



TRIANGLE NEWS

The newsletter of Liss Community Association serving the village and surrounding area of the Triangle Centre

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Opening of New Triangle Office

The Triangle celebrated the opening of the new office space on Friday 24th October when Cllr Elizabeth Cartwright was invited to perform the official 'ribbon cutting' ceremony.



Disking Donation Welcomed

Staff & volunteers have been celebrating after local business, Disking International Ltd. donated a brand new computer for the recently extended office. The Triangle has survived for the last 10 years on one work station.

Disking International Ltd. is a family run business established in 1979 and offers a repair service, supplies hardware and software and computer components at competitive prices. They have a shop in Dragon St in Petersfield and 6 other retail outlets in Surrey, Hampshire and West Sussex.



WE NEED YOU!

Liss Community Association urgently needs volunteers to help in the office at the Triangle during the mornings.

If you have some time to spare and would like to help please contact Vanessa Beech on 01730 301000



TRIANGLE FILM NIGHT
Saturday 17th Jan 2009
INDIANA JONES
and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull 12a



Friends of the Triangle Appeal—An Update

In May 2007 we launched our "Friends of the Triangle" Appeal inviting residents of Liss to support their community centre via a monthly direct debit. The response was most heartening, with around 75 people pledging their support and we would like to thank them for their continued generosity.

Since then the core costs incurred in running the Triangle, (rent, insurance, staff salaries, heat, light, maintenance and refurbishment) have increased above the rate of inflation. It costs us over £1,500 per week just to keep the centre open. These costs have to be met through the income we generate from room hire and activities that we organise such as the Cinema Nights and the remainder comes in the form of grants from East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and Liss Parish Council.

Sadly this has not proved to be enough and we are still facing an uncertain future. We do not want to have to make huge increases in room hire rates to boost our income; rather, we would like to appeal again to the people who regularly use the Triangle to give us their support.

If another 75 people were to pledge just £5.00 a month we could move forward with confidence. Please do what you can to help the Triangle survive and become a "Friend of the Triangle". Bank forms are available from the office, or can be downloaded from our website appeal page: www.liss-triangle-centre.org.uk



MAMMA MIA!

Flares and feather boas came back to Liss on 18th & 19th October. Cinema goers were challenged to dress in the worst possible 70s/Abba taste for 2 sell out showings of Mamma Mia! at the Triangle, followed by Karaoke for those brave enough to pick up the microphone.

We're thrilled that this is proving so popular, and we are hoping to have similar fun events in future," said centre manager Vanessa Beech. If you have any further ideas for themed evenings please email info@liss-triangle-centre.org.uk



A Message from the Manager

Welcome to our new look Triangle Newsletter, previously Activate. Since its inception the newsletter has been under the care and excellent stewardship of Penny Seymour. The challenge has now been passed on to Fran Dowty who has kindly agreed to step into the role of editor. Please let us have your comments by email at info@liss-triangle-centre.org.uk

What a lot has changed since our last newsletter in May! As I sit and write this article I am enjoying the benefit of a spacious new office, following the completion of the office extension earlier this year. Those of you who are regular users of the centre will, I hope, have visited us in our new surroundings and those who haven't been in yet, please do.

As well as the developments in the office I am pleased to say that we have been successful in finding a replacement for our current LCA Treasurer, Clive Seymour. Sarah Redfern and Peter Hunt have both volunteered for the role and will be working alongside Clive until he steps down in April. We are very grateful to both of them for offering their support.

There are also two important dates for you to note in your diaries. The first is Sunday 7th December when we will be welcoming Proteus Theatre for a performance of the Snow Queen, based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. The show starts at 5pm and tickets are selling fast so call into the office now and book your seats. Adult tickets are £7.50 and children under 12 years are £5.00. Popcorn, sweets and ice creams will be available!

The second date is Wednesday 10th December when the village enjoys a festive Christmas Shopping Evening between 6 – 8pm. (see Page 4 for more details)

Finally, please do remember that the Triangle office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Our last day in the office will be Tuesday 23rd December and we will re-open on Friday 2nd January 2009. The coffee bar will still be open for customers during this period, so please do call in for a festive drink with friends.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Vanessa



ANITA WILLIAMS

The death of Anita Williams on Sunday 9th November came as a terrible blow to everyone who knew her. She had been involved with the Triangle Centre from the start and soon became a regular office volunteer, coming in every Tuesday morning to help the manager.

She was a great organiser and always willing to lend a hand to any job that needed to be done, often coming up with new ideas to help with the running of the Triangle. She was also a familiar face at the monthly Indoor Markets where she would sell jewellery.

