

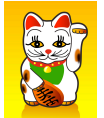


# THANET REVIEW

Welcome to the April issue of Thanet Review. This is the Thanet Day Service's monthly local information newsletter, created and brought to you by service users. We hope you find it interesting and useful for planning your activities, outings or get togethers, please phone the office if you require further information or assistance. Everyone please keep your information coming in for next month's issue! (Tel: 01843 280022)

**THANK YOU**

*This month we say goodbye and wish very good luck to our staff member Morag who is leaving. We all wish her well for the future and thank her for all her hard work: "I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the Richmond Fellowship Informal Thanet Day Service. It is all of the people that I have met and admire who have made it an absolute joy and privilege to work here, I will really miss everyone and I truly wish you all the very best of luck along your own life journeys and trust that you will all continue to succeed in your aims and hopes".* Now, looking forward and on the bright side, it's a big "Hello" to our new staff member Theresa who will take over the groups and trips straight away and is looking forward to meeting everyone and introducing herself over the next few weeks!



**JOB CLUB DROP INS**

Get help with your job searching, applications and CV:  
 Every Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm at the Gateway Plus, Margate.  
 And every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm then 1.30pm to 4.00pm at the Argyle Centre, Ramsgate.

**Want to stop smoking, lose weight or combat stress?**

It's not too late – you can still sign up to 'Health Trainers' to get the advice and support you need. Ask in the Margate Gateway Plus or call 08458 247202.

**Thanet Coast Project will be holding their Fun Day on Thursday 14th April.**

It is being held on Margate Main Sands, near the Disability Hut area. There will be a beach clean from 12-1pm and followed by the main event from 1-5pm. There will be sports, games, a seashore safari and other activities

**This month's trip will be to the brand new Turner Art Centre in Margate to view their art exhibitions on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Admission is free!**

**NEW ADULT HANDBALL TASTERS FOR FREE !**

Looking for a fun, social sports night out? Then why not try the new Sport4Life FREE Indoor Handball sessions which take place at Dane Court School on Wednesdays 6pm-7pm. Free Coaching, free entry. Just turn up and play for FREE. For more information contact Colin Rouse on 01843 577032 or email [colin.rouse@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:colin.rouse@thanet.gov.uk)

**Trip details for Tues 19.4.11:**

- 12.30pm Meet up at Margate Library doorway
- 12.35pm Walk to the Turner Centre on the seafront.
- 12.50pm Browse the art exhibitions
- 2.30pm Find the Turner café and stop for a drink
- 3.30pm Walk back to Margate Library and find our own ways home.

**ALSO NEW ADULT VOLLEYBALL TASTER FOR FREE!**

Indoor Volleyball sessions takes place at Ellington Campus Ramsgate on Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm. For more information contact Colin Rouse on 01843 577032 or email [colin.rouse@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:colin.rouse@thanet.gov.uk)

## NEW VENUE FOR THE RAMSGATE FRIDAY DROP-IN AT RAMSGATE SOCIAL CLUB, ELMS AVENUE, RAMSGATE

The Thanet Day Service Friday drop-in is no longer meeting at the Ark Café or MacDonalds. We have now been accepted as members of the Ramsgate Social Club, Elms Avenue, Ramsgate (just behind the Jobcentre and next to Waitrose). Just walk into the Club and join our group **between 11am to 12noon every Friday** when we can have coffee, tea and discuss what we want to do. Then between 12noon to 1pm we can do what you decide (weather permitting) like walk to the sea front, visit the museum, buy chips and watch the seagulls, eat our packed lunch in the park or whatever you fancy!

*PLEASE NOTE: AS WE HAVE 2 BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAYS IN APRIL WE WILL MEET UP AT THE RAMSGATE SOCIAL CLUB ON THE THURSDAYS PRECEDING INSTEAD: i.e. THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AND THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL..... THEN WE REVERT BACK TO MEETING ON THE USUAL FRIDAYS.*

**Paper Machè Sessions starts Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Trinity Church Centre, in the Upper Lounge, St Marys Ave., Cliftonville (opposite the Wheatsheaf). Meet in the café area at 1.45pm** The Thanet Day Service Craft Group held on Tuesdays has now come to an end. However we are now running a FREE 6 week course in the craft of Papier Mache run by Vicky Prince (2pm til 4pm) To book your place telephone the office on 01843 280022.

**HEALTH WALK Starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April and every Tuesday at 9.30am (for a 9.45am start) at Six Bells Children's Centre, High Street, Margate:**

Thanet Day Service's 'Seaside Stroll' now joins up with the community 'Health Walk' which starts from the front door of the Six Bells Children's Centre, at the top of Margate High Street every Tuesday at 9.30am. Thanet Day Service staff will meet you there.

