



It has been a busy year since we saw you all at the AGM. This newsletter aims to update you on our recent activities and will be followed with another newsletter in the New Year. 2014 is our 20th anniversary year and we look forward to working with you to celebrate our successes.

COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US AT A FANTASTIC WINTER CONCERT



Join us on **Saturday 30th November at 7:30pm** for a fantastic concert by the Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia at All Saints Church. A great opportunity to **celebrate Christmas together** over a glass of wine and a mince pie, especially for those of you who have not been able to visit regularly this year. It is also a great opportunity for us to raise awareness of the

work of HVG and to raise some funds, so do bring your friends and family along. **Tickets are available in advance on 023 9283 9222** or on the door and cost £7 for adults and £3.50 for children and students. Importantly this price includes an interval drink and mince pie.

If your only idea of recorders is of primary age school children 'playing' plastic descants, then you will have to think again!

The Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia has about 35 players, some of whom

are professional musicians; others are enthusiastic amateurs. They play seven sizes of recorder, ranging from the 7inch sopranino to the 6 foot contrabass.

In this concert, the first movement of Steve Marshall's Symphony no.3 has been designed to showcase the different sounds of the various sections of the orchestra. Dances also feature in the programme and include Elgar's Bavarian Dance no 2, Spanish Dances by Moszkowski, Slavonic Dance no 8 by Dvorak, Benjamin Britten and Vivaldi.

VISITING AT HASLAR IRC

There is still a very high detainee turn over in HASLAR IRC and this is a challenging situation for us. As visitors, sometimes you don't even get the chance to see the men in Haslar after they have been referred to you, or if you manage to see them, it is only for a very short period of time before they are being released or removed. We appreciate your understanding and we would like to thank you all for your commitment. If you'd like to offer support in a different way, for example organising a fundraising event, please get in touch.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Easy fundraising is continuing to bring in funds. With Christmas Holidays and the end of year sales starting soon we hope to raise more money for HVG whilst you do your internet shopping. By using the HVG [easyfundraising.com](http://www.easyfundraising.com) link you can raise money for HVG as you spend:
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/haslarvg>.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 5TH MARCH 2014 WITH GUEST SPEAKER DON FLYNN – MIGRANTS' RIGHTS NETWORK

We are pleased to announce the date for the next AGM, with the participation of a wonderful guest speaker, Don Flynn.

This might sound like an early reminder but we want to ensure that you put the date in your diary!!! The Annual General Meeting (AGM) provides an opportunity for members to find out about our work, meet other members and supporters and enjoy our special guest speaker.

Don Flynn is the director of the Migrants' Rights Network, and he also chairs the UK Race and Europe Network (UKREN) and the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM). A regular and

sought-after speaker at conferences, seminars and lectures, Don leads Migrants' Rights Network's strategic development and coordinates the policy and project work.

Launched in 2006, Migrants' Rights Network is a young, dynamic national NGO working and campaigning in support of migrants in the UK. Aiming to defend the rights of migrants and develop a dynamic and diverse network that builds bridges across different sectors and interests, Migrants' Rights Network helps to get migrants' voices heard both at local and national levels.

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/>

PORTSMOUTH ARISE AWARD

We are delighted to acknowledge the receipt of £500 towards the cost of computer equipment from the ARISE (the Alliance to Reward Initiatives and Social Enterprise) programme.

Introduced by Land Securities, ARISE aims to support local communities' initiatives. An alliance of business partners based in Portsmouth have come together to provide an annual fund of money to support initiatives and socially based activities that improve the lives of groups or individuals in the city.

For further information about ARISE, please see: <http://www.gunwharf-quays.com/arise>

Do you know someone who is looking for their lost relative?

The British Red Cross needs your support to spread the word about their International Family Tracing Service. You can do this through displaying leaflets and posters or passing this message to other organisations and associations.

Visit the multilingual pages on at www.redcross.org.uk/trace

Our patrons are: The Rt Hon Earl of Sandwich, Lomana Tresor Lua Lua

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY JANUARY 2014

To include an item in the newsletter, please forward to coordinator@haslarvisitors.org.uk or bryony.whitmarsh@port.ac.uk

For more information on any of the items in this newsletter, please visit www.haslarvisitors.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 30th November 2013 – Winter Concert with Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia. 7.30pm. All Saints Church. PO1 4BT. Tickets: £7 adults and £3.50 children, students. Available in advance from coordinator@haslarvisitors.org.uk or via hurs@hantsweb.hants.gov.uk

Weds 5th March 2014 – Annual General Meeting. 7pm. All Saints Church. PO1 4BT. Guest speaker: Don Flynn, Director of Migrants' Rights Network

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