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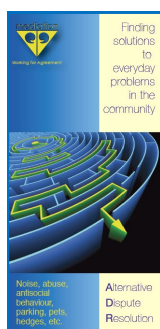
More next Month

How is this for a mouthful – Paraskavedriaphobia, which is the fear of Friday 13th. For those of you who suffer from it, you may be pleased to know that there is only one Friday the 13th in 2016 = this month! Paraskevidekatriaphobia is also derived from Greek: paraskeví translates as Friday, and dekatria is another way of saying 13.

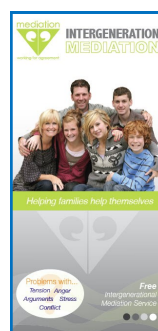
If you live in fear of the number 13, you suffer from Triskaidekaphobia! Often high-rise buildings, hotels and hospitals skip the 13th floor and many airports do not have gates numbered 13.

So, carry your four leaf clover or rabbit charm, cross your fingers, touch wood and don't walk under any ladders!

Some people are unlucky because they fall into dispute with their neighbour, over what can start out as 'minor' issues which then escalate. That is why WSMS came into being. We are proud to have served our local community since 2000 and continue to expand our services, many of which remain free at the point of delivery. Here is a reminder of our portfolio:



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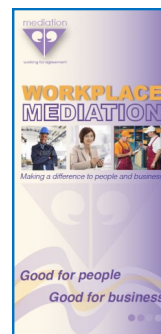
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WORKPLACE

News

➤ Here are a couple of snaps from our recent Launch Event at Park House. Having got so engrossed in proceedings Nick forgot to capture any images during the height of gathering, when we had just over 40 guests in attendance.

These included Jeremy Quinn MP for Horsham and Chief Supt Steve Whitton from Sussex Police (right) ----- ➤



Other guests included Kate Rowbottom, (Horsham District Council Member for Community & Wellbeing), Cllr Christian Mitchell (Horsham DC), Ray Osgood (Chair Henfield Parish Council), Jane Apostolou (Horsham Community Partnership), Jeremy Yeats-Edwards (Chair of Crawley CVS), John Willett (Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner's Office), Stuart Ruff (Thomas Eggar LLP) plus many of our friends, supporters, staff, volunteers and trustees.

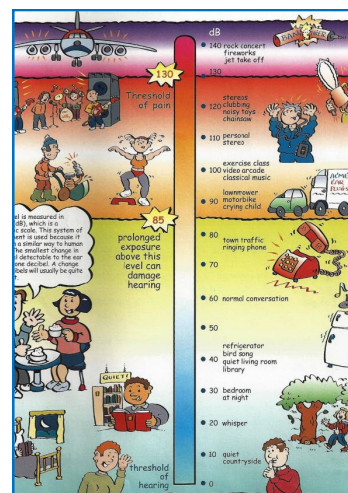
➤ Please see our forthcoming event on **Page 4**. Tell all your friends, family and colleagues and book your place in advance. We are grateful to mediators, Stella, Hazel and Heather who have kindly offered to bake the scones. The clotted cream will be donated by Rodda's and the Jam by Wilkins & Son of Tiptree.

➤ Noise Action Week

This year it falls between **23rd–28th May**. It will be an opportunity to 'shout' about our work!

If you get the chance to mention WSMS, and the great work we do in terms of neighbour disputes caused by noise nuisance, via social media or wherever, please do so. We will be seeking media coverage ourselves but 'every little helps.'

Noise nuisance remains our No.1 topic for referral.



Referrals

We finished the month of April with 21 referrals (up from 19 in April 2015). Horsham District produced the most enquiries followed by Mid Sussex and Worthing.

Topics of dispute included Antisocial behaviour, Verbal Abuse, Noise, Family and Intergenerational plus one for Workplace. We would like to see more referrals, particularly from the Police.

Ten were self referrals with four via Housing Officers, two via CAB, one from the Police, two from Council Officers and two from others sources.

May tends to show similar referral figures to April.

We currently have 14 mediators assigned to cases or those being planned.



Meet the Mediator

We are please to welcome Christine to our ranks. Christine joins us as a Community Mediator having undertaken accredited training elsewhere in 2010 and has recently undergone an induction session with Nick in the office.

Christine lives in Bosham and her professional background was as a solicitor specialising in Employment Law. She became aware of the benefits of mediation through her experiences of judicial mediation.

Christine was previously involved in the setting up of a team of mediators from staff at the London Metropolitan University and was involved in the recruitment, selection and training of the team.

Having left full time employment, Christine is now able to offer some volunteering hours, in her local community, with WSMS. We hope to involve Christine in some casework towards the west of the county over the coming months, after her period of holiday in May.

At the time of Christine's arrival we say a sad farewell to David C-E, who has had to stand down as a mediator due to heavy work commitments. David trained with WSMS back in April 2008, so has spent a good period of time supporting our charity with his volunteering hours. We hope he stays in touch with us. He promises to remain an ambassador for the mediation cause.



Please support this event



National Cream Tea Day *Friday 24th June 2016*

What we're doing:

Cream Tea Fundraising Event

Where to find us:

**The Wicker Room, Park House, North Street,
Horsham, RH12 1RN**

In aid of

West Sussex Mediation Service

Tel: 01403 800182

Email: info@wsms.org.uk

the ultimate treat.. with a conscience!

Join us for delicious scones topped with juicy jam and Cornish clotted cream, while raising money for those in need. What could be better?

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Tiptree

1.00pm to 4.00pm (Book in Advance)

TV Company search

BLACK SHEEP REUNION

Curve Media are making a new documentary series - reuniting 'black sheep' with loved ones they have lost contact with!

Do you have a black sheep of the family you haven't spoken to in a long time?

Maybe you have fallen out with a family member and want to put things right before its too late?

Perhaps you are a reformed black sheep who wants to make amends and say sorry for the past?

Has time healed a wound and left you wanting to build bridges?

If you're over 18 and would like more info - email us at casting@curvemedia.com

**or call Michael / Naomi on
0203 179 0099**

We recently received yet another approach from a TV production Company. They state that, should this go to series (if they can find the stories) they will be looking for mediation services/mediators to feature in the episodes to help them with their case studies.

If you know of any circumstances that might fit the bill, do get in touch via the office or directly with Curve Media.