In recent months she had put her energy into the setting up of a meeting group for blind and partially sighted people in Liss. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Triangle Centre and are keen to continue the good work that Anita began. She was also actively involved with the planning and running of the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Liss, getting people involved and helping to raise a great deal of money.

Her energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her at the Triangle and our thoughts are with her family as they come to terms with their sudden loss.

TRIANGLE TEASER:-

It was a dark and stormy night –

Usually cited as a very bad way to start a piece of writing this phrase might be just what you need for the challenge of writing a short piece (say 50- 60 words) without using the letter 'e'. It could be on any subject, but something scary or mysterious might be good. Feel free to commence it in any way you wish. There will be the usual small prizes for the best efforts which will be printed in the next issue. Please get your creations to the Triangle office on or before December 15th in an envelope marked 'Triangle Teaser' and not forgetting your name and contact phone number or address.

We have a confession to make about the last teaser. Prizes were awarded but the prizewinners' names and their 6 word biographies have been mislaid. We can recall one which summed up a certain monarch with "Married, beheaded, begot" – to which one could add 'divorced, beheaded, survived'. Anyway, well done to the winners.

Saturday, 6th December

The Duchess (12A)

118 mins

Doors Open 7.00pm for 7.30pm

A chronicle of the life of 18th century aristocrat Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire

Tickets £5 from the Triangle Office



VIC GILLIAM

Vic Gilliam was one of the Association's founder trustees but sadly died in the summer. Right from the outset he showed great commitment to the Association and contributed to its success in many ways, most of them unseen by the general membership. He was one of those people who could be relied upon to be 'there' when help or advice was needed. Although he had been in declining health for some years and was hampered by reduced mobility and increasing deafness he maintained this active interest until he entered hospital at the end of last year. Even then he wanted to know what was happening.

Besides his commitment to LCA, in the time he had lived in the village he had contributed much else to village life. Many will remember the great support he gave to his late wife, Jean, in running the invaluable Thursday WRVS 'lunch club', he served on the Horticultural Society committee for many years – often to be seen in their shed, serving gardeners with their needs. He was the Parish Council's nominated trustee of the Dorothea and Mary Cole Foundation, a local educational charity, and for many years he helped organize the church fete.

The village, and especially, the Community Association are the poorer for his passing but hopefully he will continue to be remembered. At, and after his funeral, his family asked for donations in his memory to be made to the Triangle. These amounted to just over £500 and we are grateful to the family and the donors for their generosity. This sum reflects the esteem in which Vic was held and, is being used to help finance the installation of an electrically operated entrance door – a scheme which Vic would have undoubtedly supported.

ARTS EXHIBITION AT THE TRIANGLE:- Yet again, the Triangle successfully turned itself into an art gallery over the half term week; 68 artists – painters, glassblowers, photographers and craftspersons in textiles, glass and wood displayed 311 works + cards and mounted prints. 36 individual works and numerous cards and prints were sold, against the trend in these financially difficult times. There were over 500 visitors who were invited to vote for the work giving them the most pleasure. The winner was Gordon Rushmer's beautifully detailed watercolour of an old hen house. There was also a voter's prize awarded to the author of a voting slip drawn at random. This was won by Mr & Mrs Gubble.

Clive Seymour who organised the exhibition would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up time to stage, steward and dismantle the show. Without them it would not have been possible to put on such a worthwhile and profitable event.



Green Corner

If you want to use up all your left-overs there is an excellent website called www.lovefoodhatewaste.com where you can find a recipe for left-over almost everything

Liss Christmas Street Fair

Wednesday, 10th December




The Community Association together with Liss Parish Council have fixed Wednesday December 10th as the date for the village Christmas Street Fair to be held between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Station Road will be closed from the station to the mini-roundabout and there will be stalls, music, refreshments and other entertainment in the street. Many of the shops will stay open late and there will be fairground attractions in the Whistle Stop car park and at the Triangle.

Inside the Triangle there will be a craft fair and the Coffee Bar will be dispensing mulled wine and mince pies.

The event would not be complete without a visit from Santa, whose grotto this year will be in the bowling room of the Whistle Stop by kind permission of licencees Heather and Andy.



*"To be -or not to be
at
**THE TRIANGLE'S
ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT**
on February 7th at 7.00pm
That is the Question"*

"Whether 'tis nobler in the mind" is unlikely but irrelevant as Triangle Quiz nights place more emphasis on fun than erudition and a good time is had by all, even, or maybe especially, those who have to resort to making up the answers. There are lots of prizes awarded for adding to the hilarity of the evening and a small one for actually winning.

Teams can number between 4 and 8 (we have not usually found that size confers much advantage!)

Tickets costing £8 per person will be available from the Triangle in the New Year

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