

# Community News

## Wokingham Film Society

Wokingham Film Society is now showing films in Wokingham town centre. Founded in 2013 the Society had two successful years at Bearwood Theatre before moving to the Bradbury Centre at the Methodist Church, Rose Street, in October 2015. Screenings are normally on the second Thursday of each month.

The Society's aim is to show a range of high quality, entertaining and thought provoking films. These have included the Italian classic Cinema Paradiso, the much lauded Boyhood, the British smash hit Pride and, to start the current season, Still Alice with an Oscar winning performance from Julianne Moore. Programmes also include films that cinema goers might have had relatively little opportunity to see locally. These lesser known films, often in a foreign language, such as Wajda and The Lunchbox are amongst the most popular according to audience ratings.

The January 2016 film, on the 14th, is Force Majeure, a drama set in the French Alps, followed on 11 February, to celebrate Valentine's Day, by Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris and on 10 March by Thomas Vinterberg's remake of Far from the Madding Crowd with Carey Mulligan and Matthias Schoenaerts.

There is a membership scheme, open to all, and non members are very welcome to all of the films. Details of programmes can be found on the Society's website [www.wokinghamfilmsociety.com](http://www.wokinghamfilmsociety.com) on Facebook and Twitter #@WokinghamFilm and on leaflets that can be picked up from the information centre in the town hall, the Bradbury Centre and Wokingham library. Details are also shown in the local press including, of course, The Wokingham Word.

## Wokingham's unique community service still going strong after 22 years

The Wokingham Job Support Centre (WJSC) is a charity that supports local Job Seekers to find jobs. They provide a unique blend of one-to-one coaching, assessment, advice, support, guidance on using the Internet for applications and skills workshops covering CVs, interviews and the specific needs of the 50+ age group. All totally free to residents of Wokingham Borough and Bracknell.

Martyn Lambert, Chairman of the Trustees of WJSC said: "We believe our service is unique in the country and the people of Wokingham probably don't realise they have something special here.

We have been operating for over 22 years and in that time have supported more than 10,500 local Job Seekers back into work. We see roughly 300 new clients a year who make some 1500 visits to our Centre. This is a fantastic free service to the Community and getting people back into work makes a major impact on the local economy".

Please see our NEW website: [www.wjsc.org.uk](http://www.wjsc.org.uk) get in touch with us at [jobsearch@wjsc.org.uk](mailto:jobsearch@wjsc.org.uk) and come to see the Centre, at the Cornerstone Building, Norreys Avenue, Wokingham RG40 1UE.

For further information contact: Martyn Lambert on 07939 555475

## Trinity Concert Band - Best of 2015

The Concert will take place on Saturday 30th January at 7:30pm in Trinity Church, Lower Earley. To start the New Year, we will give you an opportunity to listen to some of your favourite pieces from our performances in 2015. If you have been to any of our concerts during 2015 and want to hear some again, go to the bands website and vote for your favourites ([www.trinityband.co.uk](http://www.trinityband.co.uk))

We're pleased to announce that, once again, half of the proceeds from this concert will go to our good friends at Brass for Africa, as well as any donations received for the homemade cakes being provided by band members for the interval! It will be a great night with lots for everyone, so come along and join us.

Tickets are £10 up to 24 hours before the concert and £12 on the door. Children under 16 years are free when accompanied by a paying member of the audience. Tickets can be purchased from the Box

Office (0845 226304) or via our website ([www.trinityband.co.uk](http://www.trinityband.co.uk))

## Divorce Recovery

New Year can be a hard time for those whose relationship has broken down. They can feel that yet another unhappy 12 months stretches ahead of them.

But in Berkshire we have an active and growing branch of national charity, Divorce Recovery Workshop. They help people recover from the emotional pain of divorce or separation.

Their next course is on March 11/12 and March 18/19, Friday evenings and Saturday daytime, at Brookside Hall, Earley, Reading. The national charity is based in Wokingham.

Details from John or Melanie on 0118 979 2770 or Kathy on 0118 978 5101 or Seamus 07887 800521; by emailing [reading@drw.org.uk](mailto:reading@drw.org.uk); or at <http://drw.org.uk>

## Go Ahead for Hurst Show

Hurst Show and Country Fayre will definitely take place in June 2016 – bolstered by new offers of help for important tasks. The show team's appeal for help to run the event resulted in fresh volunteers offering their services at a vital meeting at The Castle Inn, Hurst.

We are very grateful to both our new and old volunteers. We would welcome still more help. Joining the team is good fun and worthwhile. You can contact us on: [sue.payne90@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sue.payne90@yahoo.co.uk) or 07850 072096. Show details are at [www.HurstShow.uk](http://www.HurstShow.uk)

## Wokingham Library Events

Author talk with Laura Barnett\* - Best selling author talks about her novel "The versions of us". Includes book signing and refreshments. £3 charge. Thursday January 14th, 6.45pm to 8pm.

Secrets of the Box\* - An illustrated talk with Tony Weston about the search to discover the owner of a Regency Writing desk. £3 charge. Thursday January 28th, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Shared Read-Aloud Group\* - Reading Aloud group for adults, enjoy great literature- short stories, novels and poems. Fourth Wednesday in each month, 10.30am to 11.30am.

Family History drop in - Expert advice from the Berkshire Family History Society. Last Tuesday in each month, 2pm to 5pm

\*To book a place call Wokingham Library on (0118) 9781368

## Heartstart

Do you know what to do if someone is having a Heart Attack? Do you know how to perform CPR? Do you know what to do if someone is choking? These are just some of the situations that each of us could find ourselves facing, where we could make the difference.

Heartstart Swallowfield are part of the British Heart Foundation's initiative to provide free training to all so that members of the general public would know what to do in the event of facing a medical emergency.

The courses are completely free and last approximately two and a half hours comprising a mixture of video, demonstrations and practical experience. All courses are taught by fully qualified Heartstart Instructors who, whilst ensuring that participants attain the knowledge and confidence to deal with an emergency, also make it fun and interesting to attend.

With the permission of the British Heart Foundation there is an addition to the course which covers the Automated External Defibrillator. Many of us will have seen these life saving devices popping up in and around our community but most of us would probably be scared to actually use one. The team take the mystique out of them and show how really easy they are to use.

Courses are run in the evenings once a month at various venues including Wokingham. To find out more or book a place visit [www.heartstartswallowfield.co.uk](http://www.heartstartswallowfield.co.uk) or call Gary on 07768 068 270.

Future Course Dates: Victory Hall, Farley Hill - 27th Jan, 23rd Mar, 25th May. Methodist Church, Rose St - 23rd Feb, 26th Apr, 28th June.