

Fratton Big Local



Fratton Big Local Newsletter January 2015

Festival of Lights – you made Fratton shine!



Lantern Parade along Fratton Road

Thank you to everyone who came to the Festival of Lights in December, and thanks to all the people and organisations who supported us in making the event such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

We've had lots of positive comments about the event, and we're planning to do it again in December 2015.

Keep an eye on our website

www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk and Facebook page - we will post information about all the community events and activities we've got planned for 2015 as soon as more information is available.



Laser display on St Mary's Church

Free ESOL English language conversation sessions for women

We are offering free English language sessions for women who live in Fratton. These sessions have been specially designed for women whose first language is not English and who want to improve their English language skills to help them get on in work, education and community life.

The informal and friendly sessions will be held every Tuesday for 6 weeks from 24th February to 31st March (10.30am-12 noon) at the Portsmouth International College (next to the Bridge Centre in Fratton Road).

For more information and to book, contact us on 07841 341969 or email community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk

Please note that this is a pilot programme – if it goes well, we'll look at running more sessions for men and women in the future.



You can cook

We're supporting a free cookery course at Fratton Community Centre which will show you how to cook healthy tasty meals on a budget.

The course consists of 3 sessions which will take place on the mornings of 24th February, 3rd March and 10th March. Places are limited, and to take part you must be able to attend all 3 sessions.

For more information and to book, contact Asha on 023 9284 1560 or email asha.lal@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Opportunities for creative people

We are still looking for volunteers to join us on a couple of creative projects to promote Fratton:

Our photography project aims to record the sights and sounds of Fratton for an exhibition next summer.

Our project with Express FM involves a group of our volunteers being trained to record interviews about local current events or past stories, which will be broadcast as mini programmes/podcasts and be placed on the Express FM website and our website.

If you want to take part in either – or both – of these projects, please contact us. No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be aged over 16.

Community Development Worker vacancy

Stuart will be leaving us at the end of March to work on his own project – a wholefood worker co-operative in Southsea which is scheduled to open in April.

We are therefore recruiting for a new Community Development Worker. It's a part-time (25hpw), 3 year post (subject to the continued receipt of funding). The closing date for applications is noon on Friday 13 February.

Please see the link below to get more information about the post and an application form:

<http://actionhampshire.org/about/recruitment>

All applications and enquiries about the post should be made to Action Hampshire.



If you're interested in making a difference to Fratton, contact Stuart:

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or via our Facebook page.

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