



Adlington & District Carnival

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August
The Jubilee Playing Fields



The Carnival commences on the Saturday with a parade featuring floats and several bands starting at Park Road assembling from 10.30 am. Commencing at 12.30 pm the parade route is two miles and lasts approximately 1½ hour. This year's parade will also feature Titan, an 8ft cyber-robot.

The fairground at the carnival field starts at 1.00 pm and the field events at 2.15 pm. The arena will be used for the bands, the presentation of the dignitaries and the crowning of the Royalty. This year's celebrity is Coronation Street star Richard Fleeshman also winner of Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes.



This year's main attraction is the Festival Circus, which is running shows on the Saturday and Sunday with workshops in between for children (ages 5 to 9 years). There will also be concessions of all types offering their wares. Field events finish approximately 5.30 pm.

Saturday evening consists of an All Star Caberet at the Community Centre and a rock concert in the big top. The rock concert is a new adventure providing entertainment for the younger people.

Sunday commences with a 5-a-side football match starting at 10.00 am and children's races at 1.30 pm. The main arena events in the afternoon are the Dog Show, The Crazy Bears and a new attraction Whippet racing. The Dog Show, which was extremely well attended at the last carnival, will be held in the main arena where as the racing will be held at the other end of the field.



We require 15 volunteers to help steward and ensure the event is a success. You are required to arrive at the Community Centre at 10.30 where you will be briefed and given high visibility jackets and Carnival Volunteer badge together with packed lunch. Travel expenses will be paid upto the value of £3.00. Adlington railway station is situated between the community centre and the carnival fireld.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please return your register of interest form or register on-line.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter and would like to find out more, please return the register of interest or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW?
At www.mev.org.uk you can register for the service and for events, chat to each other in the forums, upload you event photos, download documents, check out the latest news, search for jobs/ advice and provide feedback.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

Who are we?

We are local people who care about the health of our communities. We want to make sure our National Health Service is working for everyone. We are the Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

What do we do?

We listen to views about health and health services in your community. We make sure that we get views from as many different people as possible – young and old, men and women, able-bodied and disabled, straight and gay – from all our communities. We make sure the health service hears your views – by acting as a link between the community and local NHS and working together to improve health services.

Why should you get involved?

What you have to say is important. Your experience as a patient, as a parent, as a carer or as a member of your community – and the ideas you have – can help make a difference. You can help make sure that the health needs of your community are being met.

What can you do?

Think about getting involved as a volunteer who can help improve health in your community ... and join as a Forum member.

Members are asked to commit 2-3 hours per week to forum work and this can involve many different things, for example attending meetings, visiting hospitals, talking to patients, carers and the public, seeking opinions from community groups etc. The times are flexible and all expenses are paid.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please register in the usual way.

Christie Hospital Bag Pack Event

NHS Trust

19th August 2006 10.30 am - 3.00 pm
Asda, Trafford Park (near Trafford Centre)

15 volunteers are required to raise much needed funds for the Complementary Therapy Service at Christie Hospital. Our aim is to reduce the suffering of cancer patients and their carers. We offer massage, aromatherapy, acupuncture, reflexology, touch therapy, and creative visualisation. Your support would be much appreciated. Refreshments and travel expenses will be provided.



St Ann's Hospice

St Ann's Hospice Midnight Walk

13th August 2006 11.30pm till 2am

St Ann's Hospice aims to improve the quality of life of people living with life-threatening illnesses in Greater Manchester, whilst supporting their families and carers. Patients are involved with their personal plan of care, which is tailored to meet their needs.

We are looking for marshals to help guide our walkers and man our checkpoints. The walk will start and end at the Marriott Hotel at Worsley. Refreshments will be provided. **However, unfortunately we are not in a position to pay travel expenses.**

There are also places available should you wish to take Part in the event itself fancy dress is optional We would like you to be available from 11.30pm till 2am.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please register your interest in the usual way.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO see a particular item or section in the newsletter or on the website?

Log on to WWW.MEV.ORG.UK and let us know what you would like featured.

Henshaws Society for Blind People is a leading edge charity for blind people of all ages across the North of England. We provide care and support for visually impaired people where it is needed most.

