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General News

A group of enthusiastic Islanders are organizing a Ryde International Film Festival in September 2010

See their website at www.isleofwightinternationalfilmfestival.com/

In preparation for this fantastic event they are working with local students and budding film makers to make a series of documentaries about the work of local voluntary and community groups to be entered into the 'Community Award' category at the Film Festival.

So that everyone can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, there is no financial cost to any of the groups who wish to be part of this. All we ask is that all those associated with the documentary give a short presentation at the Festival about what their group is and how they made the film. If you're interested in benefiting from having a promotional film made about your organization contact Nigel Montague at nigel@iowiff.co.uk or info@iowiff.co.uk 07772-409-915

Ponds seek more fans...

Isle of Wight Pond Wardens have been in operation for nearly 10 years and care for around 70 ponds. The scheme was initially set up by Ray Harrington-Vail and Carol Flux, with help from the national conservation charity BTCV and funding from Southern Water. The group is independent but receives support from the Footprint Trust.

Pond Wardens have a passion for wildlife and heritage and give up some of their spare time to care for ponds. All members have been trained in the care of management of wildlife ponds, through free training courses put on by the Footprint Trust.

Thanks to funding obtained by the Hampshire & IW Wildlife Trust more Pond Wardens are to be trained. The group has a shortage of members from the West Wight area, but is interested to recruit people from all over the Island.

The training day will be on Saturday 2 October in the Freshwater area. For more details please contact Ray at the Footprint Trust on (01983) 82-22-82. or email ponds@footprint-trust.co.uk

What is Online basics?

Online basics is a free, easy to use course that will help you get started using computers and the internet. Online basics includes five short modules. They show you how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to email, and how to search for information and stay safe online. With Online basics you can learn and practise your new skills and start enjoying all the fantastic things the internet has to offer. You should register now, or find a local centre where staff can help you get started.

<http://www.onlinebasics.co.uk/>

WightMind Awards 2010 - This is your chance to shine!

WightMind are pleased to announce the WightMind Awards 2010 sponsored by South Wight Housing Association. The WightMind Awards 2010 are an opportunity to highlight excellence and innovation, share good practice and celebrate outstanding achievements relating to mental health on the Isle of Wight.

Applications are invited for projects or service developments undertaken locally in eight categories. Nominations can be submitted for any one of the award categories. Self-nominations or submissions on behalf of others are welcome. Short listed applications will be judged by a panel comprising WightMind Trustees and local people with experience of mental health problems/distress.

The overall winners will be announced at the forthcoming WightMind event on Tuesday 23rd. March 2010 at The Riverside Centre, Newport (09:30am to 13:00pm). All short listed nominees will

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be invited to attend this event, or to send an appropriate delegate.

The nomination judged to be the best in the categories will receive a trophy and certificate

All short listed nominees in all categories will receive an award of recognition.

All applicants are asked to complete the nomination form:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=812

The closing date for nominations/applications is Tuesday 16th. March 2010.

Any queries regarding the awards/nominations process should be addressed to Paddy Noctor at 01983 822209 ex 213 or 07825612275.

www.islandeye.co.uk - What is Island Eye?

Island Eye is an exciting internet portal for visitors and locals alike to gather information on the Isle of Wight. There are three main categories one can easily navigate and explore.

- Island History – from the Romans to shipwrecks on to steam and flight and so much more.
- Events – such as concerts, theatre shows, talks and charity fundraising events.
- Tourism & Social – businesses, tourist attractions, societies and charities can be placed on the system in order that the public can easily find where and what they do.

Each of the above has their own information “bubble”, bringing awareness to the organisation and making it far easier to locate when needed. In addition to the general Points of Interest or ‘POI’s’ on the system, we also offer a number of banner adverts for those businesses wishing to create an even higher profile than that of the bubble.

For charities and society bubbles– there is No charge

If you are an Island based charity or society we can offer you a free bubble complete with a brief description of your organisation, all your contact details, up to four photos and one short video advertising your organisation and a link to your website. In making this offer we set out to encourage local charities and societies to raise their awareness, in doing so we also hope to raise the overall profile of our beautiful home the Isle of Wight.

Events – Free entries for all

On Island Eye we offer a free event listing, mapping the location of the event, a brief description of the event, up to four photos plus all the necessary contact details, such as phone number, email and a link to any further information available. This makes advertising your events so much more effective and very easy to do. This is perfect for charities and societies wishing to advertise fundraising events and maximising the public awareness.

