

87.7 Redstone.fm



*We are back on the air!
And half way through our 2009 broadcast.*

Redstone.fm is on the air until Monday 15 June and can be heard on 87.7fm in the Redhill and Reigate area.

You can also listen on-line – follow the link on www.redstone.fm

Last week we devoted much of our airtime to celebrating Volunteers' Week and this coming we are gearing up for next weekend's Redhill & Reigate Carnival.



The week featured a range of interviews with guests including Tim Hazel from the Reigate & Banstead Sport Council, Glynis Wigginton from the Banstead based charity Dyscover and Mike Locke from the national body Volunteering England.

We also heard of the work of the Reigate & Banstead Volunteer Centre.

Our evening youth shows have included a number of young people talking about the voluntary work they do. Whilst Volunteers' Week has now passed, we are continuing with the theme this week and one highlight will be the launch of the 2009 Mayor's Community Awards. The new Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, Cllr, Richard Mantle, will be in our studios for a live broadcast from 11am on Tuesday 9 June.



The highlight of our celebration of Volunteers' Week was an exclusive interview with Kevin Brennan, the Minister of the Third Sector. If you missed the original broadcast, the interview is available to download or listen to on the website www.redstone.fm/schedule



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Carnival Time!

Next weekend is the long awaited Redhill and Reigate Carnival. Redstone.fm will be providing exclusive coverage of the weekend's activities and full details can be found on the web site www.redstone.fm

In the coming week, we will be featuring interviews with the organisers of the event, some of the charities who will benefit from the fund raising plus some of the singers and bands taking part over the weekend. We will also be playing some of their music including the special carnival track recorded by OXB. The Carnival Calypso was first aired on Saturday 6 June and will be played throughout the week leading up to the Carnival weekend.

New Voices

Redstone.fm welcomes a number of new voices to the airways. We welcome Chris, Gary, Mike, Richard and Simon who are taking part in the Broadcast Opportunities Course. This course is run by Redstone.fm using the Merstham Community Facility as a base. This course, for visually impaired people is to be featured on BBC Radio 4. The first part of a two part package is scheduled to be broadcast this Tuesday (9 June) on In Touch which goes out from 8.40pm in Radio 4. The second part is scheduled to go out the following week (this is subject to and last minute scheduling change by Radio 4).

In addition we welcome a number of younger broadcasters. Adam, Jo, Laura, Mark, Mel, Robert, and Zia are looking after our early evening shows and for most it's their first chance to get behind a microphone. Their involvement has been organised in conjunction with Reigate College and Surrey VInvolved.

Our Sponsors and Funders

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We also want to thank Metrobus and Le-barbe for sponsoring programmes and features, The Event for supporting the Events Diary and publicity in the Carnival programme and promotion material, and the Belfry Shopping Centre for hosting this broadcast.

Other News



With the activity surrounding the current 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.

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