

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2011



Jersey's first ever Charity Awards are being launched to recognise and celebrate local charities' achievements. The awards, supported by the AJC in partnership with 50 years of Financial Heritage are to highlight local excellence within the charitable sector thus raising the profile of charity and voluntary activity in Jersey.

To apply charities to need submit a 1,000 word typed entry describing their achievements over the last twelve months. There are three award categories as follows and £5,000 will be awarded to the winner of each:

- Small Charity of the Year
(less than 15 staff/volunteers)
- Medium Charity of the Year
(between 16 to 35 staff/volunteers)
- Large Charity of the Year
(more than 36 staff/volunteers)

The Awards are open to all Jersey charities; applicants don't have to be a member of the Association of Jersey Charities but they must be registered as an NPO with the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

The Awards judges include States of Jersey Senator, Francis Le Gresley; Principle Aide-de Camp to Jersey's Lieutenant-Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Woodrow; Arclight Solutions Ltd Senior Consultant (Consultancy and Training services for charities), Jane Galloway and Chairman of the Association of Jersey Charities, Liz Le Poidevin. Prior to the event, the judges will select five nominees per category before an overall winner for each category is selected.

The Jersey Charity Awards ceremony will take place on Sunday 4 September 2011 at 2.30pm at Radier Manor. All entrants will be invited, free of charge and approximately 150-200 people are expected to attend, music will be provided by the Parklife Choir. Application forms and guidelines for charities wishing to apply can be found at www.jerseycharities.org and the deadline is 5pm on Thursday 30 June 2011.

Presentations and Seminars



Courses are free to all representatives of AJC members. Contact Lyn Wilton on 840138 or info@jerseycharities.org.

Understanding the Media

Alex Mallinson - Image CI (now full)

Offices of Image, Thursday 12 May, 9.00-5:00

Managing & Motivating Volunteers

Jane Galloway - Arclight Solutions

How to make the most out of your volunteers

St Paul's Centre, Friday 8 July, 1.30-4:30pm

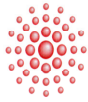
St Paul's Centre, Monday 11 July 5.00-8.00pm

Jane Galloway is a UK consultant with years of experience in all areas of charity work. Once again she will be available during **6-13 July** to offer members specific advice and consultation on any issues so if you are interested please sign up for this asap.

AGM



This year's AGM will be held at the Pomme D'Or Hotel on **Thursday 23 June at 6.30pm**. We're making the event a bit different this year with a buffet and guest speaker, Andrew Hind, past CEO of UK Charities Commission. The event is free to members so please do try and attend, it's a great opportunity for you to meet the AJC committee, hear more about what's happening within the AJC and to talk to us about your views, to network and learn more about one another. There will also be guests invited from the private, public and religious sectors after the AGM. Full details and an invitation will be sent with the convening notice on Monday 23rd May.



Spotlight on...David Newman Training & Events Officer, AJC



After qualifying as a social worker way in 1983 I settled and worked in Hastings, East Sussex. One quiet afternoon I came across an advert for Manager for Les Amis, Jersey. Not really wishing to leave Hastings I applied for the post with the intention of getting a trip to Jersey for a few days with all expenses paid...14 years later, I gave up the post of General Manager and took some time away from the stress of it all. Within a few months I was bored and needed something to focus on and was offered the post of Administrator for the AJC. But as one door opens, another one shuts, and due to a very unexpected illness and subsequent extended treatment I had to step down and take a back seat. A year later and feeling much better I found myself on the Committee with responsibilities to help set up training, source guest speakers and to assist with other events such as Volunteer Week and career and job fairs. Working with Lyn and more recently Lynsey, our Publicity Officer, is both enjoyable and interesting, it is also very satisfying to see how an idea can grow into a new AJC service or an actual event.

