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## News from Adur CVS Christmas/New Year Edition 2007

### Holiday Greetings!

"Best wishes for the winter holiday and 2008, from Adur CVS to all of our members, colleagues and friends.

Next year, we hope (Charity Commission permitting) to evolve into *Adur Voluntary Action*. Our aims won't change, but we hope the new name reflects these more accurately. We will also become a charitable company.

In 2008, the lease on our present premises comes to an end. Ourselves, Homefront Services, and Adur Learning Exchange will move to new offices.

Take a look at Euan's piece in this issue about the *Coalition for Independent Action*, and let us know your views. We believe that true independence is of fundamental importance for voluntary organisations, and the coalition is spearheading this nationally. If our aim is to strengthen independent voluntary action, by Adur people and for Adur's distinct communities, how might we best achieve this?

One way is to support volunteering. Committed volunteers equals strength; Adur CVS and Homefront *could not operate* without our own three volunteers, and our volunteer Trustees. Volunteers give their time to organisations whose goals they support, and whom they enjoy being a part of. Our CAB is even more reliant upon the skills of trained volunteers. Adur needs a secure volunteer centre, which can promote the volunteering ethos, and raise public awareness of its importance. In 2008, our priority is to work together to promote volunteering – if necessary, voluntarily!

Another route is to continue to work towards opening an Adur Voluntary Action Centre as soon as we can secure funding and premises. An independent centre speaks volumes. It embodies the capacity to develop our skills at self-management of a building, and at growing numbers of joint initiatives (such as the embryonic Adur Voluntary Support Services, involving WRVS, ALE, Homefront, Adur CVS and Help the Aged). A centre can express the culture of voluntary action, and become a focal point for creative ideas and active networking. There is so much going on in Adur, but a lot of activities and needs are very subtle, and personal contacts are so important. Newsletters like this are only the (not very effective) tip of a communications iceberg.

Adur CVS' volunteers, staff and Trustees send you all their warmest wishes for Christmas and 2008."

-Adrian Barritt

### AGM Recap

For those curious to know how October's AGM went, I am happy to report that it was a complete success. Guest speaker, Mark Restall's speech was well received and the first ever "Adur's most Volunteer Friendly Organisation" Award Ceremony went off without a hitch.

The winner of this coveted award was Worthing & Adur Home-Start, a charity whose volunteers provide a lifeline of support for vulnerable and isolated families. Homestart were overwhelmed with the number of prizes making up the award, all of which had been kindly donated from over 30 local businesses. All nominated organisations and charities received a small prize. Mark Restall presented the award.

If you'd like to become a Home-Start volunteer and require more information about their Preparation Course, call 01903 236916 or e-mail [wa@homestart0903.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:wa@homestart0903.fsnet.co.uk).

### Three times as EESI

Thanks to the Big Lottery Fund, and a grant of just under £500,000 from the BASIS funding round, the services provided by the West Sussex EESI Project will be sustained for another three years.

The project has been operating as a ten month pilot project since December 2006, supported by Capacity Builders. Through the newly acquired BASIS funding, four full time equivalent Infrastructure Development workers will work across the County, based at Chichester, Crawley, Mid Sussex South and Worthing CVS's but working closely with Arun, East Grinstead, Horsham and our very own Adur CVS. The team will offer support advice and guidance to organisations on issues such as governance, funding, the development of policies and procedures. They will also foster partnership and cross boundary working to help organisations work more closely together and make the most of the available resources. Adur project worker John Kelly will be in post in January.

### ASIST Roundup

On the 23rd and 24th October, Adur CVS hosted an intensive workshop on Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST. ASIST was developed in Canada in the 1980s and has since spread throughout the world, recently being introduced to England by Lewes and Wealden Mind. More than 750,000 people worldwide have already been trained to use ASIST.

Everyone should learn the skills taught on an ASIST workshop because they might be the only person a suicidal person trusts and chooses to talk with, or they might just be the last person they see. Most people who die by suicide are not previously known to mental health services. ASIST is a "first aid" course designed to help equip anyone with the skills to intervene and save a life. This refined intervention model recognises how crucial it will be to the longer-term safety of the person at risk, to be able to quickly access further help from either their own resources and/or from emergency mental health services if need be.

