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Yorkshire goes Digital

In August 2011 most of Yorkshire will "go digital" when the analogue Yorkshire TV signal is turned off and people receiving their pictures through an aerial will need a digital box.

Many Ryedale Voluntary Action newsletter readers will be fully aware of the change and when it is taking place as there is a sea of pink publicity across the county. Lamp posts have been adorned with banners and every household will receive a booklet explaining the changes.

However some older and disabled people may not be aware of how the switchover will affect them and what they need to do. RVA is helping with an awareness campaign to encourage people to look out for their neighbours and ensure that they are not left without a TV picture when the time comes.

As part of the switchover, the BBC have a help scheme for people who are aged 75+ or who get certain benefits or who are blind or partially sighted. Often these people rely heavily on TV for company and for a window on the world, especially if they are not able to get out very much. The help scheme can ensure that eligible people can have one TV capable of receiving a digital signal for only £40, or in some cases completely free of charge. The scheme provides easy to use equipment and 12 months aftercare including a free help line.

There has been extensive TV coverage about the Help Scheme and eligible people should receive a letter from them in plenty of time for switchover, but this cannot guarantee that everyone who is entitled to help will take the steps they need to ensure they get it.

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Cycle 146 miles in 2 days and raise money for Ryedale Special Families.

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Increasing isolation can be commonplace for people who do not have families, live in remote rural areas or who have become less mobile. The Postman, District Nurse or meter reader may be the only person who visits.

RVA is asking people to think about those they know of in their community who may be isolated or vulnerable but may rely heavily on their TV. The loss of signal in Yorkshire may

come as a surprise but have a significant effect on their quality of life, especially if it is mistakenly attributed to a breakdown of the TV, which might be expensive to repair or replace. People who need the support of the Help Scheme must respond to their letter.

Perhaps you know someone who needs a helping hand at Switchover time. If so, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Sarah Richardson from RVA on sarah@rva-cvs.org.uk or 01653 600120.



HMRC Fit and Proper Persons test

The Finance Act 2010 introduced a new definition for tax purposes of charities and other organisations entitled to UK charity tax reliefs.

The new definition includes a requirement that to be a charity an organisation must satisfy the 'management condition'.

The new definition applies to Gift Aid with effect from 1 April 2010. The new definition will be extended to other charity tax reliefs in due course. **The guidance applies at present only to charities claiming repayments of tax under Gift Aid.** For a charity to satisfy the management condition its managers must be fit and proper persons.

The fit and proper persons test applies to the 'managers' of the charity. The term 'manager' is defined in the legislation as the persons having the general control and management of the charity and, includes trustees and directors.

Why is there a 'fit and proper persons' test?

The 'fit and proper persons' test exists to ensure that charities entitled to charity tax reliefs are not managed or controlled by

individuals who might misuse the valuable tax reliefs the organisation receives. Unfortunately fraudsters have been known to exploit charity tax reliefs so the fit and proper persons test exists to help prevent that.

What does 'fit and proper' mean?

An individual is 'fit and proper' if they ensure that charity funds and tax reliefs are used only for charitable purposes.

HM Revenue and Customs has produced a help sheet to help charities with this new legislation and also a 'model declaration for fit and proper persons' which can be used as a template document for charity trustees and directors to complete.

In signing a declaration you are confirming that you will ensure that funds are used for charitable purposes and also disclosing certain information about your past that may impact on whether or not you are indeed 'fit and proper'.

For more information and to download the help sheet and model document go to

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/guidance-notes/chapter2/fp-persons-test.htm>

Training



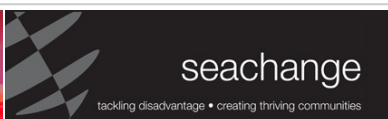
Free E-Learning

Acas' free e-learning online courses provide useful training and guidance for anyone wanting to refresh their knowledge in employment issues. Through a series of 10 online courses, you will be asked a number of questions, take quizzes and test your knowledge on employment topics.

There are currently 10 online e-learning courses being

offered, these are: Informing and consulting, Discipline and grievance, Managing absence, Contracts and written statements, Handling redundancy, Working parents, Bullying and harassment, Sexual orientation, Religion or belief, Age discrimination.

To start one of the courses you just need to register on the e-learning system. Go to <http://www.acas.org.uk/elearning/index.asp>



Personalisation Training

In partnership with Seachange, RVA is planning to deliver some training on personalisation and the impact on your organisation.

The provisional date for this training is 25 July 2011, venue to be confirmed.

If you are interested, please contact Andrea Hobbs on 01653 600120 or email andrea@rva-cvs.org.uk

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Persuading the bank to invest in your business or social enterprise

There comes a time in a business' life when investment and growth plans mean that additional funding is needed. When such funding is required, how can a business ensure that it presents a convincing case to the bank and secures the right finance? Barclays offers the following tips for businesses when meeting with their bank manager.

You will need a good idea of the aims and objectives for your business, as well as how you intend to cope with any eventualities, all clarified in a business plan. This gives the bank manager the confidence that you understand your market and have thought about the development of your business.

