

Friends of the
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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Friend

In our October newsletter I encouraged those of you who live in the vicinity to attend our Christmas Fayre as well as to buy our Christmas cards. The Fayre attracted the usual large numbers and raised almost £800, and through the Tourist Information Centre and other venues we sold cards to the value of £1150.

Our next event is another jazz concert, which thanks to the enthusiasm of Raymond Wood is becoming a regular feature of the calendar. The **Sunset Café Stompers** and Devon-based international vocalist **Joy Parke** will perform at Cheap Street Church on **Friday 6 March at 7.30pm**. Tickets, including interval refreshments, are £10 and available at the Tourist Information Centre (01935 815341), The Friends of the Rendezvous Coffee Mornings and on the door.

In the October newsletter we appealed for help to establish an emergency fund for young people in crisis, and we are grateful for your generous response. But the need continues. In the last couple of weeks, for example, the Friends spent £300 accommodating a young man with a complex family history who found himself homeless over the coldest week of the winter. The statutory services were unable to help and our staff were alarmed that this vulnerable young man would end up on a bench in the freezing weather. The team have now managed to secure him housing and he's living in medium supported accommodation locally. They have found him some voluntary work with the Butterfly Conservation project which he's greatly enjoying and receiving the additional help required from daily attendance at the Rendezvous. As a way of thanking us he is going to finish the repainting of the centre.

Unfortunately, we're not always successful in resolving the issues faced by young people. One young man died recently in tragic circumstances, much to the dismay of the youth workers who had spent many hours working with him. As a beneficiary of Sherborne Castle Country Fair in May, we always enter a team for the Dragon Boat race. This year the Rendezcrew, as we are known, will compete wearing t-shirts as a tribute to Nathan.

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Helping young people to help themselves

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Anyone wishing to contribute to the emergency fund or to sponsor the boat race team may send a cheque to me at the above address. Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of the Rendezvous.

I enclose a copy of our new Friends' brochure - you'll notice we've revamped the logo to bring it in line with the centre's new colour scheme and logo. (If you've been into the centre recently we hope you'll agree it feels fresh and bright.) As a charity, the support the Friends give the Rendezvous is invaluable. Do consider recruiting a friend to join us.

Regards

Bob Eccleshall