Green at 7pm.

The walk is along a footway in part, as well as open ground that can be hilly and steep in places.

**FFI:** Contact Victoria Hicks, Clerk to Oldland Parish Council on: **0117 961 5021**

**Free** event!

#### Walk Two: Monday 12 July 2010

##### Willsbridge Mill Walk

Distance approx 3.5 miles with a time of say two hours maximum.

Meet in the Mill car park, Longbeach Road, Longwell Green at 7pm.

The walk is through the Mill valley with some of the walk being steep, the remainder of the walk is on the footway.

**FFI:** Contact Victoria Hicks, Clerk to Oldland Parish Council, on: **0117 961 5021**

**Free** event!

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### Oldland Music Festival

The second Oldland Music Festival is due to take place on Saturday, **17 July 2010**, at Jarrett's Fields, High Street, Oldland Common, starting at 12 noon until 8pm.

The music festival was set up as a charitable organisation in order to showcase the musical talent of the community. This is a community event and for families.



We have 22 acts who will be performing and entertaining the community on the day. There is still space for stallholders and we are still looking for more sponsors; and all sponsors will be acknowledged in our programme and on the festival website which can be found at [www.oldlandmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.oldlandmusicfestival.co.uk)

## Party in The Park

On Saturday **10th July 10.30am-8pm**, The Friends of Page Park are having a big Party in the Park to celebrate the **100th birthday of Page Park**, Staple Hill.

A stage and arena will provide a program of live music and displays throughout the day to include school and gospel choirs, rock band, Salvation Army band, displays of Irish dancing, disco dancing and a wild west show. From **4pm-8pm** we will be concentrating on stage acts for the **youth** of the area with the finale act Frenzee a local rap artist.

Craft stalls will be selling a variety of homemade crafts and charity stalls promoting their causes. Refreshments will be available: from burger and chips, to doughnuts and speciality foods from a local deli.



Children's entertainment will include Punch and Judy, tennis coaching, a fitness circuit, old fashion games, bouncy castle and super slide and much, much more. Several Exhibitor stalls will have hands on tasks for children to participate in. A couple of stalls will have live animals for the children to talk to and learn about. The Police and Avon Fire and rescue will also be attending with their vehicles including a Fire Engine.

The event will be **officially opened at mid day** by the descendants of Alderman Page, who gave the park to the people of Staple Hill in 1910. The family will plant an English Oak Tree to mark this very special occasion.

The Friends together with South Gloucestershire Council are submitting a bid for a Heritage Lottery grant to restore the park to it's original condition, please look for the Friends gazebo near the clock tower to find out more about our plans or complete a short online survey about the park at:-

[www.southglos.gov.uk/pagepark](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/pagepark) From this webpage you can also print off a copy, fill it out and send it back to the freepost address if you prefer.

We need to include as many people as possible who use the park and we also need to hear from local people who do not use the park at the moment.

For **further information** please contact **Steph Purser** (Friends of Page Park) on: **0117 9570032** or **Mike Plumb** (Community Landscape Project Officer South Gloucestershire Council) on: **01454 865827**

## Funding Sources

### **BIG's Community Wildlife Fund**

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced the launch of its new Community Wildlife Fund. BIG have teamed up with the BBC Wildlife Fund's Go Wild campaign to bring you the Community Wildlife programme. This new programme will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. Through the fund not for profit groups, local councils, schools and health bodys can apply for **funding** of between **£300** and **£10,000** for projects that will bring together local people to discover, enjoy or protect wildlife in their local area by improving rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, and by getting people more active and healthier. Example projects include: protecting wildlife habitats; creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden for people to enjoy; improving natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodland; exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species; encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks; providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

There are three deadlines for applications. The **first deadline** is the **21st July** 2010, followed by the 22nd September and the 24th November 2010.

