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(Nick Handley

Celebrates

10 yrs at WSMS

this month!)

Having said good-bye to 2016, we thought we would take a look back over the past year.

The most significant event for us in 2016 was our **office move** from Alphacom House to Park House, which coincided with the start of the new Financial Year—**1st April**.

Looking back, the move was a very positive thing for WSMS. We enjoy some excellent facilities, including our own meeting room, and have a very pleasant working environment.

You might like to know, despite our required departure being 31st March, that the old building remains unsold and our old neighbours, the Horsham & Crawley Counselling Group, are still in residence there. There are no current planning applications shown for the premises on the Horsham District Council website.

We had a **record busting** month in **July**, in terms of referral numbers, with a total of 45! It will take some doing to ever break that in the future, but who knows. Also in **July** we held a very successful **Charity Curry Night** at the Haldi Restaurant in Southwater. Look out for a similar event in 2017.

We were part of the first Pan Sussex Mediation **Conference** which was held in Brighton on **10th October**. This was well received and will hopefully be repeated, in some form, in the not too distant future.

In **December** we published the **100th Edition** of our **Newsletter**.

My New Year's resolutions are:

1. Stop making lists.
- B. Be more consistent.
7. Learn to count.



News

> Funding - Pretty much all our income during December came from our own earned income, either through fundraising events or paid Family mediation work. We did receive one grant cheque from Pulborough Parish Council and we are very grateful to them for their continuing support.

We recently received this lovely email from one of our Parish Council funders and newsletter subscribers, which was much appreciated —

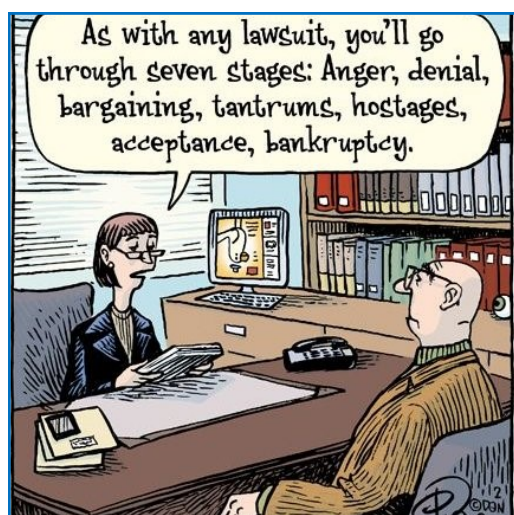
“Congratulations on not only providing an amazing service, but on keeping us informed.”

We also received a Christmas card and a £10 donation from a client we helped exactly 2 years ago and it was lovely to know that we are still in their thoughts.

> Referrals — December proved to be a quieter month, which is a normal trend for us. We took only 11 referrals with Noise Nuisance and Antisocial Behaviour being the main subjects. This was our lowest monthly total since June 2013.

> Workplace Mediation - We are currently undertaking a marketing drive to increase referrals for work related conflicts. We have a number of mediators trained in this speciality. Last year we helped a diverse group of organisations including a car dealership, a professional organisation, a Housing Association, several Parish Councils and a Health Centre. Do contact us if you have any questions about this service.

Advice to potential litigants!



Advice to all for 2017

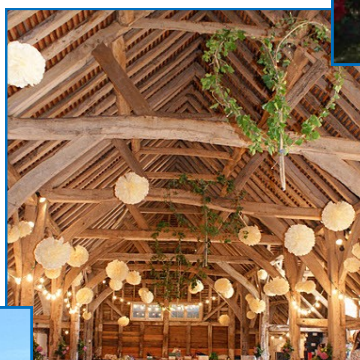
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TALKING	LISTENING
PLANNING	DOING
SODA	TEA
JUNK FOOD	SALADS
COMPLAINING	ENCOURAGING
WORRYING	HOPING
DOUBTING	BELIEVING
LAZING AROUND	WORKING OUT
FROWNING	SMILING
INSECURITY	TRUST
WEAKNESS	CONFIDENCE
IGNORANCE	UNDERSTANDING
HATE	LOVE
UNGRATEFULNESS	GRATITUDE

Barn Dance

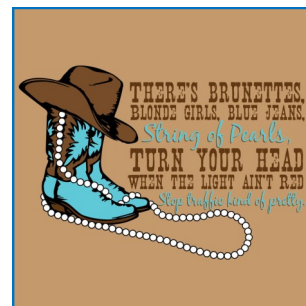
Thanks to a idea from our Administrator, Anna, and a very kind offer from her mother, we hope to hold a Charity Barn Dance event in early April.

Sullington tithe barn was recorded in 1960s by Nicklaus Pevsner as the 'finest' barn in Sussex and is known to be one of the longest barns in Sussex. Although restored in 2013 the 400 year old barn retains its warm atmosphere and authenticity and we is now offered as a wonderful wedding or event venue. Although the barn venue needs no adornment to be awe inspiring it can be decorated to suit the event.

We will be announcing further details possible date is the evening of **Friday** in your diary now. We will arrange a and caller and hope to provide food



in due course but the 7th April, so pencil in professional band and a paying bar.



'The sweet & silly Christmas things'

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that you can't be bothered to put on eBay or Gumtree, feel free to pass them on to use and we will use them as a fundraiser for WSMS.

Research by 'Gumtree' identified that nationally we sit on £24bn unwanted Xmas presents a year, equating to £48 per person. Unsurprisingly the most unpopular gifts to receive are clothing and accessories, beauty products, toiletries and jewellery.

Sir John Betjeman said in his Christmas poem, 'The sweet and silly Christmas things, Bath salts and inexpensive scent And hideous tie so kindly meant.'

Contact Nick if you have anything to donate. 01403 800181 or info@wsms.org.uk

Diary Date

WSMS is part of the Gatwick Diamond Business membership organisation. As a charity member we benefit, alongside others charity members, when GDB organise any fundraising events.



On the afternoon of **Friday 5th May 2017** there will be a fun event at the South of England Showground at Ardingly. It will be based on the old TV programme, '**It's a Knock Out**' with up to 16 teams of six entering and a trophy/prize for the winners. WSMS will be entering a team and would love to have volunteers putting their names down now. The event will be quite physical but will be full of laughs. Each team will be expected to attract some sponsorship money.

There will be food and drink available and all the member charities will have awareness stands. Posters/Flyers will be published shortly.

We will also need some volunteers to do some stewarding on the day. For more details speak to Nick on 01403 258900



All Shook Up!

In 1957 there were 170 registered Elvis impersonators. In 2007 there were 200,000 Elvis impersonators. If this trend continues, by 2057 a third of the World's population will be Elvis impersonators.

Raise **FREE funds** for us when shopping online for your...

Valentine's Gifts

A promotional banner for Valentine's Gifts. It features a blue background with red hearts and a large, wrapped gift box with a red ribbon. Below the gift box are logos for various retailers: M&S, Booking.com, Hotel Chocolat, Interflora, Debenhams, red letter, PANDORA, and amazon.co.uk. At the bottom right is the 'Give as you Live' logo.

www.give.as/charity/wsms