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**A reminder from EAVS:** Just to remind everyone that Lesley Goble, Chief Executive's, leaving party is to be at All Saints Church Hall, Grange Road. 12.30 – 2pm on Thursday 27 March. Please RSVP to [info@eavs.org.uk](mailto:info@eavs.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

**EAVS New Chief Executive:** EAVS will soon be announcing who will be taking over from Lesley as Chief Executive of EAVS. Watch this space!!!

**Eastbourne Seniors Forum Launch:** As mentioned in the last issue of Bulletin, the Seniors Forum is holding its Launch on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm in the Congress Suite, Winter Gardens. Please email [info@esf-online.org](mailto:info@esf-online.org) or see the website [www.esf-online.org](http://www.esf-online.org) for further details.

#### **EAVS Training News:**

Effective Communications workshop: 3 and 10 April (2 half day sessions)  
Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers: 21 May  
Full details available from [www.eavs.org](http://www.eavs.org) or Sue Duffell on 01323 639373.

**Free training for those who work with or have significant contact with children and young people:** Courses such as Dealing with Challenging Behaviour, Child Protection Level 2, Managing Difficult Situations and Management Issues (plus many more). For further details, please see [www.distinctivethinking.co.uk/wspp](http://www.distinctivethinking.co.uk/wspp)

**Gentle Teaching: Positive Approaches to Challenges of Behaviour and Learning:** A two day seminar (13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May) organised by Life of Your Own (a Charity which supports people with disabilities to live in their own homes). [www.lifeofyourown.org](http://www.lifeofyourown.org)

**EAVS Funding Workshop:** 16 April 10-12 at Eastbourne Town Hall. Come and find out about how to write a really good funding application that will give you the best chance of successfully bidding for money. We'll give you top tips on filling in the application forms and point you in the direction of potential funders. Please ring Marie on 01323 419788 to book your place on this workshop.

**Our Price Records Charity Support Division:** Every year Our Price help hundreds of individuals, schools, companies and organisations raise money for Charity free of charge. For details, please see [www.ourprice.co.uk](http://www.ourprice.co.uk), call 0870 777 5001 or e-mail [charitysupport@ourprice.co.uk](mailto:charitysupport@ourprice.co.uk).

**Gift Aid:** The 2008 Budget statement included the good news that Gift Aid will be paid at a transitional rate of 22% for the next three years even though the income tax rate goes down to 20%. This is worth about £100m to the sector each year for three years. To see the guidance, please go to [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/giving/gift\\_aid.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/giving/gift_aid.aspx).

**Big Lottery Fund People's Millions:** Five awards of up to £50,000 will be up for grabs in each of ITV's 18 regions. Organisations have until 15 May to enter, and the final project shortlist will be announced on 29 October. For information on this programme and to find out how to get hold of an application pack, please call the Big Advice Line on 08454 10 20 30 or visit the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoples\\_millions](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoples_millions)

**Novas Scarman Trust:** Novas Group, PATH and Scarman Trust merged on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 creating a new social justice charity called the Novas Scarman Group. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mike Holdgate or any member of the South East Team on 01273 234854.

**East Sussex Parenting Partnership:** Are you involved in supporting Parents? Are you aware of East Sussex Parenting Partnership? Look at [www.parentingmatters.org.uk](http://www.parentingmatters.org.uk) to find out more or contact [info@parentingmatters.org.uk](mailto:info@parentingmatters.org.uk)

**Offices to Let:** Eastbourne & District Managing Agency has a couple of offices vacant at Minster House. They are approx 800 sq ft and 350 sq ft respectively (the latter currently divided into two rooms with a small lobby area); both on the first floor (lift from Reception). Three year Tenancy Agreements (with break clauses after 12 months) are available; the rent and inclusive service charge is fixed for the duration of each Agreement. If anyone wants further information, or to view, contact George Collier on 01323 418142, 07798 538 290 or by email to [gcollier@edma.org.uk](mailto:gcollier@edma.org.uk)

**Electronic organ on offer:** Toni Morgan would like to find a good home for a Techief Electronic Organ. It is approx 3' 6" wide and 1' 6" deep. If you are interested, please contact Toni on 01323 488703 or email [toni.andray@virgin.net](mailto:toni.andray@virgin.net)

**Eastbourne Strategic Partnership:** the minutes and appendices from the last meeting of the ESP are now available on the internet and can be found at: [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/community/strategic-partnership/meetings](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/community/strategic-partnership/meetings)

**News from Eastbourne Borough Council:** EAVS has been asked to say a big thank you to its members for helping with the budget consultation this year. The results have been published on the Council's website: [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/2007/budget-consultation-2007](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/2007/budget-consultation-2007)

**County Climate Change Event:** Ten places have been allocated to each District and Borough and ten for ESSP. Visit the website at [www.lewes.gov.uk](http://www.lewes.gov.uk) for further details.

**PCT News:** Information on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other news is available at [www.eastsussexdownswealdpct.nhs.uk](http://www.eastsussexdownswealdpct.nhs.uk) and [www.hastingsandrotherpct.nhs.uk](http://www.hastingsandrotherpct.nhs.uk)

**Shaping our services:** Local services will only improve if the people that use them get involved in how they are developed. This is the founding belief for the new 'Disabled Users Reference Group,' which is looking for members. To find out more, please contact (01424) 205414 or [www.eaconsultancy.co.uk](http://www.eaconsultancy.co.uk)

The new **KITES Spring newsletter** is now available to see on the East Sussex County Council website. Please go to [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childcare) and click on the 'Latest' tab.

**RAISE Information for the voluntary and community sector in the South East:** RAISE website contains useful information and is updated regularly. [www.raise-networks.org.uk](http://www.raise-networks.org.uk)

**Westminster Briefings:** these briefing are not free (on average £250-£400) but may be useful in exceptional circumstances. Briefings such as 'Increasing the Role of the Third Sector in Public Services: Design, Delivery, Innovation and Change' on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 4.30pm, Westminster. See [www.westminster-briefings.com](http://www.westminster-briefings.com) for further details.

**Checks On People Working With Children And Vulnerable Adults:** Charles Russell Solicitors have on their website a very clear explanation of the checks that have to be carried out on governing body (management committee/board) members and staff in organisations working with children and vulnerable adults. [www.cr-law.co.uk/articles](http://www.cr-law.co.uk/articles)

**Criminal Record Checks:** See [www.crb.gov.uk](http://www.crb.gov.uk) for details of new fees for 2008/9 and fee waivers for volunteers.

**East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2007:** The report summarises the committee's progress through the year which was dominated by work on East Sussex Primary Care Trusts' Fit for the Future proposals for the future configuration of maternity and related services in the county. [www.eastsussexhealth.org/pdf/annualreportwebversion2007.pdf](http://www.eastsussexhealth.org/pdf/annualreportwebversion2007.pdf)