David is a seasoned London Marathon runner - here's his story: This should have been the fourth successive year for my running partner Steve Miller and me to run the Marathon to raise money for Mencap and Cancer Research. But Steve was forced to pull out just seven days before after an injury so I was left facing the daunting 26 miles all by myself... well I say by myself...there were another 36,000 runners so no one is lonely for long. Indeed at the start line I found myself sharing my jar of Vaseline with a complete stranger who was rubbing the stuff in places which left me no option but to tell him to keep the jar! The run itself was hot, noisy and congested, but fortunately the organisers had anticipated the weather and water bottles were available in abundance. The support from the spectators was exceptional and pubs (nearly 90 of them) had bands or music playing all along the route, while youngsters handing out sweets and fruit only wanted a 'High Five' in return. Nearly five hours later and towards the finishing line, as the huge crowds urge you on and as you run the last 600 meters down Birdcage Walk, past Buckingham Palace and into the Mall, it instantly all becomes worth it. The thoughts of 'never again' from a few miles back disappear and the prospect of doing it all again just one more time next April becomes a real possibility!

Marathon Beneficiary Announced

Anyone who has been touched by cancer are being asked to get involved in this year's Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon, which is being run on Sunday 2 October.

The 120 staff from Standard Chartered's Jersey office nominated Jersey Cancer Relief as the marathon's main beneficiary, and the charity is asking people to take part.

Jersey Cancer Relief was established in 1968, initially as the island branch of the national campaign, after it was found that some cancer patients and their families were struggling to cope financially as a result of the illness. It was incorporated as a Jersey charity in November 1973 and relies solely on donations and bequests.

Honorary Secretary Michael Pankhurst said: "We are very honoured to benefit from such a high profile event and we intend asking whether any previous cancer sufferers or their families of whom the charity has assisted, would like to participate in the marathon or provide help on the day. Our Committee members will also be assisting on the day."

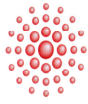
London Marathon: Mark's First Hurdle

Headway Jersey's Services Manager Mark Harris has set himself a massive set of challenges, which started with this year's Virgin London Marathon.

He is also running the Mont Saint- Michel Marathon in May, Greenlight Round The Rock Ultra Marathon in August, and a personal challenge of completing seven marathons over seven consecutive days in the run up to this year's Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon in October.

Mark said: "I've been part of the Headway team for more than ten years, and our centre and services have grown so much, as have the number of people we help following a brain injury. By running these marathons, I hope to raise awareness and valuable funds, and to complete an amazing personal journey. To some it can appear to be madness or a mid-life crisis (probably!), but sometimes you have to push your limits just as our brain-injured members do every day of their lives. It's not the marathons I worry about; the hardest part for me is approaching people to ask for donations and sponsorship."

To help Mark reach his target of £1,500 you can make a donation online at www.headway.org.je or sponsor him directly on www.justgiving.com/HeadwayMarathonMark



Forget-Me-Not Café

The Jersey Alzheimer's Association, with the support of Health and Social Services staff, has opened a new Café at Clinique Pinel for the use of patients in Beech Ward, residents of Rosewood House, their families and friends. Beech Ward is a secure unit where people with dementia are assessed, go for respite or wait until a permanent place is found in an appropriate residential or nursing home. Rosewood House is a permanent unit for those who can no longer live safely at home.

The Café, which is run by the charity's volunteers is open every Thursday afternoon during visiting hours, gives people with dementia the chance to have an 'outing' in a safe environment. Patients spend Thursday morning busily making cakes and then take pleasure eating them in the afternoon. There is also access to a garden and it is soon hoped to have monthly barbecues.

Annual Returns - We Need YOURS

We had only received 66% of Annual Returns at the end of March - the worst figure in a long time; more than one third of Members didn't make one. These Returns are to ensure we have up to date details of your organisation in order to inform the public, donors, volunteers etc. It is also an opportunity to suggest future training and other issues the AJC should concentrate on. and they form the administrative side of grant applications - so no Annual Return, no grant!

Save the date... The AJC Christmas Fair



It may seem too far away right now, but it will come quickly, so get the date in your diaries! This year's AJC Christmas Fair will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday 19 November. It will be similar to last year's, with members able to promote their charity and raise funds. You're invited to sell your Christmas cards and merchandise and/or any other goods. Father Christmas will visit again and refreshments will be provided by the Grace Trust. We're looking for entertainment to play or sing festive tunes or carols, so if you or someone you know can help and if you'd like to book a space contact Lyn on 840138 or email info@jerseycharities.org.

Counselling Directory

There's a new link on our website to the Counselling Directory, which lists counsellors and psychotherapists registered with a recognised professional body across the British Isles, including Jersey and Guernsey.

It's free for charities to register and could result in more people finding your services when using our website, so we'd encourage the many AJC members who offer counselling to sign up as soon as possible.

