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You may be familiar with the TV ads with the two 118 guys with bushy dark hair and big moustaches. Well, seeing as this is our 118th Newsletter, I thought I would make a cheeky link, using their catch phrase – ‘Got your Number’.

This month sees the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation. We have been very busy at WSMS preparing for this legislation, in order to be complaint by the start date of **25th May 2018**.

If we have your number, it’s probably because we carried out a ‘Legitimate Interest Assessment’ and concluded that we have a Legitimate Interest in holding some of your personal data.

We are holding a few GDPR Briefings for volunteers to explain that process and what we expect of them.

We have deleted all our old records of former staff, volunteers and trustees and removed all our ‘External’ mailing lists some months ago.

**If you wish to subscribe to newsletters** just drop Nick an email—[nick@wsms.org.uk](mailto:nick@wsms.org.uk) to ‘Opt In’.

A better way to keep in touch is to follow this link to our website, where you can subscribe to our news feed. This will give you notification of all our newsletters and News feed items that appear on our website, on a regular basis. It will go straight to your inbox. We currently only have 5 people subscribing.

<https://www.wsms.org.uk/mediation-news/>



## News

> **David Chubb** is standing down as a Trustee at WSMS but has agreed to continue volunteering with our charity as a 'right hand man' to Nick to help out on various activities and projects. He is currently working tirelessly on all matters relating to GDPR. We are very grateful for all his past efforts.



Our Chair, Will Adler will no doubt be seeking to attract further trustees to bolster the Management Committee. We would particularly like to hear from anyone with marketing and/or fundraising experience who might like to join the fold.

> **Farewell** — we are sad to report the departure of Christine Hows as our Family Mediation Co-ordinator. Christine is returning to the fray as an Employment Solicitor with a firm much nearer to Bosham, where she lives. Her commuting to Horsham proved to be quite a challenge for her at times.

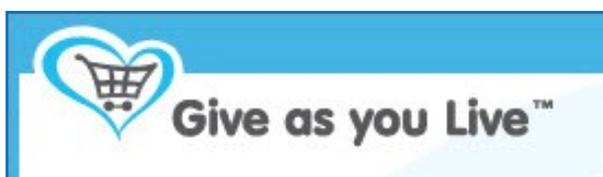


Christine promises to keep in close touch with us and to do the odd mediation, when she has time. Her skills in the office will be missed. On the plus side, we will no longer have the confusion of two Christines !!

> **Final Good-Bye !** - Please don't read this and believe that everyone is abandoning ship—that is not the case!! Steven Poulton joined WSMS as our Treasurer at our AGM in September last year. He had volunteered to step in when our outgoing Treasurer, Allan Gee had served his term of office. Since then, Steven has found himself exceptionally busy at work and has been brave enough to admit that he is unable to provide the time WSMS might demand of him in the voluntary role as Treasurer and has therefore notified his resignation. Meanwhile, Allan Gee has kindly agree to again put himself forward as Treasurer. He would be eligible for re-election in September having stood down for a 12 month period.



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## More News

**Gdb Charity Challenge Event** – the weather held out for this event, which was held on Thursday 10th May at the South of England Showground at Ardingly.

14 Corporate teams competed in a wide variety of events. Charity Group members were out in force to support the event and organise the raffles and ‘tuck shop’.

Nick was pleased to see that he sold 6 of the 12 winning tickets in the main Raffle. Those winners included Monica Hill, one of our trustees, who will now be able to indulge in a lovely Afternoon Tea for two at the South Lodge Hotel in Lower Beeding.



Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket or sold some on our behalf. All the proceeds from the event are being gathered in and will be shared amongst the gdb Charity Group members.



Hopefully the dust is starting to settle now and the huge number of emails generated, as a consequence of the introduction of GDPR, diminish after the start date of 25th May.

The volunteer briefing sessions, cancelled to recent staff sickness are being transmitted electronically.

Our updated Privacy Policy is published on our website or available on demand. We have attempted to keep in succinct and to the point and therefore only runs to two pages. We are happy to answer any queries. You may have.

> **Giveasyoulive** - do think of signing up and supporting us when you shop online for various goods and services. There is no cost to you.

Our link: [www.give.as/charity/wsms](http://www.give.as/charity/wsms)



## Even More News

### > Now you see it, now you don't !



We were recently pleased when we saw the arrival of a smart new noticeboard outside Park House, to help clients and other visitors locate WSMS and other tenants. However, the very next day it had gone!

Consultation is a very important thing. Staff at the Registry Office realised straight away that the position of the sign would prevent brides and family alighting from wedding cars, at the front of the building.

It is now be repositioned further away.

There had been much confusion in the past about who occupies Park House and where the Council are located. It is good to see our name appear second from top, after the Registry Office.

> **Noise Action Week** — is this week (21st to 26th May 2018). We always like to play our part in raising the issue of noise nuisance, seeing that it is the No. 1 topic of Community referrals, to our service. Here are a few of the activities taking place around the country, as mentioned on the Noise Action Week website:

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

Camarthenshire CC dog wardens are advising dog walkers on reducing bothersome barking. Public health students from University Centre Weston will be talking to people about peace and quiet. Cirrus Research are at Malton Food Festival promoting healthy attitudes to noise and Accord Group housing in West Midlands are visiting tenants for a 'quiet word' about noise'

(We will be doing some posts on social media during the week)



< - - -One of our favourite images on the subject of noisy neighbours

## Barn Dance

**Have you bought your tickets yet?**

**Please spread the word and support this event, if you can.**



**West Sussex Mediation Service**

# **BARN DANCE**

**Friday 15th June 2018**  
**7.30pm to 11.00pm**  
**Sullington Manor Farm, RH20 4AE**

**Cash Bar/Food/Raffle/Photo Booth**  
**Tickets £15 (includes food) 01403 258900**  
**Book online: <http://guestli.st/events/501537>**

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