

## Thanet District Partnership Group Notes of Meeting held on 11th April 2011

### Feedback from Drop In Funding

Ange, Christina and Walter told us about the funding given to some local projects from money that was left from the Drop In.



There was £3,773. The DPG Planning Group looked at projects that could bid for £500 each. Some of the projects funded were the Funky Orange Drama Group for new equipment and costumes. Being Seen Being Heard and the Photography Group from East Kent Mencap.

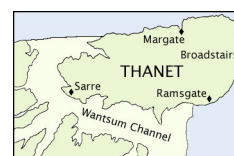
### Mencap Photography Group

Tricia told us about the East Kent Mencap Photography Group. There are 2 groups that are keen on bird watching. The Group had an exhibition at the Pharmacy Gallery in Margate and has also shown work in the local libraries. The group can also do work for other people. Recently they have been working with the Ellington Park to take photos of the park. The DPG gave the Group £500 to mount and frame some new photos for exhibitions. There will be more exhibitions later this year.



### What does Thanet have to offer

We heard from lots of people and organisations about things to do in Thanet.



### Art for All

This is an art gallery and workshop on Margate seafront.



There are art activities for anyone who drops in. You can do courses which run for 6 weeks or just one session. There is pottery, mosaics, canvass painting etc. During the summer there will be a craft workshop café where you can buy activities to do while you have a hot drink and chat to people. Prices start from about £3.50.



## **St Pauls Church**

St Pauls Community Trust is in St Pauls Road, Cliftonville. They run lots of different activities, coffee mornings, bingo morning, art class on Wednesday 1-3pm £2 per session. In the evenings there is yoga, zumba, tae-kwondo, karate.



## **Adult Education**

Independent living skills courses are available for people who want to get better at managing money, keeping safe, getting out and about, English and maths. These courses are free!



Skills Plus courses are also free for people who are better at English and maths and want to improve their skills more.

There is a range of creative, art and healthy living courses.

An Access Fund can help people who find it difficult if they need to pay for a course. If a group of people want a particular course Adult Education can help find a course and arrange for it to run.

## **Westgate College**

The John Townsend Trust are developing an adult social centre for people with a disability. This gives people a chance to be involved in social activities. The Centre is still being developed but there will be a multi sensory room, dance/drama/arts



and crafts studio, games room, bistro, kitchen and training and conference room. There will also be a DVD cinema where groups of friends can hire the room for the evening and show a DVD. There is even a popcorn machine.

Cost of hiring a room will be around £3.

The Dance studio will be available to hire. Lots of clubs will be running from the centre including a Wednesday club for over 18s between 4pm and 6pm. Activities will change each month based on what people say they want to do. It will cost £3 per week to go to the Club.



On Monday there will be gardening club from 10am—3pm. This will cost £2 for the day and people can just turn up for the day.



The DPG has funded some instruments for the music group. These will be hand instruments so that everyone can join in. The music club will be starting soon.



An open afternoon/night will be arranged once all funding has been collected and a timetable made for the clubs.

The Centre will be open all day and evenings every day of the week.

### **Thanet college**

There are lots of free courses eg healthy eating, introduction to work. Each course has at least 8 people and is run at Mill Lane or the Argyle Centre.



The College would like to come out to people and hold courses so if people have venues with kitchen particularly for healthy eating courses please let them know.

## KAB



Support people with learning disabilities and sight difficulties. They can do home assessments.

### Group Discussion

We talked about what people do and whether people feel part of their community and go to big events in Thanet like quad biking, concerts and the air show.



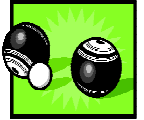
What do people do?

- Funky orange drama group
- Power kite flying on Saturdays at Westbrook Sands.
- Archery Club at Ramsgate Sports Centre on Wednesdays
- TADSAD on Fridays 7pm—9pm cost £4.
- Drop In at Union Church, Mon 10—2pm, Wed 10—1pm, Fri 10—12noon.
- Britania Pub night once a month on the first Wednesday.
- Carltons coffee shop, meet every Tuesday 1.30—3pm for a drink and chat.
- Lunch Club at Weatherspoons every Saturday 12—1pm
- Gateway Plus, Margate to use computers free of charge.
- Honeysuckle Inn, Margate has karaoke every Friday and Saturday night. Also very cheap Sunday dinner.
- Mencap Club on Mondays for over 18s.

There is a new Nightclub which has opened in Folkestone for people. There is a charge of £3 to get in and food and drink are available. Would people like something like this in Thanet. Some local pubs might be interested in doing something like this.



Richmond Fellowship support people to go to the cinema once a month. They also support people to go bowling. People have to be a member of Richmond Fellowship which is based at 2 Cecil Square.



Indoor green bowling on Monday at 12.15.

Carlton cinema on Wed £3 all day and night.

Hornby Hobbies Visitor Centre is £4 to get in.

### Big Events held in Thanet

Air Show

Concerts at Quex Park

Quad Biking

Beach Volley Ball

Kite Festival

Jazz festival

Folk week in Broadstairs

Boat race

Carnivals

Beer Festival

Dickens Week



Why don't people go to the big events?

- Cost too much
- Access
- If people are drinking lots of alcohol it puts people off.
- There are not enough toilets
- Buss pass times have changed.