Show that you have the ability to produce up to date and accurate financial information to reassure the bank about your control over the business. It is important that you

present as much historical information on your business's financial performance as you can. Records going back three years or more will give a bank much more information to work with to prove your business or social enterprise is sustainable and creditworthy.

Explain in detail your reason for seeking bank funding.

Be clear about the source of repayment.

Look at what you are willing to stake in your business.

Finally, Eddie Land, Barclays Business Manager York and Ryedale says: "We endeavour to be open and honest in our dealings with our customers and are always keen to explain how we assess business proposals. Bank managers look first and foremost at the character, ability and experience of the business owner and the cash generating capacity of the business itself. In this respect, it is essential to stress the importance of proper planning and forecasting before any meeting with the bank manager."

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www.barclays.co.uk/business

Partnerships

Voluntary Sector Works with GPs



RVA's Chief Officer, Andrea Hobbs, attends the Ryedale GP Practice Based Commissioning Group Board on behalf of the voluntary sector in Ryedale. The Board is currently debating the future look of GP commissioning for Ryedale.

RVA's role at these meetings is to inform the Board about the voluntary sector and raise opportunities and concerns in relation to the changes taking place.

In recognition of how seriously the Board is taking the role of the voluntary sector, they have awarded a small grant to support the input from RVA and all our local groups into the process and dialogue.

This means that RVA can continue to build on the work of the Ryedale, Scarborough & Whitby Health & Social Care Forum. The Forum has met three times and at the last meeting in March, it was proposed that Ryedale would form its own cluster group to make sure that our very local voluntary sector groups and charities were fully engaged with the strategic changes and had ample opportunity to come together to ensure joined up thinking.

In parallel to this, the GP practices at Kirkbymoorside and Pickering put themselves forward to take part in a pilot with the Scarborough & North East Yorkshire Hospital Trust. The GP practices invited RVA to a meeting to discuss how the voluntary sector might be involved in this pilot back in December 2010, which culminated in a meeting of 16 different voluntary sector organisations in February 2011.

Kirkbymoorside GP surgery directed a funding donation to RVA in order to help support the pilot, and a May workshop meeting was held at Kirkbymoorside Golf Club. This meeting identified 6 key organisations who will work specifically within the pilot, while the larger group will now form the basis of the Ryedale Commissioning Cluster and will feed directly to all Ryedale GP practices and the community service team in the future.

In this way RVA hopes to ensure that voluntary sector services are top of the preventative health and social care list when it comes to GP's commissioning services for those who are most vulnerable in our communities, and makes sure at these early stages that good communication, mutual trust and well established relationships underpin future partnership working.



For more information regarding this, please contact Andrea Hobbs, Chief Officer, RVA on:

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Local Focus



Fundraising Cycle Challenge for Ryedale

Ryedale Special Families have announced details of a major fundraising event which is due to take place this summer.

The "Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge" will be a 150 mile cycle ride over 2 days, utilising the soon to be launched Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route.

The event is planned for Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July and will start and finish at Norton College, near Malton, with a mid-way overnight camp in Hutton Cranswick, where refreshments and showers will be provided. It will be the first event of its kind to use the new route which is currently in its final stages of completion. The route – developed by Visit Hull and East Yorkshire - utilises existing as well as new sections of the National Cycle Network, and will be fully signed with blue Yorkshire Wolds signs in time for its launch in the spring.

It is hoped that 200 riders will enter the inaugural challenge and help achieve a target of £10,000 for Ryedale Special Families. A proportion of the entry fee will be donated directly to the charity which is

also hoping to persuade participants to raise individual sponsorship.

Newly appointed Funding Coordinator to the charity, Rob Davies said: "We were looking for a challenging fundraising event which would appeal to as wide an audience as possible and heard about the new route, which is perfect. We're hoping to make it attractive to experienced cyclists as well as adventurous families, couples and individuals, and persuade businesses and local groups to submit team entries. We're determined to make it a special event in the hope that it can become a permanent fixture in Ryedale's calendar of activities."

The challenge is being organised by Scoot Cycling Holidays who are based in York and anyone wishing to participate, or looking for further information, should contact:

www.yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk or telephone Rob Davies of Ryedale Special Families on 01653 691900

Ryedale Special Families is an independent charity which provides care and support to families of children and young people who have disabilities or special needs in Ryedale, North Yorkshire. They currently have 370 families on their register and urgently require additional funding in order to help maintain their invaluable services.

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been working towards Equality & Diversity standards.

Stonham want to achieve excellence in all aspects of Equality & Diversity and to do so they are making Equality & Diversity issues at the heart of everything they do and ensuring that Equality & Diversity runs as a thread through their everyday work.



Equality & Diversity Silver Award

Starting in 2010 and covering the three years up to the Olympics (in 2012) Stonham have

They work in partnership with numerous specialist agencies who are experts in different aspects of all the Diversity strands such as: Gender, Race, Religion, Disability, Age or Sexuality and more.

