



Friends of ACS Newsletter Spring 2017

Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter. As the bulbs and buds burst out in the Quaker garden, all the staff at ACS are busy. We have seen a number of changes and additions to the staff and there is a renewed energy in the Service as a result.

Charles Bailey

Charles stepped down as Director at the end of February. He joined ACS in February 2009 and was highly regarded for his leadership. Staff and Trustees thanked him for his hard work and dedication. He will be missed. Needless to say we are now seeking a new Director. Do you know anyone who might be interested in taking on this voluntary post? Enquiries to admin@altoncounselling.org.uk or to Chair of Trustees (pique134@btinternet.com)

Salve et Vale

We also said farewell to David Lewin, Service Manager, and wished him well in the future. Our new Service Manager, Lissa Morris was welcomed into the fold and is settling in well. Alongside her in the office is volunteer Rachel who has been helping her to reorganise the paper work systems.

Since the New Year the Service has recruited three new counsellors, Tina, Jaye and Mandy, who have joined Ann and Stan's supervision groups. We now have a full complement of counsellors in three groups. This is excellent news as we have had a high number of enquiries for counselling in the last two months.

Forthcoming Events

Look out for details of the Wine Tasting Evening on 26th May. Let us know if you would like to be involved in running one of our events or if you have a good idea for another event.

John Pilkington will be giving another fund-raising talk for us in the autumn. Put Saturday October 21st in your diary now!

Summer Garden Party



Another date not to miss is the Summer Garden Party on **Saturday 1st July**. We enjoyed the cakes and the weather last year and look forward to a repeat in the beautiful Quaker Garden. This year we have invited musicians from Alton College to play for us.

If you are a Pianist or know of one, we have an offer of a venue with magnificent grand piano for a fund-raising recital Contact Elizabeth Knight 01256 862721

Trustees

We are recruiting additional Trustees and we are looking, in particular, for counselling or fund-raising expertise. Contact Elizabeth Knight (pique134@btinternet.com) for more information. A Trustee Pack is available to anyone giving consideration to this important role.

We look forward to seeing you all at one of the events later in the year.