

# Redstone.fm

## REIGATE AND BANSTEAD COMMUNITY RADIO LTD

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Welcome to the latest Redstone.fm newsletter. This comes at a time when we are busy finalising the schedule for the forthcoming broadcast.

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### **Summer 2009 Broadcast**

Ofcom have agreed our FM frequency and we will again be heard on 87.7fm. The exact dates for the broadcast are from Wednesday 27 May until Monday 15 June. This year we will be coming from temporary studios located in Tower House in the Belfry Centre. This is a great location as it takes us to the heart of the town and the various activities that will be taking place, in particular during the carnival weekend.

The daytime programme schedule will see Des Shepherd presenting the breakfast show (7-10am), Steve Burge with East Surrey Talks (10am-1pm) and Tess Lewsey on the afternoon 'Drive' show from 3-6pm. The lunchtime programme (1-3pm) will be presented by students who are currently on our Broadcast Opportunities course, running at facilities in Merstham.

We are continuing to offer opportunities to young people and through VInvolved, we have a team of young people from Reigate College who will be producing and presenting our evening show (6-8pm).

There will also be various specialist music shows during the evening and weekend including further live music sessions. We are currently in the process of recording interviews with the current Mayor of Reigate & Banstead and the Mayor elect. These 'In Conversation' programmes will be broadcast on Sundays 31 May and 7 June. Full details of all our programmes will be posted on the website nearer the time. [www.redstone.fm/schedule](http://www.redstone.fm/schedule)



### Volunteers' Week (1-7 June 2009)



Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from 1 – 7 June of each year. This year, Redstone.fm is teaming up with the Reigate & Banstead Council of Voluntary Service and their Volunteer Centre to provide a range of programmes and features celebrating the work of the voluntary sector.

### surrey **v**involved

We will also be working alongside Surrey vInvolved – the youth volunteering organisation run by the YMCA in Redhill.



#### **Have Your Say!**

If you are involved in voluntary work or are involved with a local voluntary organisation or charity and want to talk about your activities, we'd like to hear from you. Call Des Shepherd on 07977 164872 if you're interested.



**12-14 June 2009**

Redstone.fm will again provide coverage of the activities over the carnival weekend. Full details of the events can be found at [www.redhillcarnival.org](http://www.redhillcarnival.org) and in the run up to the weekend, Redstone.fm will talk to the organisers and the various charities who will be benefiting from the fund raising during the event.

Redstone.fm will broadcast live coverage from a number of events during the carnival weekend including the carnival parade and the Funday on Sunday 14 June.

### Providing Opportunities

Redstone.fm will again be providing opportunities to visually impaired persons and those with other disabilities. We are currently running a short course for visually impaired students. This course, the Broadcast Opportunities Course, is taking place in Merstham and our 8 students are looking forward to putting into practice what they are learning when they appear on the air during the forthcoming broadcast.

This course is run in association with East Surrey College, supported by the RNIB and funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Learning & Skills Council. Following the success of this course and the fact that we have a waiting list of students, we plan to run further courses later in the year.



We would like to place on record our thanks to the Trustees of the Merstham Community Facility for hosting this training course. For news about this new facility, please go to [www.redstone.fm/merstham](http://www.redstone.fm/merstham)

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### Other News



With the activity surrounding the forthcoming broadcast, it is easy to forget other news but we are of course waiting for news from Ofcom on our bid for a full time community radio licence for the borough.

Ofcom are on schedule with their awards of licenses but we don't expect to hear the outcome of our application until October or November.