**A new Thanet Day Service 'Seaside Stroll' will now run on Thursdays in Ramsgate.** Starting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at MacDonalds, King Street, Ramsgate at 11am and walk till 12.00noon.

**Bus Permits reminder:** Did you know that as from April your free bus permits can only be used from 9.30am to 11.00pm.

**Cheap fish!** On Fridays at around 9am-9.30am fishermen usually sell off some of their mackerel for £1 on Ramsgate sea front.

**Margate Tourist Information Bureau is moving:** On 1<sup>st</sup> April the Margate Tourist Information Bureau moves to new premises at Droit House on the Harbour Arm.

**Would you like to learn more about freshwater Carp Fishing?** We have in our midst an expert on carp fishing who is offering to teach anyone who is interested more about his hobby. If you would like to get in touch please phone the office for more information on 01843 280022.

**Bowling at Bugsy's,** Ethelbert Crescent, Cliftonville, open 10am to 11pm during school holidays, also amusements, pool (including kids), snooker, refreshments, £16.40 family package, £4.70 adults, £3.90 kids, group booking discounts, visit [www.bugsys.info](http://www.bugsys.info) or call 01843 228632.

**Bowling Group!** ...Last month our bowling trip was so enjoyed by all we are starting a Bowling Group. First meeting starts on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at the Margate Gateway Library doors at 12.30pm.

## APRIL EVENTS:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April** at 11am to 5pm Hugh Ribbans Lino Cut Exhibition at Powell-Cotton Museum, House & Gardens, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, CT7 0BH. FREE entry to the exhibition only. An exhibition of the Artist's Lino work. Contact Powell Cotton Museum 01843 842168.

[www.quexmuseum.org](http://www.quexmuseum.org)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 10am and lasts for about one hour. Churchyard Tour at St Laurence Church, High St., St Lawrence, Ramsgate. FREE with donations towards the church fund welcome. No need to book simply turn up on the day. Tours of the historic St. Laurence-in-Thanet Churchyard will be held on the first Saturday of the month in April, May, June, July, September and October.

The church will be open after the tours when tea/coffee will be served. Contact the Parish Office (01843) 592478 for further information

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** Mothers Day.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am to 12.30pm Coffee Morning at Walpole Bay Hotel and Museum** Walpole Bay Hotel and Museum, Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent, CT9 2JJ For coffee and a hot cross bun. Added attractions and jewellery stall too. Contact Diane Coates Tel: 01843 233934

[diane.coates@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:diane.coates@pilgrimshospices.org), [www.pilgrimshospice.org](http://www.pilgrimshospice.org)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 2 Days Laughter Short Film Competition 2011 at Theatre Royal Margate FREE. For screening times please see [www.2dayslaughter.co.uk](http://www.2dayslaughter.co.uk) for details.

Over 18's Only. This event, now in its fourth year, aims to give filmmakers, comedians and writers the opportunity to produce a comedy short in a total of only 48 hours.

To be showcased to a public audience, and competing for prizes, judged by a panel of film and media & entertainment industry professionals.

If you are interested in entering the competition you can download a copy of the brief from [www.2dayslaughter.co.uk](http://www.2dayslaughter.co.uk) Contact Booking Line Tel: 01843 223800, [info@2dayslaughter.co.uk](mailto:info@2dayslaughter.co.uk), Theatre Royal Margate, Addington Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1PW

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Being Digital at Margate Harbour Arm. FREE ENTRY. Imagination, in the shadow of the digital. Margate Harbour Arm Gallery, Margate.

Tel: 01843 260260, [www.margateharbourarm.co.uk](http://www.margateharbourarm.co.uk)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Foodie Quiz Night at Crampton Tower Museum, High Street, Broadstairs (opposite train station). 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Foodie Quiz Night: Raising funds for the Broadstairs Food Festival 2011.