The Workshop was organised by West Sussex PCT and was extremely well attended by a range of organisations across West Sussex. The PCT, ASIST Trainers and workshop participants would like to express their thanks to Adur CVS for the use of a fantastic venue. If you would like to find out about future ASIST courses happening in your area, please contact Jenny Pickup at ASIST Communities (<http://www.asistcommunities.co.uk/>).

### Lost in Space

If your group or church hires meeting space in Shoreham, Southwick, Lancing, Sompting, Portslade, Fishersgate, Hove, Worthing, Steyning and surrounding rural areas, then we want to hear from you.

Adur CVS and Worthing Quakers are hoping to convene a forum for those involved in letting meeting space. Members would meet once or twice a year, exchange useful information, construct and keep a database up to date, refer potential hirers between members, promote shared facilities and generally support each other.

Those interested, please contact Adrian Barritt via e-mail at [worthingquakers@beeb.net](mailto:worthingquakers@beeb.net), or phone 01273 441662 during the daytime.

### Training

#### Free Participation Works Courses for Organisations and Practitioners working with children and young people

Participation Works is a Big Lottery funded consortium of six leading children and young peoples charities and organisations designed to provide a programme of support, primarily to Third Sector organisations. Their goal is to enable organisations to effectively involve children and young people in the development, delivery and evaluation of services, which affect their lives.

As such, Participation Works are delivering a range of free training courses and workshops across England - all of which are free to Third Sector organisations. Courses include 'Mapping and planning for effective engagement', 'Building a culture of participation', 'Putting children's rights at the heart of your work', 'Safeguarding in youth participation', 'Overcoming barriers to participation', 'Developing community activists' and 'Engaging young people in governance'.

To find out more, visit [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk), call 0845 603 6725 or e-mail [enquiries@participationworks.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@participationworks.org.uk).

#### Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Training

Date: Wednesday 23rd January 2008, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Location: South Downs CVS, 66 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1XG.

Covering changes to accounts disclosure and accounting treatment of certain items, affecting organisations due to the new Statement of Recommended Practice 2005. The seminar will also address the key financial changes brought about by SORP and the Charities Bill, and will include a review of what accounts records need to be disclosed, the new requirements of the Trustees' Annual Report and Risk Management and the Reserves Policy.

The closing date for bookings is Wednesday 9 January 2008. For further information contact Julia Fowler on 01273 483832, email [info@southdownscvs.org.uk](mailto:info@southdownscvs.org.uk), or visit the site at [www.southdownscvs.org.uk](http://www.southdownscvs.org.uk).

#### Lone Working (with Di Morgan)

Date: Tuesday 18th March 2008, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Location: South Downs CVS, 66 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1XG.

This course will cover what lone working is, the risks involved, taking responsibility for one's own safety, a simple risk assessment process, as well as avoiding and minimising risks. Other topics will include diffusing anger and difficult situations, working off site, accidents, reporting, boundaries, supervision, and safeguarding reputations.

For further details contact Julia Fowler on 01273 483832, email [info@southdownscvs.org.uk](mailto:info@southdownscvs.org.uk) or visit [www.southdownscvs.org.uk](http://www.southdownscvs.org.uk).

## Information

### Moving Horsham

The Horsham Area Council for Voluntary Service has moved. It can now be located at the following address: Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Denne Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1GZ.

The telephone number is still 01403 255277.

### Back to the Future 2

For those of you who remember the funding section of June's Monthly Press, you may recall that the Performance Hub had released the first of a series of guides looking at important trends affecting the voluntary sector.

Well, now, the second booklet in the series has been released and is entitled "Future Focus 2: what will our volunteers be like in five years time?" The booklet introduces likely future trends in volunteering, helping organisations to think through how changes in volunteer profiles, management and motivations could affect their work, as well as how organisations can build this foresight into their future plans. It can be ordered online at [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/futurefocus2](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/futurefocus2) or by phoning 0800 2798 798.

### Awarding Arun

The Arun Youth Council and Inspire Leisure are working together to award young people aged between 11-19 for charity work, voluntary work or bravery. For further details and a nomination form, go to [http://inspireleisure.co.uk/index.php?page\\_id=107&section\\_id=6](http://inspireleisure.co.uk/index.php?page_id=107&section_id=6). The deadline for nominations is the 25th of January 2008.

