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RNLi Reindeer Run **Knowsley Safari Park** **Sunday 29 November 2009** **Join in the festive fun at the RNLi Reindeer Run!**

The RNLi Reindeer Run at Knowsley Safari Park in Merseyside promises to be a feast of festive fun for all the family. There's a 10km (age 16+) and 5km (age 10+) race through the beautiful parkland of Knowsley Hall & Safari Park, and a 2km Santa Saunter walk that's open to all ages. All funds raised will go to the RNLi Hoylake Appeal, which aims to raise £2 million for a new lifeboat station and lifeboat for the volunteer lifeboat crew at Hoylake.

We are looking for volunteers to fulfil a number of roles – particularly course marshals and car parking marshals as we expect around 800 participants. Other roles include finish line helpers, hot drinks helpers, cloakroom helper and wearing our Rooky the Reindeer mascot suit!

Please note that all of these jobs will be situated outside. You will be issued with an RNLi yellow waterproof jacket (and optional reindeer antlers!), but please remember to dress in appropriate warm clothing – it may be cold and wet!

To stage the event we rely upon the support of more than fifty volunteers drawn from both regional staff and local supporters, so if you would like to be involved in this year's RNLi Reindeer Run event please register your interest by calling 0161 234 1532 or log into your account at www.mev.org.uk and state your preferred role.

More detailed joining instructions will be supplied to individuals nearer to the date of the event and all volunteers will be briefed clearly on the morning of the race. As the event is taking place near Liverpool on a Sunday morning, you will need to be able to travel by car to reach the venue; at this stage we are unable to put on any organised transport.

I would also be very grateful if you could publicise the event amongst your friends, family and colleagues. All event details can be found at www.rnli.org.uk/reindeer.

Barlow Moor Community Centre and IT Centre Re-launch **Thursday 29th October 10.30-3.30pm**

The South Regeneration Team has been working in partnership with Barlow Moor Community Association, Manchester Libraries, Manchester Adult Education Service and Inspired Sisters to develop the Barlow Moor IT Centre to enable it to open 5 days a week to local residents.

Also the Community centre has been refurbished and to celebrate we are organising a joint launch event - both centres will be officially re-opened by the Lord Mayor. We are looking for around 6 volunteers to help out on the day - setting up and then either manning a stall such as apple bobbing or making hanging baskets with residents or signposting people into the Big Brother booth which will be there as a consultation tool.

Hotpot and refreshments will be available for volunteers and expenses provided.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter please call 0161 234 1532, log on to www.mev.org.uk or e-mail info@mev.org.uk for more info

Chorlton Book Festival – Volunteers Required

9th – 21st November

With the fifth Chorlton Book Festival just around the corner, organisers are asking for volunteers to help with the preparations and with the event itself.

Community groups and individuals are being invited to become involved with this exciting Chorlton event, which will take place and is a big part of the life of the community.

The Chorlton Book Festival was created in 2005 by Councillor Val Stevens to promote local authors, reading, creative writing and Chorlton as a lively and creative place to live.

The event has grown every year since its conception and there are already a number of local authors keen to be involved this year including Robert Graham, Elaine Bousfield and Ruth Estevez.

There are volunteer opportunities in marketing, event planning and management, and event staffing.

The Chorlton Book Festival events are as follows:

- 9th 2.00pm** Ruth Estevez A scriptwriter on BBC's "Bob the Builder," first novel, "Meeting Coty"
- 11th 7.30pm** Literary Quiz night (with a Chorlton twist)
- 12th 8.00pm** Robert Graham reads from his latest book 'The Only Living Boy'
- 13th 2.00pm** Chris Makepiece, respected local historian presents a special Book Festival talk
- 14th 1.30pm** 'Treasure Island' - Family event.
- 16th 7.30pm** Chorlton-based author Chris Hall will be talking about his new book 'Not Just Orwell'
- 17th 7.30pm** Manchester based crime writer Bill Rogers reads from his latest Manchester-set novel 'The Cleansing'.
- 19th 4.30pm** Elaine Bousfield reads from her first novel, The Jewel Keepers, a tale of power, religion, war, belief and friendship.
- 19th 7.45pm** Chorlton Telling Tales
- 19th 8.30pm** Chorlton Film Institute present 'Elegy', the 2008 drama based on a Philip Roth novel
- 20th 7.30pm** Manky Poets with guest poet, Melanie Rees
- 21st 1.00pm** Teen poetry slam – with compere Mike Garry

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have recently changed address, e-mail or phone number please let us know and we can update your details on our central database.

This will ensure that you can be contacted easily when you register for an activity or event.