Bring Your Own Food and Drink. Quiz mistress Jo Scott. Tickets (£5) available Malcolms, 92 High Street, Broadstairs. Contact Malcolms 01843 865230, [www.cramptontower.co.uk](http://www.cramptontower.co.uk)

Main building only accessible to wheelchairs. Difficult in view of design of flint tower with a spiral staircase for disabled visitors.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** Discover Thanet Guide Book Launch at Margate Old Town, Market Place, Margate. FREE ENTRY. Pop Up Shop in the Old Town. Discover Thanet a beautifully designed, independently published guide to Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Written by discerning insiders and packed with hidden gems, handy itineraries and inspiring ideas. Discover Thanet is the essential guide to this unsung corner of the Kent Coast. Contact Stewart Turner, Email [stewart.turner@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.turner@gmail.com) , [www.discoverthanet.co.uk](http://www.discoverthanet.co.uk), [www.margateoldtown.co.uk](http://www.margateoldtown.co.uk)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Measure-isms at Pie Factory Artist Studios, 9 Broad Street, Margate. FREE. Measure-isms is Pushing Prints first Solo Show with Prize Winner Jenny Weiner with her work incorporating maths and print. Contact Pie Factory 01843 292779, [www.pushingprint.co.uk](http://www.pushingprint.co.uk) Thursday - Saturday 11am - 5pm, Sunday 12noon - 4pm, Bank Holiday Monday 11am - 5pm

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** Revealed: Turner Contemporary Opens at Turner Contemporary, by the Harbour Arm, The Rendezvous, Margate. Explores the themes of imagination, discovery, wonder and the creative spirit.

Centred on JMW Turner's extraordinary but little-known painting The Eruption of the Souffrier Mountains, in the Island of St Vincent, at Midnight, on the 30th of April, 1812, from a Sketch Taken at the Time by Hugh P. Keane, Esqre, 1815 depicting a dramatic volcanic eruption that Turner himself never witnessed, the exhibition will feature new commissions by Daniel Buren, Russell Crotty, Ellen Harvey and Conrad Shawcross, alongside selected works by Teresita Fernandez and Douglas Gordon. Turner Contemporary Tel: 01843 233000, [www.turnercontemporary.org](http://www.turnercontemporary.org)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11am – 1pm** Roc Doc Walk – at Pegwell Bay at Thanet Coast Project. Learn the language of the rocks, chalk cliffs, flints & fossils. (14+yrs) Book online. FREE entry. Contact 01843 577672 to book. [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk)

**21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm (2.30 matinee on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>)** Gang Show 2011 at Theatre Royal, Addington Street, Margate. Thanet Scout and Guides take to the stage over the Easter period every year to put on a musical extravaganza with sketches and all kinds of fun. Traditional Ralph Reader pieces as well as new and exciting modern sketches, songs and routines! To find out more visit [www.gangshow.thanetscouts.org.uk](http://www.gangshow.thanetscouts.org.uk). Tickets bought in advance: Thursday, Saturday and Monday £7.50, Monday matinee £6.50. On the day: £8.50 and matinee £7.50. box office 0845 130 1786, [www.theatreroyal margate.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyal margate.co.uk)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 12noon – 10.30pm £3 and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 12noon – 9pm £2 (children welcome up to 7pm)** Planet Thanet Easter Beer Festival at Winter Gardens, Fort Crescent, Margate Contact Thanet CAMRA, [www.easterbeerfestival.org.uk](http://www.easterbeerfestival.org.uk) or [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 5pm** Quex Easter Event at Powell-Cotton Museum, House & Gardens, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, CT7 0BH. Traditional Easter at Quex, join the Major in an Egg Hunt. Bonnet making and Easter Bonnet Parade, Egg Painting, Giant Easter Egg Raffle, Carriage Rides. Adult £7, Children 5-16 £5 Family £20. Friends of Quex half price includes entry to the Museum, House and Gardens. Contact Powell-Cotton Museum 01843 842168, [www.quexmuseum.org](http://www.quexmuseum.org)

**22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm** The Railway Swing Band, Theatre Royal, Margate, 7.30pm, Cost £6, call 08451 301786 or 01227 787787.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm** A walk around Old Margate with [Felicity Stafford](http://www.felicitystafford.com), Margate Horticultural Association, Holy Trinity church hall, Cliftonville, 7.30pm, £1 for non-members, email [milespoppy@aol.com](mailto:milespoppy@aol.com) or call 01843 221052.

**April 24 at 8pm** Freedom Club, party-disco, Westgate Pavilion, Westgate, gay/transvestite/transgender party, 8pm till late, £10 includes hot meal, call 01843 835611.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm** The Great Wall of Ramsgate at Ramsgate Royal Harbour. Celebrating the Completion and Official Opening of The Great Wall of Ramsgate. Artwork celebrates Ramsgate


Past, Present and Future along Ramsgate seafront (pass the Belgian Cafe on Harbour Parade).  
Dance and Music.