### Unfit for the Future

Adur District Council have totally rejected the three 'Fit for the Future' proposals presented to them and demanded that the Primary Care Trust must think again about Adur's hospitals and health service.

For the full story, go to <http://www.adur.gov.uk/news-releases/2007/nr-07-105.htm>

### Positive Experience

The UK Workforce Hub have produced a new guide to hosting work experience programmes in the voluntary sector. The guide focuses on key stage 4 school students (14 to 16 year olds) and includes four case studies.

The guide, 'Bright Futures, Positive Influence: Creating a successful work experience placement in the third sector' can be downloaded in .pdf format from <http://www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk/DisplayPage.asp?pageid=11906>.

A printed version can be ordered from the same site.

### Hire and Hire

The hall in Millwall Court, Wilmot Road, Shoreham is available for hire at a competitive rate. To find out more, contact Sue Turner on 01273 593917.

## Technology

### Taking the Community to the Bank

Community Day, the proposed Bank Holiday to commemorate volunteering, now has its very own website at <http://www.communityday.org.uk>. The site has info about the day, bank holidays in general and how you can get involved to persuade the government to make Community Day a reality.

### Youth Disability Resources

The CWDC (Children's Workplace Development Council) have created a new web-based resource to assist anyone working in the children workforce, in order to make it easier to find information, qualifications and training provision that will help meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities.

To check it out for yourself, go to <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/projects/childrenwithdisabilities.htm>.

### Inquiry into E-Petitions

The House of Commons Procedure Committee has launched an inquiry into the use of e-petitions in the parliamentary process, following recommendations made in its report into public petitions and early motions, published in May.

For more information, visit [http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/procedure\\_committee/proccompn91107.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/procedure_committee/proccompn91107.cfm)

### This is History

A new website demonstrating the relevance of history to contemporary policymaking has gone online at <http://www.historyandpolicy.org/index.html>. The site aims to create a more organic relationship between historians, policymakers and the media.



### Important Notice: Local Area Agreements

**Date:** 9th January, 10am - 2pm.  
**Facilitator:** Philip Coleman, WSCC

There will be an important consultation on West Sussex local area agreements and voluntary sector input. This covers Arunwide, Chichester, Worthing and Adur.

More details to follow, ASAP.

## Training

### Young People in Communities (with Lynne Charmer)

*The following two courses can be taken separately or combined as a full day.*

Closing Date for bookings: Thursday 24th January 2008. For further information contact Julia Fowler on 01273 483832 or e-mail [info@southdownscvs.org.uk](mailto:info@southdownscvs.org.uk).

#### Course One - Social Exclusion

Date: Thursday 7th February 2008, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Location: South Downs CVS, 66 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1XG.

Looking at the many ways that the lives of young people in community settings have changed in recent years, this morning sessions examines the following - 1) Inclusion and Exclusion for young people, opportunities and barriers to inclusion, hard to reach young people. 2) Quality of Life Dimensions such as the creative community, caring community, safe and healthy community and shared wealth.

#### Course Two - Participation, Decision Making and Empowerment

Date: Thursday 7th February 2008, 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Location: South Downs CVS, 66 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1XG.

This will cover the extent to which young people feel they can influence decisions and trust key political and public institutions, both locally and nationally. This afternoon session will focus on 1) Community Development - taking young people's roles and applying to the core values, reflective practice, consultation: reasons and techniques, shared information, outcomes and the ladder of participation. 2) Access, communication and empowerment for young people - encouraging decision making, overcoming barriers, capacity building, promoting equality and individuality, resilience. 3) Introduction to Solution-Focussed techniques to encourage and enable resilience.

## Jobs

### SASBAH: Service Fundraising Manager

Wage: £11.75 per hour for 18 hours a week plus bonus scheme.

This person will be responsible for understanding the service funding schedule for SASBAH and using it with full cost recovery to successfully obtain funds to finance their services, through grant & trust applications, give as you earn, online fundraising etc.

They are looking for somebody with the appropriate skills or experience for this administrative led role.

### SASBAH: Community Fundraising Manager

Wage: £10.50 per hour for 18 hours a week plus bonus scheme.

