

Village Agent news for February 2017-01-05

Hello Everyone. Now that we are into 2017 it maybe that some people are thinking that it would be good to try something new. If so, you might be interested in this. SGS College are offering a free course. It is called **Refresh 2 Impress**, and will be held at the Stroud Campus, Stratford Park. The course is free for those who are retired and over fifty. It is especially designed for people who are young at heart and wanting to learn new skills, meet new people and have fun. The course includes a maths qualification, lunch and refreshments every day, taster sessions which may include art, yoga or dance, circus skills, creative writing, first aid or IT. The course will be held from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th February. To book your place call 0800 056 6940 or emailacl@sgscol.ac.uk

I would like to tell you a bit about a new project in the county, the project is called **Going the Extra Mile** and it has been funded by the Big Lottery and European Social Fund. The aim of the project is to offer extra support to people who feel very out of touch with employment or training possibilities but who, ideally, would like to get into work but may have lost confidence and need some extra help. Amanda, the local worker, can offer one-to-one support with job searches and help people get CVs out to employers. This can include daily support when required. People of any age can be supported but there is a particular remit for over 50s and people going back to work following their children starting to school. They also have access to funding and can apply on behalf of participants for various types of things, including help with training courses and travel. The project aims to be inclusive, individuals who have a disability or a particular need can be referred to workers with particular specialism's. If you think that this project could benefit you contact Amanda on 07823 776 670 or 01452 528491.

New **Hearing Aid Clinics** will be held at GL11 Community Hub, Fairmead, Cam, GL11 5JS. The clinic will be held on 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm -3pm. Also for anyone who has easy access to Stroud a clinic will be held at Stroudwater Court, 1 Cainscross Road, Stroud, GL5 4ET on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10am – 12noon. Please phone to make an appointment beforehand on 01452 372999. Please note that the usual clinics are still being held at Marybrook Medical Centre in Berkeley, Prices Mill Surgery in Nailsworth and at various venues throughout the county.

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