The Quality Living Scheme

The Quality Living Scheme is a Manchester based volunteer project, which aims to improve the standard of life for residents of the Manchester Methodist Housing Association projects Manchester. We are based in Hulme and presently work with 6 housing projects; and have 18 volunteers.

Each project caters for residents with different support needs such as young single mothers, people with alcohol problems and people with mental health or mobility needs. As each project is so different volunteers will be able to support residents in a variety of ways from offering one to one befriending to organising group activities.

If you are interested in being involved register in the usual way and an application pack will be sent to you. A CRB check will be necessary for this opportunity. However, Criminal convictions do not exclude you from being involved with the scheme, only if the nature of the conviction deems you unsuitable for the particular placement you may be interested in.

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 training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!



Chetham's School of Music is looking to recruit volunteers to join its team.

We are looking for friendly, polite, enthusiastic and helpful individuals who have an appreciation for music as well as a strong interest in local heritage to deliver excellent customer service through tours of Chetham's beautiful buildings.

The role of a Chetham's volunteer is exceptionally rewarding. Many Mancunians have not been in to Chetham's, let alone know it's exciting and diverse history.

Chetham's volunteers fulfil an important role in delivering tours of the buildings, introducing visitors to this hidden gem and architectural treasure that exists in Manchester.

Chetham's School of Music has general volunteering opportunities available, which could include:-

- providing help and support with School activities.
- meeting and greeting visitors, accompanying visiting musicians and making welcome parents of auditioning children.
- helping with stage equipment.
- conducting tours of the School.

Full training and reasonable expenses are provided.

Chetham's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

Should you wish to take the opportunity to look round the School, our next Open Day is on 17th October 2009.

Please register your interest by calling 0161 234 1532 or log into your account at www.mev.org.uk and an application pack will be sent to you. The next deadline for applications will be 13th November 2009

Youth Offending Team

Referral Order Panel Members

If you want to see less crime in your community, ensure that victims are listened to and would like to make a difference to a young person's life, then becoming a Referral Order Panel Member could be for you.

Referral Order Panels are a ground breaking way of dealing with first time young offenders who have been referred to a panel by the court and provide an opportunity for young people to speak for themselves and take responsibility for their actions. You will discuss what has happened and the reasons behind the offending behaviour and draw up a legally binding contract which should address the offence and put right any harm that has been caused.

Reparation Volunteers

We need volunteers to work with young people in the community who have been ordered by the courts to undertake Reparation as part of their order. Reparation is a way for young people who have committed an offence to make amends for the harm they have caused by undertaking sessions of unpaid practical work. This could involve direct work with the victim or for the benefit of the community.

We are looking for volunteers who reflect the diversity of the area they come from in terms of age, gender, ethnic origin and social background. All volunteers will need to be prepared to undergo a full CRB check and also provide references. You do not need any formal qualifications but should be prepared to undertake full accredited training.

If you are experiencing difficulty with event organisers not contacting you before an event, please contact the Central Team on 0161 234 1532 and we can find out what's happening for you. This may just be an oversight on the organisers behalf.

COOPERATIVE 5K – SANTA DASH

Sunday 29th November 2009 7.45am - 1.00pm Sportcity

We are looking for volunteers to assist in marshalling the event. Duties will mainly be out on the course, handing out water or similar roles.

This should be a real fun event. All runners taking part will be dressed in a full Santa Suit which should look quite spectacular.

We are not in a position to pay expenses but all volunteers will receive a packed lunch and a goody bag. The race starts at 9.30 a.m. (briefing at 7.45am). Volunteers will be required until approx 1.00pm and further details i.e. time of arrival, parking etc will be sent out nearer the time.

The venue is Sport City, which will bring back memories for anyone who was a marshal at the Commonwealth Games.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL AT THE TATTON TRIATHLON

To all the volunteers that braved the early start to help at the Tatton Triathlon. We have had nothing but positive feedback from competitors, who said the volunteers worked very hard to make it a fabulous Experience.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for all your hard work to make the event a complete success and hope to see you in 2010.

USEFUL DOCUMENTS ON THE MEV WEBSITE

Why not have a look and keep yourself up to date with what is happening at MEV by looking at the Useful Documents section of our website www.mev.org.uk/community/documents. From here you can download a number of useful forms and documents.

MANCHESTER EVENT VOLUNTEERS Answer Phone Service

MEV core working hours are 9am - 5pm.
After 5pm (or when the office is empty), we now have our own answer phone service which can be accessed on any of our numbers
0161 234 1530 / 1531 or 1532.

If you are showing interest in events, please speak clearly and leave:

Your Name, your Address and Postcode, your Volunteer Registration Number, your list of event interests, along with the roles or the days you want to do. We can add them to the database for you.

If you need a call back, please let us know and leave your telephone number.

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