Wanted – History Buffs!

In addition to what we can offer you perhaps you might be able to help us. Do you have knowledge on some aspect of history related to the Isle of Wight? We are looking for enthusiastic people who would love to write up a local piece of history that we can associate with a common point of interest on Island Eye. All you need to do is drop us a line and we will give you a call and before you know it you can become an Island Eye moderator.

Our contact details:

www.islandeye.co.uk/request/ads/ or email us on info@islandeye.co.uk or call 01983 671872

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Funding

Funding for Summer Playschemes (UK)

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that application forms for its Summer Playscheme Grants Programme, to help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from refugee and ethnic minority families, will be available from February 2010.

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/play.htm>

The Hedley Foundation (UK)

The Hedley Foundation invites registered charities in the UK to apply for up to £5,000 support mainly young people with their education, creation, support, training, health and welfare. The Foundation also support disabled people and the terminally ill with provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Last year the Foundation received 1,467 applications, of which less than two-thirds were within their funding criteria. The made 348 grants (averaging £3,000). The Trustees meet six times a year. The closing date for a meeting is three weeks beforehand. For more information on the Foundation including application deadline please click on the link below.

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

The Youth Music Open Programme is available for organisations wishing to apply for grants of £5,000 to £30,000.

Our Open Programme targets nearly £2m of Youth Music's funding towards projects that support our goals of:

- Early Years – advancing the learning and development of all children in their early years (0-5) by aiming to ensure universal access to high quality music making in England
- Challenging Circumstances* – improving the life chances of children and young people in the most challenging circumstances by supporting them to achieve their full potential through engagement and progression in music making
- Encouraging Talent and Potential – realising the musical talent and potential of children and young people by ensuring opportunity for all to develop their talent regardless of background or chosen genre

http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding/Open_programme.html

Training and Events

Vetting and Barring Briefings for Volunteer Involving Organisations

If your organisation works with children, young people or vulnerable adults are you aware of the implications of the new Vetting and Barring system and the Independent Safeguarding Authority. Some successful briefings were held in the autumn but if you missed out we are running some more, updated in line with recent changes to the new system. There will be two sessions, the first on the evening of Thursday 11th March from 18.00 to 19.30 at the RCC offices and the second on Tuesday 16th March from 10.15 till 11.45 at Quay Arts. If you would like to attend either event please contact Helen on 01983 539377 or e-mail volunteer@iwrcc.org.uk. Please note these briefings are for individuals from groups who use volunteers only and there is a maximum of 2 places for any one group.

Newbridge Village Archive Memories to Share, Mysteries to Solve

A display at Newbridge Community Centre

Opening day: Saturday 27th Feb 10am-4pm - All of March: Tues – Thurs 10am-1pm

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Open evening: Fri 26th March 7.30-10.30

Information poster here:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=816

West Wight Conservation Group Beachwatch Survey's

Saturday 13th March 10am-Noon, Freshwater Bay

Sunday 14th March 10am-12.30 approx Totland Bay

Sunday 14th March 13.30-15.30 approx Colwell Bay.

Contact Peter (West Wight Conservation Group) phone 755169 pm or email

peter.gibson13@btopenworld.com

London 2012 Open Weekend 23rd -25th July 2010

The London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games are once again encouraging communities and organisations to take part in an Open Weekend in July of this year to mark two years to the opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games. The Isle of Wight this year is taking part by offering free activities across the weekend for all age groups across the Isle of Wight.

The Isle of Wight Council is the local organiser of this event and is looking for any organisation that might want to take part in or be associated with the Open Weekend. The Council would like to contact any local groups or organisations that might want to provide activities /training/events etc for free over the weekend. The Council is also encouraging organisations to look at what they are already delivering that might meet the Cultural Olympiad themes, and deliver these for the weekend.

Promotion and advertising for your activity will be provided by the Council. This will centre around a brochure for residents, detailing the activities running during the Open Weekend, and will explain what the Isle of Wight is aiming to achieve as a legacy to London 2012. This will be a great free opportunity for groups to promote their activities.

For more information about the Open Weekend and how you can get involved, please contact Vicki Wallis-Flux Senior Sports Officer Isle of Wight Council Sports Unit, Tel; 01983 823817 email:

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