SASBAH are looking for somebody outgoing, dynamic and fun for this role, with the relevant experience or skills to go out into the community to raise awareness and funds. This is a new role in SASBAH so needs somebody who is a self starter with good contacts.

*These two roles can be applied for individually or together to make a full time position for a suitable candidate.*

*For an application pack, contact the SASBAH office on 01903 507000, e-mail [sasbahoffice@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sasbahoffice@tiscali.co.uk) or contact Rom on 07779038542.*

*SASBAH operates an equal opportunities policy. For further details, check the site out at [www.sasbah.co.uk](http://www.sasbah.co.uk).*

### Cruse Bereavement Care: Treasurer

The three Cruse branches in West Sussex are joining together to form a West Sussex Area, and the Steering Committee urgently needs to recruit a Treasurer. The work with clients will continue at local level, but the aim of the Area will be to take on some of the administration from branches and to implement the Area Development Plan, including raising the profile of Cruse and applying for grants.

The Committee meets once a month, in the evenings and the treasurer would be expected to pay the expenses for the 76 bereavement volunteers working at Cruse. For more information, or to volunteer, call Valerie Poole on 01293 525064.



### Feeding NAVCA

NAVCA are looking for feedback on if and how they've helped individuals and organisations this year, as well as how they could improve their services for the future.

To take part in the survey, go to <http://www.navca.org.uk/news/evaluatingnavca2007.htm>



### Train Service

The Train to Gain scheme run by the Learning and Skills Council, is being extended to include volunteers working in the third sector.

For full details, go to [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/news/news\\_stories/071128\\_Train\\_to\\_Gain.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/071128_Train_to_Gain.aspx)



## 'Shell' out for a merger

The Charity Commission has announced the opening of its Register of Mergers, the provision for which was included in the Charities Act 2006. This register will allow gifts promised to a pre-merged charity to automatically pass to the successor charity, removing the necessity for charities to maintain 'shells' in order to carry on receiving gifts after a merger takes place.

For more info, go to [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) and find the 'promoting effective performance' > 'mergers and collaborative working' section.

## Free Restall

Worthing CVS have ten spare copies of Mark Restall's "Volunteers and the Law" to give away. To get your copy, drop into the WCVS office and collect or send an SAE for £1.84 to Worthing CVS, Colonnade House, Warwick Street, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 3DH.

## A Little Pancake goes a Long Way

Littlehampton Town Council are organising a Pancake Olympic-style fundraising event for the 5th of February 2008. The aim is to provide organisations with an opportunity to raise funds and bring publicity to themselves, while having fun. To put together a team, organisations should put together a group of six people who are willing to sprint, relay, throw and flip pancakes in aid of raising funds. The Council will provide a sponsorship form for the event.



The Pancake race is made up of the following four categories: Sprint – 100m run with a pancake and a midpoint flip of the pancake (only one team member required), Relay – 200m run where the team members have to pass the pancakes without dropping (3-4 team members required), Throw – Aim for the longest pancake throw (only one team member required), Fastest Flips – One pancake and a stopwatch, greater amount of flips in a minute wins (one team member required). All team members are encouraged to participate in at least one category.

Those interested in sponsorship, or participating, should contact Sofia Teixeira at the Littlehampton Town Council on 01903 732063 or email [steixeira@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:steixeira@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk). The closing date for registrations is Friday 18th January 2008.

## A Brief Summary

NCVO have got a new Briefing on Developments on Local Government issues online. The briefing provides an update on three key aspects of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, The Local Government White Paper Implementation Plan: One Year On and An Action Plan for Community Empowerment.

To read it for yourself, go to <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/policy/index.asp?id=7116>

## Training

### Appointed Person First Aid (with Nicola McCrudden)

Date: Thursday 28th February 2008, 9.30 – 4.30pm (light lunch included)  
Location: St James, 11 Blatchington Road, Seaford, BN25 2AB

This emergency first aid course is intended for anyone who needs a workplace qualification, or requires basic first aid knowledge. This course meets the recommendations laid down by the Health & Safety Executive for the "Appointed Person in the Workplace" certificate (the minimum qualification recognised by the HSE in a work environment). There are no formal assessments during the course, however the instructor will carry out an ongoing assessment of all delegates throughout the training. It is a requirement of certification that each delegate can carry out CPR to the satisfaction of the instructor.