Donations towards our work play a vital part in helping us maintain and develop our services. We can see the difference every donation makes to the visually impaired people we support, who just want to live ordinary, independent lives



We have a number of events coming up and would welcome your support.

Whether you are fab at face painting, love collecting or just looking for an excuse for a day out – we've got something for everyone.

For more information please view all our opportunities online by logging onto www.hsbp.co.uk.

August Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th – Collection at Asda, Blackburn

September Saturday 2nd – Family Fun Day, Radbroke Hall; Friday 8th & Saturday 9th – Collection at Aldi, Seymour Grove; Saturday 30th – Street Collection, Warrington

October Friday 13th & Saturday 14th – Collection at Aldi, Swinton

November Saturday 4th – Blackburn Rotoract Annual Bonfire (need vols before too); Thursday 9th Street Collection at Manchester Christmas Lights Switch On; Friday 10th & Saturday 11th – Collection at Aldi, Middleton

December Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd – Collection at Aldi Horwich



HANDS ON! YOUTH PROJECT

Hands On! is a youth-led project aimed at 12 – 21 year olds. Through volunteering their time in a number of ways, from organising under-18s club nights to environmental work, they make a difference to their community, enhance their CVs and social life.

Within Hands On!, the Community Garden project has been running for one year. This project is specifically aimed at young people (predominantly young men) who are considered to be at-risk. They have been referred by their schools, Connexions and the police authority as individuals who are underachieving, have a record of non-attendance and have difficulties with basic literacy and numeracy. Several of these volunteers have also been through the juvenile criminal justice system.

The objective of this project is to engage the young volunteers in a structured activity, where they can develop such skills as teamwork, communication, listening, tolerance and motivation. The young volunteers develop a sense of pride in this project and can see the results of their work flourish over the year.

We require one volunteer, experienced in youth work and confident working with challenging young people. You will work alongside the paid workers, supporting several young people to plan and develop their own gardening / conservation project. This is an extremely hands-on role so be prepared to muck in!

Date: Weekly during term-time (probably Mondays)
Duration: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Venue: Glossop
Refreshments: Tea, coffee and lunch provided

DID YOU KNOW?

With MEV, volunteering is about personal choice and you can get involved with events which interest you most. You can also take part in a range of training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!



Tree of Life Centre Wythenshawe

Would you like to work within a lively and vibrant community charity, the Tree of Life Centre, which is based in the Woodhouse Park area of Wythenshawe? The Tree of Life Centre is a centre for

health and well being offering support to the local community. As part of this, we operate a community shop, in which we sell low cost furniture, white goods and household items. We are also in the process of opening an exciting new café, which will serve our local community. We are to be opening the community shop all day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We are looking to recruit additional preferably local Wythenshawe people to volunteer to assist us in the following areas:

Community Shop – Shop assistants

Working in various areas of the shop, i.e. furniture, clothing, household goods, toys, books and videos. Assistance is required in the Shop areas Monday and Thursdays afternoons.

Café – catering assistants

To assist the cook in preparation, serving and clearing / cleaning of kitchen area. Catering experience and current food hygiene certificate preferable, however training will be given to gain the qualification. Assistance is required in the kitchen area Wednesday and Thursdays.

Waitresses

Taking and serving of customer orders, ensure tables are correctly set and are cleared away and kept tidy, take payment for food ordered. Assistance is required in the cafe area Wednesday and Thursdays.

Reasonable expenses will be paid

If you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities please return your register of interest form or register on-line.

DID YOU KNOW? Sometimes event organisers are massively oversubscribed for events, but we ask them to send you a letter if you are NOT required. We believe this is a matter of courtesy and to ensure that you know your interest in that particular event is appreciated. If you do not receive confirmation or letters which informs you that your services are not required, please let us know as we can improve this procedure.

Bon Jovi and Take that Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped at our concerts.

As always they were absolutely fantastic. The role that they undertook was vital in the successful operation of the concerts and the feedback received from visitors to the stadium was excellent.

They all played a big part in the events being a great success for the stadium and Manchester.

Many thanks once again.

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