Simply write 'Jersey' in the search field and then click the top right 'Register' button and fill in your details.

A Right Royal Success!



Okay, so we may not have been at Westminster Abbey, but that didn't stop islanders from dressing in their best frocks and hats to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Victim Support had the innovative idea of holding a Royal Reception fundraising event. As well as watching the big event on big screens in private rooms at the Royal Yacht, the 95 attendees enjoyed a three course lunch at Sirocco Restaurant and plenty of other wedding trimmings - including a bouquet from Cookes Roses and a cake by Kelly's Cakes.

The event, which was supported by NA Balloons and the Bridal Boutique, proved to be hugely popular, with tickets flying out the door and a waiting list. Lauren from the organisation said: "We were so looking forward to the day and it was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for their support."

Do you need a Treasurer, Accountant or Auditor?

Contact Caroline Harrington, the Secretary of the Jersey Society of Chartered and Certified Accountants (JSCCA) and she may be able to help find you one! info@jscca.org



Calling all knitters...



Mustard Seed Jersey is appealing for knitters to make blankets for Romanian pensioners and families, and it's hoped that 1,200 blankets can be taken out to Romania this winter.

Rose Helie said: "When I was in Romania last December, I was shocked to witness two respectable women fighting over a blanket as they both so desperately wanted it. It's such a small thing but something that really will make a difference to people's lives out there so please help if you can."

For more information email mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk.

A snippet from Rose's diary, Wed 13 April

"Patty and I began packing the food parcels for the pensioner distribution. Fortunately Michel and Thomas came to help or we would never have had time for a most welcome, very quick cup of coffee before going to the pensioner distribution at the Cefa Baptist Church. About 30 pensioners were there - all so very grateful to receive the packages. One little old soul had walked a long way to come to the meeting - she had a bad back and a walking stick so we took her back home with her parcel and were amazed at how far she had walked to collect it. It says how highly valued the food parcels are.

"On the way back we visited two gypsy houses to deliver food parcels - one to Monti who wept with joy and prayed and blessed us fervently. Michel was really moved at how poor the conditions were in the mud brick two room house and could not believe anyone lives in such poor conditions. His son Thomas said nothing - I think he was lost for words. When we went to a family living in two rooms with seven children, Michel was quite shocked and compared it to our affluent throw-away society."

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If you have any stories, suggestions or photos for July's AJC newsletter, please send them to: Lynsey Beahan, Publicity Officer, PO Box 356, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9YZ. T: 840138.
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Volunteer Week - 1-7 June 2011

Once again we'll be promoting the fantastic work of volunteers by handing out flyers, talking to people and advertising members' volunteer vacancies in venues around the Island. On Saturday 4 June there'll be a **Volunteer Fair** in the Royal Square 10am-3pm. Members are invited to take a stand to promote the work they do and we'd love as many involved as possible so please support us if you can and help spread the word to islanders - book your slot!

We also need volunteers to give out flyers and promote volunteering outside M&S on King Street **Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 and Monday 6 to Tuesday 7 between 12-2pm**. We are also seeking entertainment for various slots on Saturday 4th so whether it be singing, dancing or playing a musical instrument we'd love to hear from you. Contact Lyn Wilton on 840138 or email info@jerseycharities.org.

Holme Grown Flies The Flag!



Marguerite Le Bailly, Tina Ware & Angela Cotillard with their bunting

The Mencap Harbour Group was recently commissioned to make 60 metres of bunting to decorate the shop and café areas of the Holme Grown Farm Shop. The group of islanders with special needs really enjoyed the challenge of making the brightly coloured pennants, meeting twice a week at The Harbour Gallery in St. Aubin to put their creative skills into action.

Guided by Elizabeth Le Gal and some volunteers, they also learnt how to make, decorate and stitch many other items including cushions, aprons, shopping bags, tea cosies, textile jewellery and soft toys for themselves, their homes and to sell. Thanks go to the local curtain makers and furnishing shops who kindly donated various fabrics to help them. For information or commissions, contact Elizabeth on 852994.

Wanted: Your Photos And Events!

AJC website and emails are **free** ways of publicising your events, and we continually need new pictures from you to keep our grants, events and people [galleries](#) up to date. Send your diary dates, snap shots and information to info@jerseycharities.org.