Closing date for bookings: Thursday 14th February 2008. For further information contact Julia Fowler on 01273 483832, e-mail [info@southdownscvs.org.uk](mailto:info@southdownscvs.org.uk) or visit the site at [www.southdownscvs.org.uk](http://www.southdownscvs.org.uk).

## Training

### Fuel Poverty Training

Date: Wednesday 16th January 2008, 10am – 12pm  
Location: Southwick Community Centre, Southwick Street, Southwick.

Run by the West Sussex Energy Advice Centre, this training has been paid for by Adur in Partnership and is free to attend. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The training is especially aimed at frontline workers, particularly those who may do home visits, to give energy efficiency advice and to help their clients tackle fuel poverty. Those wishing to attend should contact Gill Frost of Adur District Council on 01273 263067.

## Spotlight: Coalition for Independent Action

### National Coalition for Independent Action

The Coalition for Independent Action is an alliance of organisations and individuals who believe that there has been an erosion of independence taking place in the UK Voluntary and Community Sectors. As such, they have set up the Coalition in order to legitimise, promote and demonstrate the value of independent voluntary and community action, provide solidarity and support to those already taking (or wishing to take) such action, and to join with others to champion grassroots action and to resist co-option by State interests of voluntary and community endeavour.

The Coalition proposes to take collective action on all common interests, carry out practical work to safeguard and encourage independent action, learn from community activists in other parts of the world, and share their experiences, successes, knowledge and connections. They believe in looking downwards rather than upwards and asking the question, "Who give us the right to do what we do?"

For more info, check out the site at <http://www.independentaction.net>, e-mail [indyaction@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:indyaction@yahoo.co.uk) or contact Adrian here at the Adur CVS via e-mail: [adrian@adurcvs.org.uk](mailto:adrian@adurcvs.org.uk), or by calling 01273 441662.

## Training

### Sussex 'On Your Marks' Funded Volunteer Training

Funded through the European Social Fund, this course is aimed at anyone over the age of 18 who wants to become involved in sports volunteering. The programme will benefit attendees by providing them with free training and materials, guidance for entry into volunteering and help with transport and childcare costs. The On Your Marks Project is working with partners across the region who are knowledgeable about the sport and volunteer sector. Appropriate support and advice will be given to help volunteers find work in the sport sector.

The following three courses will be available - Level 2 Health and Safety (1 day course), Level 2 First Aid Sport Injuries (2-3 day course), SCUUK Safeguarding and Protecting Children (Half day workshop). Optional courses will include Basic Foreign Languages, Basic IT, Customer Services and Equity and Diversity in Sport.

For further information, contact Shelley Meyern on 01273 643838 or e-mail [smeyern@bton.ac.uk](mailto:smeyern@bton.ac.uk).

## Publications

### Things that Matter

Community Matters, the National Federation of Community Organisations have created a new youth engagement toolkit entitled 'Engaging Young People in your Community Organisation'. The publication has been constructed in order to provide ideas to support community organisations in meeting the challenges of effective engagement with young people and the opportunity to reflect upon and improve their practices. Tools and resources for each step of the toolkit are provided on a CD so they can be reproduced and used in group activities.

The toolkit is free to members of Community Matters and £9.95 to non-members. For more info or to order a copy, e-mail Roz Ward at [roz.ward@communitymatters.org.uk](mailto:roz.ward@communitymatters.org.uk) or call 020 7837 7887.



## Mini Report: The Pension Service



The Pension Service is a local service running throughout West Sussex. It aims to deliver a home visiting service to offer benefit advice and maximise older people's income, deliver services at information points in local locations to suit customers, signpost customers to partner services, tailor services to the needs of individual customers, identify all of a customer's entitlement at a single meeting and encourage them to apply and work in partnership with other organisations while respecting their independent role as advocates for their customers.

There are information points located in Adur at Adur District Council, Civic Centre, Ham Road, Shoreham (fortnightly on a Monday from 9.30am to 11.30pm) and Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing (Fortnightly on a Friday, 9am to 11am). The Pension Service cover queries regarding claims for pension credit, state pension, attendance allowance, disability living allowance, carer's allowance, housing benefit, council tax benefit and winter fuel payments.

