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We are hoping to bolster our mediator numbers in certain geographical locations across West Sussex and have set the dates for a Community Mediation Training Course for new volunteer mediators. We last held a course in July 2013.



Are you a good listener and communicator and able to remain impartial and non judgmental? If so, you might be who we are looking for, as long as you can commit to some future volunteering hours and have the time to be able to do that.

The dates for our course in **November** are **7th & 8th plus 20th, 21st, 22nd**. The venue is yet to be confirmed. This 40 hour course is accredited with Laser Learning (OCN). It will involve quite a lot of role play and candidates will be expected to completed a portfolio for personal accreditation, but this process will be fully supported. Call 01403 257800.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Nick is turning out at three Christmas Markets in the lead up to Christmas. He welcomes your custom at any of these events and any stallholder support that can be offered, even just to give him a break!



1st up is **Saturday 21st November** at the East Preston (nr Littlehampton) from midday to 6pm. There will be lots going on from a Craft Fair, visit by Santa, Lantern Making & Procession, Fair rides, Slot Car Racing, French Market, Fashion show and live entertainment. More details on their Facebook page see link below:

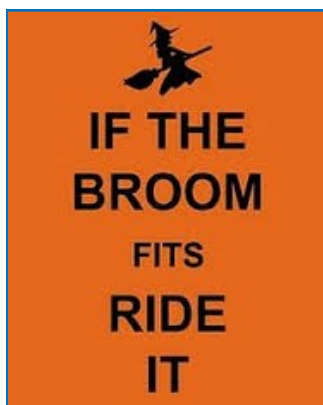
<https://www.facebook.com/eastprestonchristmascelebration>

Next comes Southwater, nr Horsham in Lintott Square on **Saturday 28th November** starting at 10am. This is another good event. Last year there was live music, fair-ground rides for kids, etc.

The following day (**Sunday 29th November 10am to 4pm**) we will be in the Carfax, Horsham for the Rotary Club of Horsham's Christmas Charity Market. There will be a host of local charities selling various Christmas wares. There will also be a variety of entertainments including rides with Santa on Horsham's amazing Steam Bus. The Event will be marketed as part of Horsham's 'Christmas Cracker Weekend'.

We will be selling some lovely Christmas Tree decorations, some with a 'Bollywood' theme. They are all hand-crafted in India by small family businesses (all ethically made with no child labour). Also some great hessian Santa sacks.

If any people who's hobby is craftwork and are making Christmas goodies, you would be welcome to add them to our stall, for us to sell on with a margin for the charity. Contact me on 01403 257800. We will be at other similar events during November.

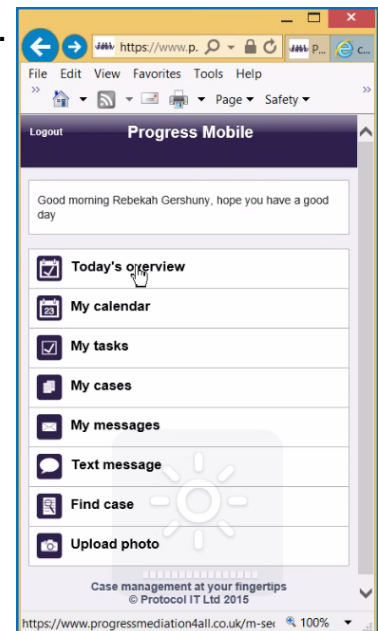


QUOTES



SNIPPETS

> Things continue to develop in terms of our new Database. Our developer, Paul Gadd, is devising a 'Universal Interface' so that our Mediators can gain access to our central system via any mobile phone or tablet. It will work across Apple and Android but is not an 'App'. Mediators will be able to upload documents such as copies of agreements or flip chart notes in a couple of clicks. They will be instantly 'live' for others to view, wherever they are. This should be launched by the end of November. Subject to all the other things going on currently (staff changes, office move, etc), we intend doing a full training programme for volunteers.



> Our Caseworker, Louise, left us to pastures new on 9th October and we are in the process of working out our staffing configuration, bearing in mind we have a office move pending. Uschi has kindly agreed to host a Leaving Do for Louise. The date is **Saturday October 24th** from 1pm onwards, with carriages at 4.



If you would like to come along, to say good bye to Louise, and catch up with a few faces, please contact the office and we will forward your detail to Hazel, who is co-ordinating the event. If you can, do share lifts and if anyone is willing to become a 'designated driver' it would mean that some of those attending could have a drink without any risk of drink/driving. Directions will be available upon acceptance. It will be a 'bring a bottle plus food to share'

event. We hope to see you there.





AGM Photo Gallery



Our thanks once again to Dave Powell of **LPG Photographic** for taking a range of great photos to record our recent AGM. If anyone requires the services of a good photographer for personal or business events, call Dave on **07721 312533** or email dave@lpgphotographic.co.uk



Our other thanks of course go to Stuart Ruff and his colleagues at Thomas Eggar for hosting our AGM, providing some lovely refreshments and for sponsoring our Annual Report, which was made available in hard copy at the event. The whole event was very successful. Final thanks to our guest speaker, Anne Godley from Victim Support.



Meet the Trustees



< - - Will Adler, our new Chair (elected at the AGM)



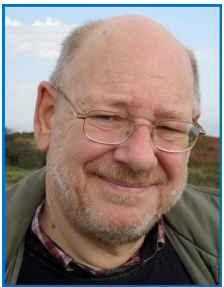
Allan Gee (Treasurer) - ->



< - - David Chubb (New Trustee elected at AGM)



Sara Louise Young - - ->
(New Trustee elected at AGM - but has since stood down)



< - - - John Steele (New Trustee elected at AGM)



Caroline Buchan - - ->



< - - - John Green

(NOT THAT SCARY LOOKING, ARE THEY?!!)

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