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ON 11TH SEPTEMBER, VANEL HELD IT'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AN 'ALL THINGS VOLUNTEERING' TEA PARTY. THIS SPECIAL EDITION NEWS-LETTER RECAPS THE DAY...

READ ALL ABOUT IT... AGM & TEA PARTY GREAT SUCCESS

The VANEL AGM and 'all things volunteering' Tea Party on 11th September was a great success – perhaps one of our best AGM days for a good few years. Over 60 members and friends joined us at the Beachcomber in Cleethorpes for both the formalities of our AGM and the informality of an afternoon tea dance, tea party, music and conversations themed around ways to support volunteering further.

Thanks so much to everyone who joined us for the afternoon, and for those who didn't make it, here's our roundup of the event.



THANK YOU ALLEN

Our AGM was the time and place for us to say thank you and goodbye to Allen Young who has retired as Chair and Trustee of VANEL after many years' service. With a bit of serendipity at play, our event was moved at the last minute into the Starlight Lounge at the Beachcomber, which happens also to be the venue each year for Harbour Place's annual charity event and a favourite spot for Allen Young.

Allen has been Chair at VANEL for 3 years, plus he was Vice Chair for 3 years before that. Paula Grant, Chief Officer at VANEL, presented Allen with a statue of a resting hare on behalf of all the staff, trustees and volunteers at VANEL with huge thanks for presiding over us during some very challenging times which nevertheless saw us succeed in a number of key areas.



During Allen's tenure we won national Transforming Local Infrastructure/Big Lottery funding against stiff national and local competition; we received our bronze, silver then gold healthy workplace awards; we achieved national volunteer centre quality accreditation from NCVO and Volunteering England, and we achieved compliance with the national code of good governance for our trusteeship practices amongst many other accolades.

Very many thanks again Allen and we all wish you well for your future retirement.

AND THANK YOU TO OTHERS

Penny and Debi together are **Happy Days Vintage Tea Party**. And what a Tea Party they laid on for us and our guests at our AGM. The tables looked great, the service was excellent, and our members and friends were able to indulge in home made cakes all afternoon. Thanks for Penny and Debi for making it a real Tea Party.

Contact Penny via 07846 289849 or Debi 07952 303826 if you need your own Vintage Tea Party!



A Tea Party would not be complete without a Tea Dance, and thanks to Penny Smith and the dancers from her **School of Dance**, we topped off our afternoon of food, conversation and music, with some dancers from her school showing us all how it should be done.

Penny Smith School of Dance

Penny has been teaching dance for over 25 years and holds classes and workshops for all ages and abilities, with a recent focus on Tea Dances and social Ballroom dancing. Dancers from her Tea Dance group helped lead us during the afternoon. Penny and Debi together run Happy Days to provide dance, tea parties and everything required for relaxed social occasions such as our AGM. Thanks again to Penny and Debi.

Thanks from VANEL to the team at The Beachcomber in Cleethorpes who were our host for the afternoon in the Starlight lounge. The room provided us with a great setting for our AGM and afternoon Tea Party.

Beachcomber
-Helony Park & Entertainment Centre | Cleethorpes



The VANEL Annual Report for 2013-14 is online and available to download. A simple .pdf summary is available or the entire report can be browsed online to see what we were up to during the year 2013-14. www.vanel.org.uk/report2013-14



Back in June, the whole VANEL staff team went out and about as part of National Volunteers Week 2014 to volunteer ourselves with our local charities and groups. It was a great experience for all of us and it helped us to learn from the inside, about some of the issues and benefits that volunteering brings. We believe this helped us as a team to improve still further the way we and our Volunteer Centre can support both volunteers and host organisations. Last week's AGM Tea Party was a fantastic opportunity for our staff to once again have conversations (over a cup of tea and a nice piece of cake) about what volunteers and organisations need and how VANEL can support this. Keep your feedback coming and do contact the Volunteer Centre team if you have questions or suggestions.

The 2014 Volunteers Week was also the 30th anniversary of the event and at the time we sought out local volunteer 'ambassadors' who would demonstrate the impact and scope of volunteering. Not only did we find people who had been volunteering for 10, 20, 30 or more years, but two of our local ambassadors went on to be selected as national ambassadors too.

Supporting volunteers and the role of volunteering is proudly at the heart of what VANEL does.

Let us know what we can do to help you.

Volunteers wanted

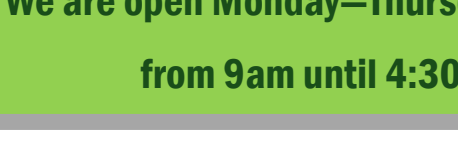
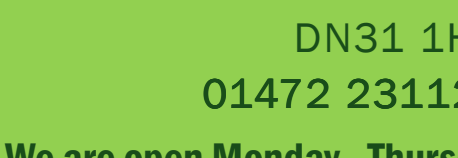
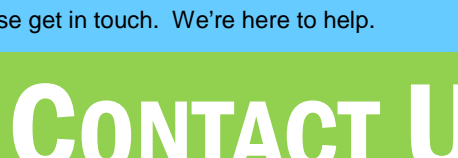
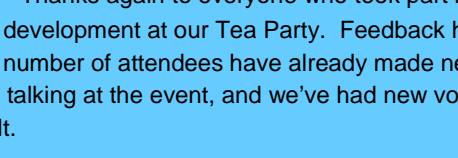
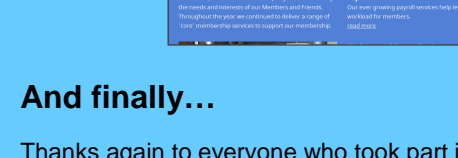
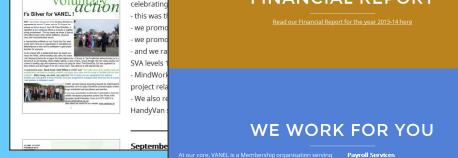
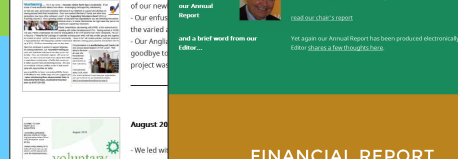
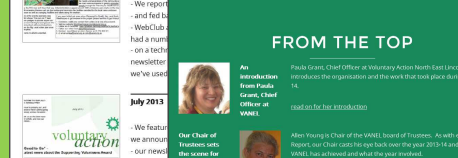
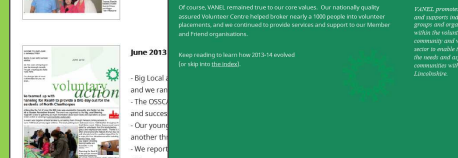
Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust are looking for a **Book Keeper/Treasurer**. They are looking for somebody with accountancy experience who will be willing to give approximately one day a month to stay on top of cheque book and annual accounts. Help with filing returns to charity commission, Company's House and occasionally HMRC would be appreciated.

At the minute there is very little financial activity so it shouldn't be an onerous position.

This is just the very latest of many volunteering opportunities we have available at the Volunteer Centre. Contact us to enquire or add an opportunity.

Our Supporting Volunteers Award (SVA) has now been achieved by over

80 groups, with over 20 having reached SVA level 2. We're in the process of refreshing SVA and all aspects of it, but if your group hosts volunteers and would like to talk to us about how to gain SVA and demonstrate to others how well you support your volunteers, please do contact Kelly at VANEL via 01472 231123.



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