For more info, call 01273 364918, e-mail [Bognor.westsussexsouthlocalservice@thepensionservice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Bognor.westsussexsouthlocalservice@thepensionservice.gsi.gov.uk) or visit the website at [www.thepensionservice.gov.uk](http://www.thepensionservice.gov.uk).

## Appeal

### Dare to Care: Making time to End Child Poverty



'Dare to Care: Make time to help end child poverty' is a campaign led by CSV (Community Service Volunteers) and the Campaign to End Child Poverty. From now until the end of February 2008, they are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to do something special – help a child, young person or family living with the effects of poverty in this country.

They are looking for people to get involved either as an individual or with their community, group, youth centre, school, organisation, or place of worship. Everyone is welcome and people can help out in a variety of ways, either by arranging a Christmas Activity Day where children do arts and crafts, committing to help a child to read or something else.

To find out more, visit [www.daretocare.org.uk](http://www.daretocare.org.uk), freephone 0800 284 533 or e-mail [daretocare@csv.org.uk](mailto:daretocare@csv.org.uk).

## Christmas Quiz

**Q1) Put the following christmassy movies in the order that they were first released.**

- A: It's a Wonderful Life
- B: The Family Man
- C: Miracle on 34th Street (original)
- D: Santa Claus Conquers the Martians

**Q2) In the poem, 'Twas the Night before Christmas', what is the next line after "A wink of his eye and a twist of his head"?**

- A: "The children were nestled all snug in their beds"
- B: "He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,"
- C: "And then with a chuckle, here's what he said"
- D: "Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread."

**Q3) What is the name of the famous Christmas story by Charles Dickens that has been adapted for stage and screen on numerous occasions?**

- A: A Christmas Carol
- B: Scrooge - A Christmas Carol.
- C: Scrooge.
- D: The Christmas Tale.

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**Q4) Name every one of Father Christmas' reindeers, as first described in the poem "Twas the Night before Christmas"**

**Q5) Name three plants traditionally associated with Christmas**

**Q6) Which of the following is NOT a real Christmas song?**

- A: Do they know it's Christmas?
- B: Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
- C: Christmas Alphabet
- D: Happy Christmas Everyone

**Q7) What were Australian Santas from Sydney recently advised against saying?**

- A: Merry Christmas!
- B: Ho ho ho
- C: And what would you like for Christmas, little boy/girl?
- D: Have you been good, this year?

**Answers:**  
 Q1) A-C-D-B.  
 Q2) D.  
 Q3) A.  
 Q4) Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Cupid, Comet, Donner, Blitzen (-1 point for Rudolph!).  
 Q5) Holly, Ivy, Mistletoe and Fir Tree are all acceptable.  
 Q6) D.  
 Q7) B.

**Bonus Question (courtesy of Adrian) -** What happened in the story "Winter Holiday" that we are very unlikely ever to see again?

*Prize for first correct answer read: We are such outstanding value for money that we can offer five year's free membership of Adur CVS! Just think: every time you buy a drink out, you could be joining us! Merry Christmas to all!*

**The Year, in brief...**

It's been an exciting time writing for the Monthly press, over the last year. In the very first month that I started, I was called on to bring attention to the campaign to stop the government using money from the National Lottery to fund the 2012 Olympics. Thankfully, with our combined efforts, the campaign was successful and the government were forced to look to other avenues.

Throughout the year, I've reported on such stories as the news that the voluntary sector are better at getting the government to listen to them than businesses, the increasing use of new technologies like YouTube, 35 years of Seaside Hospital Radio and Capacitybuilders' Destination 2014 project. Also, we celebrated a successful volunteers' week, the voluntary sector proposed a new bank holiday to Gordon Brown, sites were redesigned by the barrel full (the same of which could be said for the government's hubs of experience!), and we hosted the first ever Most Volunteer Friendly Organisation Award at the Adur CVS AGM.

Looking forward to 2008, Adur CVS will receive a new name and a new website, while the Monthly Press will itself undergo a redesign, as well as branching out into the exciting world of podcasting.

Have a fantastic Christmas and I'll see you in February!

**- Euan Mumford (Monthly Press Editor)**

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