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Newsletter



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Opening Times

10:00 - 4:00pm, Mon - Fri
NEW 10:00 - 1:00pm, Sat
(Apr-Oct)

DON'T FORGET
WE NEED LOTS MORE
VOLUNTEERS !!
see website for details

From Jenny's Desk...

We have been very ably assisted by Harriet and Matthew who have helped out during their university vacation. At a time when there are many negative stories in the media about "the young people of today" it was a pleasure to have two hard working young adults volunteer with us. We wish them both well in their courses and thank them for the time and effort they have put into Furnistore. Congratulations to former volunteers Paige, Rosalind and Sophie who passed their respective A levels and start university life this autumn. Special thanks to Nick Tanner who has retired as a volunteer van driver to return to studying after some 30 years!



We have been back in Redhill for almost a year and to celebrate we will be having a **50% sale and a Christmas Market on November 26th**. If you or another local charity would like to raise some funds for your cause, please contact me at manager@furnistore.co.uk. There will be a variety of stalls plus drinks and cakes so if you have a talent for making things or could supply cakes on the day, I would love to hear from you! The money raised will go towards items for the emergency packs.

The Surrey Re-use Network (SRN) is now a registered company with myself, as the Furnistore representative, being one of the Directors. SRN is also applying for charitable status. Between the six organisations we should be able to collect and deliver items across the whole of Surrey. There are several exciting SRN projects beginning and I hope to be able to tell you more in the next newsletter. Perhaps the most exciting is the possible collaboration with Colebrook to refurbish items of furniture although this will take some time to set up.

Furnistore is taking part in a pilot "back to work" scheme operated from the Job Centre in Redhill. We will take up to 4 young people, between 18 and 24, who have been unemployed for more than 6 months and give them 8 weeks work experience. We have 3 opportunities as van / warehouse crew and 1 for admin. Anyone interested should apply via the Job Centre. This will help fill some of the volunteering vacancies we currently have.

Finally, I am looking for another volunteer who can commit a regular day to PAT testing electrical items. External training will be provided. If this appeals to you please contact me.

Diary Date:



26th November 10am - 2 pm CHRISTMAS MARKET



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Congratulations to Furnistore Volunteer **Stephen Carden** who went to County Hall recently to receive a "Making a difference" award from Employability. Stephen comes in weekly and cleans the van. He's an excellent tea maker and loves doughnuts !



Gareth Owen has stepped down from his role as a trustee of Furnistore in order to concentrate on his "day job" of supervising the training of 40000 volunteers for the Olympics. He continues to be a volunteer van driver.

Thanks and best wishes to volunteer van driver/crew **John Gooden** who has retired and moved to Lyme Regis



Introducing **Alex Goodey**, a Furnistore trustee

Alex is a communications professional and has spent the last ten years working in a variety of disciplines in media, including working for ITV, Channel 4 and the BBC where he was also responsible for running a number of websites for BBC One and Two. He worked his way up from being a runner on the production floor to being a News Editor at the BBC, which he left in March 2011 to pursue more local interests.

He now works in The Feathers in Merstham, where he lives with his family, runs two micro-businesses in his spare time and enjoys outdoor activities including Cricket and Hiking. He's also Vice Chair of Growing Redhill, the community gardening group, and District Adviser with the Scouts Association in Reigate.

Volunteer Coordinator

Ian has left us in order to spend more time working with the Salvation Army, but he will be keeping in touch with Furnistore.

We're delighted that Tania Hack will be joining us in October to take over this position. More details next time.

Hope it has a fire label!

