



## Safe & Sound - No. 28 – February 9, 2011

**Vetting and Barring Scheme - still no news.** The Government's review of the Vetting and Barring/CRB Scheme continues. Despite various stories in the media last weekend we still have no idea how long this will take or what the findings might be.

### Training Dates

In the October Newsletter I promised more dates for the very successful *Safeguarding Children* workshops that Maggie Nelson and Suzanne have run three times already since September. All three sessions were fully booked well in advance, and numbers are limited, so please put your bid in early if you want to join **one** of the two sessions to be held here in St Monica's on:

Wednesday 23 March: 18.30 - 21.30

Friday 8 April: 10.00 - 13.00.

A flyer with more details is attached - please let all your parish know about it.

### Resigned volunteers

Please help us to keep the database up to date by telling us when volunteers resign - or sadly, when they die.

You can have a printout of your parish list at any time - just phone or email and I will send it.

*Stephen Hanslip*

### The A5 Booklet

Stocks of the A5 Booklet which supports the Parish Pack are now all but gone, and we will not produce a new Edition until we know what is to happen to the CRB and ISA.

But it is now available as a pdf on the diocesan website - so please just help yourself.

### Disclosure application forms

These forms are now readily available and CSAS is handling the supply of forms very effectively.

I have countersigned and sent to the CRB more than 500 of these new forms. Keep them coming - but please do check them carefully first. The CRB will return forms with even the slightest errors, and I have not yet received from parishes more than about 25 or 30 *totally* correct forms.....

### Hiring parish premises

Many parishes now hire out their halls or other premises to 'outside' organisations. These organisations should all complete a Form **Case 7** (available on the website, or from the office) to certify that they have their own Safeguarding Procedures (or that they have adopted the Church's) - and that they have appropriate insurance cover.

Please be aware that the Diocesan insurance cover applies only to Diocesan organisations' events and activities, and for outside organisations not to have third-party liability insurance could be very costly for them, and distressing for anybody caught up in an incident.

### CSAS Audit of the Safeguarding Office

On Friday of this week we are having the first Audit visit from our colleagues at CSAS. They are looking at our casework and recording practice; our CRB and safe recruitment practice; and induction, supervision, training and support. Wish us luck - we'll let you know how we get on!

### CSAS Procedures Review

Many thanks to those reps who responded to our plea to review the CSAS Procedures. We will pass on the results in due course...

### Suzanne's leave dates

Suzanne will be away for the week beginning Monday 21 February. The spring and early summer have a lot of Bank Holidays, and both Suzanne and I have leave to catch up on. Please send your CRB forms in asap.

### SVP Meeting with Albert Maher

We had a very useful meeting last week with Albert Maher, who will already be known to many SVP Conferences as the Safeguarding link between the Diocese and SVP in Leeds. He is doing a great job helping to keep the lists of SVP members up to date and sorting out problems; please help him all you can with this vital task. He is available on [albert.maher@btinternet.com](mailto:albert.maher@btinternet.com).

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