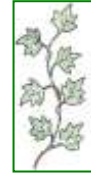




VINE COUNSELLING SERVICES
(Charity: 1117796)



MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER – December 2009

Welcome to our December Newsletter

A Very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

Thanks go to ...

... The Trustees for organising a successful Quiz Night and Fish & Chip, which raised £316, and to Murphy's Fish Bar from providing such lovely fish and chips.

... The following who have all given donations to Vine Counselling Services; St Andrew's Congresbury PCC, Winscombe and Sandford churches, Sandford Harvest Supper, Banwell PCC, St Mary's Langford PCC and the Telling Trust

Dates for your diaries ...

We have several fundraising events coming up, so get out your new diaries and put these dates in!

Miscellany in Concert
Saturday 6th February at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
Tickets £10 to include refreshments

This Clevedon-based vocal ensemble began singing under the name of Miscellany in 1984 when a group of six or seven friends gave their first informal concert. Membership has been very gradually increased to the present total of eleven. Several members of the group are accomplished vocal or instrumental soloists, lending variety to the choir's concert programmes.

As illustrated by their two CDs, Miscellany, led by Andrea Argent, performs music in a wide range of styles spanning eight centuries. Over the years, they have won many classes at various festivals, notably the Bristol Eisteddfod, and were particularly pleased to be highly commended finalists in the HTV televised Sing Out Competition held in 1996 and 2000.

Mendip Vale Churches Together are organising a
Barn Dance for Saturday 27th February,
in Churchill Community School.

More details in the new year
All profits will go to Vine Counselling

Concert
Rachel Walker & Abigail Burkinshaw
Saturday 20th March at 7.30pm
in St Andrew's Church, Congresbury

On March 20th 2010, St Andrew's Church will be filled with the sound of soprano voices, courtesy of professional singers Rachel Walker and Abigail Burkinshaw. Described by the BBC as "exceptionally talented", the duo will be joined by Alison Blundell on piano and Steve Samuel on guitar for this concert.

The concert is in aid of Vine Counselling, and will include a varied repertoire, ranging from opera through to musical theatre and pop songs.

**OLD TIME MUSIC HALL
And Supper
Saturday 24th April , 7.30pm at Churchill Community School**

Please support these events. More details about ticket prices will be available in the New Year.

Talking about Vine Counselling Services

Matthew Thomson, Chair of Trustees, and Jo Lawrance (once she is back from Maternity leave) are more than happy to come and speak to your group about the work of Vine Counselling.

If you would like us to come and speak to your congregation, medical practice, club, society or Church Council please let us know and we'll be happy to arrange it - 01934 876377 or e-mail

vine.counselling@hotmail.co.uk

What progress is Vine Counselling Services making?

Vine Counselling Services has provided over 300 hours of counselling in 2009, with appointments available all day on Tuesdays and also on Friday mornings. Thank you to all of our five Counsellors who continue to provide their time, energy and expertise to Vine – they are all still working to capacity. Our two trainee counsellors will be starting in the new year, and we continue to get enquiries from other students.

If you are interested in working with Vine Counselling or join the Board of Trustees, please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary West.

Volunteer Receptionists

Three new receptionists have joined our team of volunteers. So now there are more people who can be called upon to provide a welcoming presence to our clients and support to our counsellors. If you would like to be involved, please send a letter of application to 'The Director' at the address below. If you are interested in becoming part of our team, either as a Counsellor or Receptionist, and are happy to sign up to our ethos, we would love to hear from you. 01934 876377 or vine.counselling@hotmail.co.uk

How do people book a counselling appointment?

Vine Counselling Services' main base is at The Refectory in Congresbury. We are also in regular contact with other venue providers to potentially secure further bases in the future. Anyone wishing to arrange an appointment (who either lives in any of the villages, or is a patient of one of the medical practices covered by the charity) should leave a message on 01934 876377 (messages are picked up each working day). Someone from Vine Counselling Services will then make contact with them and book an appointment if appropriate. If we are unable to help for any reason, it is our policy to try and signpost the client to other services which might be more relevant for them at that time.

Next Trustees meeting

The next Trustees meeting is on Monday February 7th 2010 at The Refectory, Congresbury – if there is anything you would like to be discussed at the meeting please let Rosemary know on 01934-876377 or email us at

vine.counselling@hotmail.co.uk

Data Protection

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