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Volunteer Newsletter



Nathan Wild receiving his v50 award from Martine at Vinvolved, he has now clocked up over 100 hours on the van with Colin since starting in October.

Claire Cassin:

"I've been volunteering at Furnistore for nearly 3 years now and during that time I have done a number of different jobs. When I started I helped customers with their purchases and answered the telephone. Then I learned how to enter the information about sales and donations on to the computer and to produce the drop sheets for the van. Now I work both in the office upstairs helping with admin, producing statistics which help us to get grants from the local authority, and downstairs helping Vikki when necessary.

I enjoy working at Furnistore. Everyone is really friendly and I have been pleased to do a variety of work."



A first for Furnistore:



On June 7 volunteers and staff gathered for an "Away Day". This was an opportunity to share information, celebrate achievements, and review "what we do well" and "where we need to improve". Some good ideas emerged and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other better.

Sue comments:

I was really pleased to see so many attend our first ever away day, a great time to come together and share Furnistore

experiences and try to improve on what we do. Watch out for the next one!



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Volunteer of the month

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January	Ruth Jackson
February	Chris Weisner
March	Robert Ritchie
April	Nick Tanner
May	Anne Wilson

Volunteers: Diary Dates

- June 26 Furnistore stand at the Priory Park Community Festival
- July 15 Evening Crew Training 6.30pm
- Aug 8 Colin roller skating marathon at Goodwood in aid of Furnistore
- Aug 20 "Can rattle" in Reigate from 10am (outside Morrisons)



Anne Wilson and Neil Cameron receive their awards at the recent Away

The Mayor's visit.

What a surprise for volunteers and clients alike when the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead joined our crew delivering furniture back in April. Richard and Ruth Mantle included Furnistore when they spent a day visiting various charities in the borough and we were very grateful for the time they spent with us highlighting the work we do. We also got a mention in the Surrey Mirror The Mayor was obviously very interested in Furnistore and chatted for some time with the Trustees over tea and biscuits.



MEET THE TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS:

Freda Clark tells us about herself, and how she became involved with Furnistore from the very beginning:

My husband is David and we have 3 married daughters and one granddaughter. I'm a member of Redhill Baptist church, Surrey Opera and on the Board of YMCA.

In 1994 Churches Together asked me to start 2 projects - one of which was Furnistore. I worked hard on developing a network of volunteers drawn from local churches and within a year it was up and running, using a garage for storage provided by St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redhill.

I am enormously proud of the work that Furnistore does - and of its staff and volunteers. You are the people who now do the work that delivers this vital and well respected service to families across East Surrey.

Well done, and thank you. I think you are wonderful.

Sue's spot:

What a busy first half of 2010 we have had, new volunteers joining us, a visit from the Mayor and an away day.

We welcome Mark Ephgrave, Sebi Salazar, Sandy Walker, Natalie Walsh, Liz Bradby, Nicholas Fletcher and Simon Parker as new volunteers - we're really glad to have you on board.

As many of you will know we will be leaving our present warehouse by November The Trustees are looking for new premises that are more affordable We do hope that all our volunteers will be able to stay with us after the move.

The holiday period is nearly on us and some of our volunteers will be taking time out to be with their children, I do hope it is a time of rest and refreshing, although busy with activities, and we look forward to seeing you all again after the summer.

A big thank you to all our volunteers for the time and energy they devote to Furnistore, we really do appreciate it, Furnistore would not be the same without you!