

4 & 6

Clemens St.

Community Link

Working with the community

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Welcome to the first edition of the 4&6 Community Link. 4&6 Clemens St is owned and managed by local regeneration charity Regenesis Two. We are privileged to house a variety of voluntary sector organisations dedicated to providing a wide range of services to the people of South Warwickshire.

In this Issue we would like to introduce the Leamington Spa Credit Union.



Helping to make your money go further

The Leamington Spa Credit Union provides low cost savings and loans to over 450 members in South-East Warwickshire. Designed primarily for those without access to regular banking services, it offers a fully regulated, not-for-profit alternative to loan sharks and doorstep lenders.

Accessing the services of the Union is simple as Chairman, Keith Bell, explains. "You buy a £1 share to join the Credit Union and open an account with a further £1. You then save as much as you can afford for 12 weeks. After that you can have your first loan for up to double the amount you have saved." Borrowers pay 1% (12.68% APR) per month on the reducing balance, compared to the 177% APR charged by some doorstep lenders!

The Union is also a lending agency for Heart of England Money, a government fund, which is available to both members and non-members. The Leamington Spa Credit Union has arranged loans of over £6,000 during the 1st quarter of 2007 – the first credit union in the area to achieve this target.

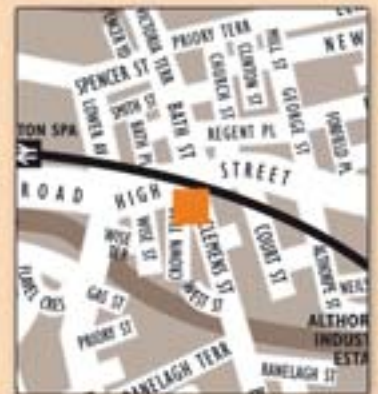
To find out more, contact 4 & 6. Alternatively ring 01926 833913 or e-mail enquiry@leamingtoncu.co.uk

4&6 provides a welcoming, supportive serviced office environment exclusively for voluntary and not-for-profit organisations.

We offer:

- High quality, affordable serviced office accommodation;
- A prominent location with excellent transport links and easy access to Leamington Town Centre;
- A mutually supportive network of like-minded community organisations.

If this is what you are looking for, give us a ring or drop in for a chat.



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Mediation & Community Support

Mediation is a free, voluntary and confidential conflict resolution service. Mediators will not judge who is right or wrong, but will help people to look for realistic and workable agreements for the future. We also offer training and volunteering opportunities.

Contact Judith Halliday on 01926 424250
Email - macs1@btconnect.com
Web www.mediationsupport.org.uk



Leamington Spa Credit Union

Leamington Spa Credit Union was established in 2000. Credit Unions are a new way of saving and operate a low-cost loan scheme. They are non-profit making organisations governed by the Financial Service Authority. Loans cost 1% per month and are covered by free insurance.

For more information call 01926 833913 or 0797 939 8151



People in Action

People in Action are committed to delivering responsive, person focused, quality services, to people with a learning disability, promoting their equal rights and supporting their families.

For more information please visit our Web Site www.people-in-action.co.uk



PPI Forum Support Organisation

The Patient and Public Involvement Forums are made up of local volunteers who want to make a difference to local health services. They represent the view of the patients and the public in the local NHS. The PPI Forum Support Organisation for Coventry and Warwickshire is managed by Touchstone, part of Midland Heart, a Charitable Housing Association. The PPI Forum Support Organisation supports the work of the volunteers.



Regenesis Two – The Old Town Community Charity

Regenesis Two is the successor to Regenesis, The Old Town Community Partnership. We are a local charity supporting people and projects in Old Town Leamington Spa. The charity owns and manages the offices at 4&6 Clemens Street.

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Warwickshire Domestic Violence Support Service

WDVSS is a voluntary organization, which supports those experiencing domestic violence. We offer a range of services to meet the needs of those who come to us for help. Our services include 1:1 support, refuge accommodation and counselling for children. Contact Martina on 01926 833916 or martina.wdvss@hotmail.co.uk



South Leamington Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team

We are here to reduce and detect offences which cause harm within our neighbourhood. We work in close partnership with local people in order to address concerns and to help make South Leamington a pleasant and safe environment in which to live and work.

Call us on: 01926 451111, or alternatively Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



BID Leamington

Leamington Spa is aiming for BID status, that is to become a Business Improvement District. Throughout the process, Helen Smith the project co-ordinator can be contacted on 07920 028292 or by emailing helensmith@bidleamington.com



Community Support Team

We provide advice, support, training and information to community groups and individuals wanting to start up groups or initiatives. This may be about where to start, places to meet, getting others involved, publicity, useful people, committees, constitutions, sources of funding and writing funding applications.

Contact Kath Bannister on: 01926 833910
Email: Kath.bannister@warwickdc.gov.uk



Regional Women's Enterprise Unit

Free support to help women start and grow their own businesses. Are you a woman thinking about starting up your own business but just don't know where to start?

Whatever stage you're at we're here to help!

Call us on 024 76 236 111 or visit our website – www.rweu.co.uk



COVENTRY WARWICKSHIRE GUIDANCE

- Information and Advice on learning and work.
- 1:1 discussion exploring your career options.
- Help in preparing your CV, completing application forms and interview skills.

Please call on 01926 883377 or 01926 468950. Friday – 1.30pm - 3:00pm



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