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Reminder!

Licensing Act 2003

If you wish to convert your Public Entertainments Licence into a new Premises Licence using 'grandfather rights' you **MUST** submit your application to the Licensing Officer at your local authority by **6 AUGUST**. If you do not do this, you will have to make a full application for a new Premises Licence.

Some of you will have decided only to use TENS and allow your PEL to lapse. This is fine if you do not hold many events. However, if you put on *Live and Local* shows, they are requiring promoters to obtain a Premises License for the hall.

The date the new Licenses come into force is **24 November 2005**. All existing licenses for public entertainments, theatre, film and the sale of alcohol cease at that date. PRS (Performing Rights Society) and PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd) Licenses are NOT affected by the new legislation because they are about copyright and royalties and you will still need them.

TENS regulations have not yet been issued. Please contact me by phone or email (or even post!) if you still have queries.

ACRE has produced a new **Model Hiring Agreement** which is available from DRCC by contacting Nancy Slaney. It costs £8 and includes a CD-Rom, which enables you to download the Hiring Agreement and other documents. It takes into account the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and contains useful notes and information.

ACRE has asked us to thank everyone who has helped the campaign to ease the effect of the new legislation on village halls by contacting their MPs. We are still working on outstanding matters of concern. Thank you! A copy of ACRE's paper: *The Licensing Act 2003 – impact on rural communities* is enclosed with this mailing.

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Oil Storage Regulations - reminder

Final date for containers to comply with the regulations on the Control of Pollution is **1 September**. All containers with a capacity of more than 200 litres must comply. If you are unsure of the regulations, contact your oil supplier for advice, or go to www.environment-agency.gov.uk

'The Essential Trustee'

This document, (CC3), published by the Charity Commission, contains 'Guidance from the Charity Commission to all who serve as Trustees or Directors on the governing body of a charity, or who are about to take up Trustee responsibilities.'

It is available, free of charge, by telephoning the Charity Commission on 0870 3330123. It can also be accessed on the website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

The Big Lottery Fund

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Demand-led schemes	£10,000 - £50,000	December 2005
Parks and community spaces	over £50,000	March-June 2006

'Health and Safety at Outdoor Community Events'

This new publication from Voluntary Arts Network is aimed at making it easier for those running small outdoor events to get to grips with the legalities, procedures and everything else organisers need to know. It offers comprehensive information and case studies, as well as handy to use check lists and timelines. It costs £20 from:

Email: info@voluntaryarts.org

Tel: 029 2039 5395

Avalon Software Ltd have sent us a demonstration CD of their programme **Day2Day – Bookings Manager**. They say it is a 'simple to use Bookings, Invoicing and Customer Database Computer Software System, ideal for Halls for hire'. If anyone would like to borrow this to try it out, please contact Nancy Slaney.

ACRE Village Hall Information Sheets

DRCC is able to provide complete printed sets of these Information sheets at a cost of £20 and village halls can receive updates of sheets as they are issued, at an annual cost of £10, including postage and packing.

If you wish to join this scheme, please let Nancy Slaney know.

Volunteers Needed for your Committee? Go to the Year of the Volunteer Roadshow!

Does your village hall management committee need more volunteers?
Do you struggle to recruit volunteers or to keep the ones you have?

There is no magical solution to the problems everyone faces around finding enough volunteers, but there are things you can do to:

- reach more people
- ensure you keep the volunteers you do have
- remove any obstacles that prevent people volunteering with you
- ensure you are complying with best practice with regard to your volunteers.

Find out how you can do all of these things at an event on **Wednesday, 7th September** at Losehill Hall. Free to voluntary and community group operating in High Peak the event will start at 9.45 am and finish at 2.30pm. There is a choice of workshops looking at a range of issues to do with volunteering so you can get the training that is relevant to your needs.

This event is being jointly managed by Buxton and Glossop Volunteer Bureaux and is funded through the Change-Up programme, supported by Derbyshire RCC and local CVs as well as the Volunteer Bureaux. To book your place contact Buxton Volunteer Bureau on 01298 23970. Please note help with transport and care costs is available and lunch will be provided.

Further Roadshows will be held, one in each District of the County and we will let you have details as they become available.

This Newsletter is now being produced in Word. If you would prefer an email copy each time it is issued could you please let Nancy Slaney know. Any enclosures which cannot be emailed will still be sent by post.



Congratulations! 4th success!

Ashford in the Water War Memorial Hall Committee has been successful in its bid to *Awards for All* and has received an award of £5000 for refurbishments to comply with Health & Safety requirements and to re-cover the billiards table.

News Release: The Celebrating People Award

Local organisation Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service offers award of recognition to local community group! Cash prize!

This is the fourth year of the Celebrating People award set up by DDCVS in 2002 in memory of their first chairperson, Jim Heslop. Previous winners have been High Peak Self Help Diabetic Group, Starkholmes and District Thursday Club and The Friday Group.

You don't have to have a day of the week in the name of your group to apply! The award is open to any voluntary or community group working in the Derbyshire Dales.

Topical for 2005, Year of the Volunteer, it's about what volunteers get out of volunteering for their particular group. The award is open to all groups, however small or large, newly formed or long established and we encourage everyone to apply. Groups are asked to complete a very short application form and return it to DDCVS at 3 Bath Street, Bakewell by Monday 1 August 2005.

Kate Smith, Chairperson of Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service will present the award; a commemorative plaque, framed certificate and a cheque for £50, at the DDCVS Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 September 2005.

For an application form contact:

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