**FFI:** ring the application helpline: **0845 367 0610**, or visit:

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_community\\_wildlife.htm?regioncode=uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife.htm?regioncode=uk)

### **The Britannia Foundation - Community Fund**

Registered Charities and Schools, working within education and who are seeking funding specifically for numeracy and/or - financial literacy projects can apply to the Britannia Building Society Foundation for **grants** of between **£1,000** and **£25,000**. Over the last six years the Foundation has made grants totaling £3 million. **In addition** voluntary groups, charities and schools can apply for **grants of up to £1,000** through the Britannia Community Fund. The Fund also supports individual members wishing to achieve personal development goals that support the fund's key priorities with a donation of up to £100. The Community Fund will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity working within the Foundation's key priorities of numeracy and/or - financial literacy, that operate within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members. Whilst the Britannia Community Fund focuses on buying specific items or equipment, e.g. educational toys, books, it will also support small projects in support of their key priorities.

**FFI:** email: [charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk](mailto:charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk) , call: **01538 391806**, or visit:

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/site/corporate/in-the-community/foundation.html>

## Comic Relief Grants

Comic Relief has announced that its UK grants programmes are once again open for applications. Through the Comic Relief UK grant making programme funding is available through the following programmes:

- Mental health - This programme aims to promote the rights and support the recovery of people who have mental health problems, and to help them feel more included in society. It also aims to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by people with mental health problems.
- Domestic and sexual abuse - This programme aims to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic and sexual abuse
- Refugee and asylum seeking women - This programme aims to provide support for refugee and asylum seeking women who have experienced rape, torture and other forms of violence in their home countries.
- Older people - This programme is built around supporting older people to bring positive change to their communities, enabling them to contribute their time, energy and skills to those individuals who need it most.
- Sport for Change - Using sport in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities,
- Young People aged 11 – 25. This programme focuses on young people that are sexually exploited; suffer from alcohol abuse; and suffer from mental health problems.

On average grants of between £25,000 and £40,000 are available to not for profit organisations such as constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations, and community interest companies.

The **closing date** for applications is the **3rd September 2010**.

**FFI:** email: [info@comicrelief.com](mailto:info@comicrelief.com) , call: **020 7820 5555**, or visit:

[http://www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk)

## The Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust, which is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, is inviting applications from UK registered charities working with or in the areas of:

- social and ethnic minority groups
- prisoners and ex-offenders
- homelessness
- people experiencing violence and abuse
- arts outreach
- disability projects
- environmental projects
- addiction

The fund offers grants of between **£100 - £5,000** through their **small grants** scheme and grants of **over £5,000** through their **large grants** scheme. Every year, the Trust makes about 40-50 grants through its small grants programme and around 5-10 awards through its large grants programme. Grants awarded in the

past have included a grant to SHARP (Support Help and Advice for Relatives of Prisoners) to help fund a helpline and grants towards the running costs of a cyber café for disabled users. Trustees review grant applications twice a year, usually in January and July.

The next application **deadline** for small and large grants is the **30th November** 2010, for the January meeting.

**FFI:** call: **(020) 7410 0330**, email: [info@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:info@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk) or visit: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html>

### **Volant Charitable Trust**

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. The Trustees meet twice a year, in March and September, to consider applications and allocate funds. If your application is successful, you will be notified immediately after the meeting has taken place.

The **deadline** for the September meeting is Friday **30th July** 2010.

Requests for a hard copy of the application form and completed application forms should be addressed to: Trust Administrator, THE VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST, BOX 8, 196 ROSE STREET, EDINBURGH. EH2 4AT.

**FFI:** <http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

## **Funding Information**

### **Free Funding Databases**

There are now a number of free funding databases:

#### **NCVO Funding Central**

Funding Central is a free website for all voluntary sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to funding and finance opportunities, along with tools and resources.

Visit: [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk) to register.

#### **Charities Information Bureau**

Their web site contains a funding information database offering a free searchable facility for individual project searches and ready-to-go packs for particular themes, such as Sport, Health and Social Welfare. To register visit:

[www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk](http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk)

To register to receive Funding Updates,  
Or if you are small or newly formed group and need help with an application  
form call Steph on: 0117 9604186 or email:  
[steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)