

A splash of colour at the fair

EXCLUSIVE

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SEBASTIAN'S Action Trust has teamed up with *The Villager* to run a colouring competition in aid of next month's Victorian Street Fair.

It is hoped the entries will fill Sunninghill's shop windows

with a traditional Victorian scene to fit in with the theme of the fair – run by the charity and Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council.

Barbara Hilton, Victorian Street Fair committee member, said: "The colouring competition is a marvellous idea because we wanted to make the fair a real family

event. Let's face it, kids love colouring so a competition was the perfect choice. I can't wait to see all the entries and it will be interesting deciding a winner!"

The pictures will be judged by Cllr Hilton on Sunday, November 15 and prizes will be presented on the day at 3pm. There are two age groups for

the competition, four to seven and eight to 11, with prizes for each category still to be confirmed.

● To enter, pick up a form from collection points outside Saracen Windows in Queens Road, Sunninghill, and A Cut Above in Silwood Road, Ascot, or at Chapmans Ironmongers or Pink and

Brown in Sunninghill High Street.

Alternatively, the colouring form can be downloaded from www.thevillager.co.uk/streetfair

Entries should be sent to Bas Books, 5 Crossway, Bracknell, RG12 1BG by no later than Friday, November 13.

Free bus service

IT is hoped a dedicated bus service will draw people from further afield to a traditional festive fair.

Visitors to next month's Victorian Street Fair will now be able to take advantage of a free park and ride service.

Organisers are hoping thousands of people will visit the fair in Sunninghill on Sunday, November 15.

As well as the bus service running from Ascot High Street there will be limited parking at the Marist School in King's Road for a small charge.

Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Cllr Barbara Hilton wants as many people living in Ascot to come along as well as it is a parish event.

She said: "What we would really like to see is as many residents of the parish attending what is their fair."

Fairgoers will be able to park in car park 3 at Ascot Racecourse

with a shuttle bus picking up and dropping off every 30 minutes from noon.

Instead of traffic, the village's High Street will be filled with stalls selling Christmas gifts to festive food.

Youngsters will be kept occupied with an outdoor skating rink as well as Santa's grotto.

The fair has been resurrected by the parish council, village traders and Sebastian's Action Trust.

Jane Gates, the charity's director, said: "Attending the street fair was almost like an annual tradition in our family."

"It heralded the start of Christmas activities and we really hope by resurrecting this event we will be able to bring back this tradition for everyone in our community."

The fair will run from 12-5pm and proceeds will be split between Sebastian's Action Trust and the Ascot District Day Centre.



● GOOD CAUSE: From left, Dawn O'Leary and Geoff Atkinson from Davis Burton Sellek, Susan Drake of Encompass Financial Management, Jane Gates from Sebastian's Action Trust and Mark Courage from Encompass Financial Management.

Cheers for children's charity

CHAMPAGNE and canapes were enjoyed while raising money for a children's charity.

A drinks party was held to welcome the arrival of Encompass Financial Management in Sunningdale.

The event raised a total of £1,617 for Sunninghill-based charity Sebastian's Action Trust through a raffle and donations. Mark Cour-

age, one of the directors of Encompass, said: "We were delighted to see so many old and new friends enjoying themselves."

"The evening was a great success helping raise much-needed funds for a local charity close to my heart."

Mr Courage and Susan Drake and accountants Davis Burton Sellek opened their doors to clients, businesses

and people living nearby for champagne and a magic show.

Jane Gates, director of Sebastian's Action Trust, said: "The Courage family have been dedicated supporters of our charity since its inception and we are touched by their desire to continually find new ways to help our endeavours and to raise our profile."

IN BRIEF

New Year fun run

TEAMS can now enter a New Year fun run in aid of charity.

The 14th annual Sunninghill Fancy Dress Wheelbarrow Race takes place on New Year's Day and organisers want people to sign up. Organised by the Rotary Club of Ascot, teams of four push a wheelbarrow with one team member in it around a mile-long course.

Team entry costs £10 and proceeds donated to Ascot District Day Centre. Call David Mear on 01344 621419 or Geoff Donovan on 01344 627197.

Councillors forum

PROBLEMATIC issues can be brought up at a councillors' forum on Saturday, November 28.

The Egham Hythe councillors' surgery will take place in the bar lounge of the Hythe Centre in Thorpe Road from 10am-noon.

People will be able to meet and chat with the council representatives for their ward and raise any concerns they may have about where they live.

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