Through lots of hard work and evidence gathering they were successful in achieving the Bronze E&D Award in October 2010 (they were one of the first areas in the country to achieve this.).

And in March of this year, they were successful in achieving the **Silver award** making them the very first area in the country to do so!

Stonham are on track to achieve the coveted Gold award by the Olympics next year, and they are already working towards this.

For more information go to:

www.stonhamhomestay.org.uk/northyorkshire

Funding

Funding Landscapes – 18th November 2011

The first ever York and North Yorkshire Funding Conference promises to be a truly inspiring event, offering an unparalleled opportunity for voluntary and community organisations from across York and North Yorkshire to improve their fundraising knowledge and effectiveness, and to get up-to-the-minute information about strategic policy initiatives that will affect them. Confirmed speakers to date include:

- Peter Wanless, Chief Executive of the Big Lottery Fund
- Peter Cleasby, Chair of the Plunkett Foundation
- Jonathan Farnhill, author of The Porcupine Principle (and other fundraising secrets)
- Kevin Curley, Chief Executive of the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action

The conference is being organised by the York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network and will be held at York Racecourse.

The event comprises a morning plenary session followed by a chance to meet funders and a choice of workshops led by funders and fundraising specialists.

Keep the date in your diary as more details will be given via NYFVOnet and the funding advice website: www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk.

NYCC Adult and Community Services - Innovation Fund

North Yorkshire County Council Adult and Community Services is making £1,578,000 worth of funding available to the voluntary sector and partners over a three year period through its Innovation Fund to create modern support approaches for people in a number of key areas.

Information about the programme is available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/voluntarysector>

Applications need to be made online through the SCMS system. The link is: <https://scms.alito.co.uk/> There is a need to register on the site and complete a profile in order to apply. Basic guidance on using SCMS will be added to the NYCC web page soon so keep checking back. If you are unable to apply through SCMS you should contact ACS for alternative means of applying. Queries about the programme should be made by email to socialservices.contractingunit@northyorks.gov.uk or you can get advice and guidance on making an application from RVA's Funding Advisor, Sarah Lally-Marley.

The closing date for applications is 14th June 2011.

To contact the Funding Advisor:

Sarah Lally-Marley

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Email: sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk

www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk



VCS Services

This newsletter is sponsored by The Academy Hair and Beauty.

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The Alzheimer's Society is the leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers.

There are 750,000 people with dementia in the UK with numbers set to rise to one million by 2021.

The Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale Alzheimer's Society provides the following valuable support and services:

Befriending Service

A one to one befriending service for carers of people with dementia, following a reference by a Dementia Support Worker

Dementia Support Service

Provision of emotional support, sign-posting and information through home visits and one to one support over the telephone.

Information service

Provision of information for anyone concerned about dementia by telephone and by provision of leaflets, information packs and other publications.

Monthly Luncheon Club Malton

This service is open to carers, people with

dementia and their families in the Ryedale area. Held at Th13teen Cafe Bar 33 Yorkersgate Malton YO17 7AA

Monthly Luncheon Club Pickering

Luncheon Club for people with dementia and carers held at The Teashop 26 Hungate Pickering

Younger Person with Dementia

To support younger people with dementia to maintain their social skills, hobbies and interests

Dementia Awareness Week **Remember the person in 2011**

Remember the person is the theme of this year's Dementia Awareness Week, which takes place from 3-9 July. For details of events in Ryedale please contact the Scarborough or Pickering Office.

To contact the Scarborough Office

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The Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, PICKERING
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VCS Services



RVA Trustee Profile Claire Hall

Claire has lived and worked in Ryedale for over 17 years and has considerable knowledge of the voluntary sector in the district and across Scarborough, Whitby and York.

She is currently Manager of Ryedale Carers Support, before that she worked for RyDAG (Ryedale Disability Action Group), organised play schemes for children with disabilities and ran an educational activity centre in Bradford for adults on probation.

Claire is a volunteer as well and is currently Chairman of the NSPCC Norton & Villages Committee that organises the Christmas Fair at Castle Howard. Last year they raised £32,000 for the NSPCC.

Claire has three grown up children, 2 working in London and the third starts University in September 2011. This has given her more time to enjoy walking, travelling and her new hobby – fly fishing.

As a Trustee of RVA, Claire's in depth understanding of the voluntary sector will enable her to apply this knowledge to support the members of RVA and the wider community of Ryedale.



Useful Websites

www.ryedaleva.org.uk an online resource providing voluntary and community support.

www.maltonnorton.co.uk the new website for Malton and Norton, providing information on the community, for businesses and visitors to the 2 towns.

www.fit4funding.org.uk Quality training and support on fundraising for Third Sector organisations.

<http://acas.ecgroup.net/Publications/Advisorybooklets.aspx> download resources from ACAS to support your organisation with employing people.

www.runningsports.org Sport England's website which supports clubs and volunteers

www.nyfvo.org.uk registered charity formed and run by voluntary and community organisations in York and North Yorkshire to promote, develop and support new and existing forms of voluntary and community action; and to ensure that their views and interests are well represented.