Sale of art and crafts from 2pm with unveiling at 3pm. Contact Gerry O'Donnell 07813 995016,  
[www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 1pm** Cliftonville Farmers Market. The Farmers Market is held on the last Sunday of the month. Your opportunity to buy good fresh produce direct from the farmer or producer Cliftonville's Award - Winning Farmers Market is held on the Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville. June Chadband 01843 226033.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10am** Seal Spotting and Wildlife Watching at Sea Searcher Boat Trips. A one and a half hour trip from Ramsgate's Royal Harbour to a local seal colony in a National Nature Reserve.  
**Prices** £20 per person. Contact Sea Searcher Tel: 07837 562076, [www.seasearcher.co.uk](http://www.seasearcher.co.uk)

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9am to 12noon** Fishing Trips (Half Day) at Sea Searcher Boat Trips at Sea Searcher Boat Trips, Ramsgate Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 8LS. A taster of sea angling, with rod and bait supplied. Specially suited to beginners. **Prices** £25 per person  
Contact Sea Searcher Tel: 07837 562076, [www.seasearcher.co.uk](http://www.seasearcher.co.uk)

 **ScandalNights at Tom Thumb Theatre – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** (also 27<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June) **Price** £6 Concession £5 Contact box office 01843 221791 [www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk](http://www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk) at 2a Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent, CT9 2LB

A great night of entertainment, sure to bring LAUGHTER and LIGHT.

A monthly night of storytelling, poetry and more at the Tom Thumb Theatre!

ScandalNights begin with Scandal - from local gossip to national naughtiness, poets and tale-tellers share with you a world of stories and secrets, old and new. Then a journey to the hot, dry lands of Ancient Greece where Gods play tricks on Mortals, Heroes and Nymphs tumble in the turmoil of Love, and Winter on the Isle of Thanet fades into a distant dream.

ScandalNights will take place on the last Friday of every month. Are you a storyteller, poet, musician, magician or other performer with a tale to tell or a talent to share? Interested in being involved?  
Contact Emily at this address or call 07890 112574

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April Unite - The Art of Music at Margate Old Town, Market Place, Margate**  
The Art of Music celebration of the Royal Wedding by music, comedy and local art design  
Contact Hank Bannister, [www.margateoldtown.co.uk](http://www.margateoldtown.co.uk)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> May Art Lands On Alien Landscape at Limbo Arts** at Limbo Arts Substation Project Space, 6 Bilton Square, High Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1DX. Limbo Arts has invited contemporary artists to come and create works of science and fantasy in Margate. Taking Margate's otherworldly feel and its regeneration as the inspiration for a science fiction theme, visitors are invited to come and experience three weekends of bizarre occurrences and unlikely encounters. Expect to discover sea-monsters emerging from the murky depths; to experience acting on a replica 60's sci-fi TV and film set; to marvel as the local bee population is brought under the control of science, and much more.

Artists include Jessica Voorsanger, Sean Ashton, Frog Morris, Mark Aerial Waller, Stephen McNeilly, Fern & Owen, and the writer Lesley Hall.

Look out for accompanying magazine, appearing in Margate in the days leading up to the programme. For more details see website- [www.limboarts.co.uk](http://www.limboarts.co.uk)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45am (and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May at 1.45pm) St Peter's Village Tour FREE,**

**donations welcome** at St Peter's Parish Church, Hopeville Avenue, St Peter's, Broadstairs, CT10 2TR. Contact booking line 07546 514948 [www.villagetour.co.uk](http://www.villagetour.co.uk)

During the walking tour with your guide, you will meet many costumed characters from past centuries. You will see the flint built church and find out a little more about its long history. You will hear of conditions in the workhouse, the Newbolts' breakfast concerts for hundreds of fashionable people, the tower used in the Napoleonic wars, famous (and infamous) local residents and our ancient seat of local government for the area.

The tour is conducted in groups of around ten and covers less than a mile of flat walking. It includes a break for tea or coffee at a small charge (although no break on evening tours). You are advised to allow two and a half hours for your tour. In very wet weather, the tour is suitably adapted

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11am – 5pm CT6 Freebie Day at Powell-Cotton Museum, House & Gardens**

Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, CT7 0BH. Contact 01843 842168 [www.quexmuseum.org](http://www.quexmuseum.org) .

Free day at the Museum, House and Gardens to residents of Herne Bay.

FREE to CT6 residents, normal admission to other visitors (includes admission to the Museum, House and Gardens). FREE to CT6 residents. Usually costs Adults £7, Children £5, Family £20

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May Thanet Walking Festival at Margate**

Contact Colin Bridge Tel: 01843 846427 [www.thanetwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.thanetwalkingfestival.co.uk) (based at Marine Terrace)

The Thanet Walking Festival has been held for nearly ten years and brings together in one week the most popular Thanet walks from the White Cliffs Ramblers Association regular walking programme and the special interest town walks provided by local civic and historical societies.

Sunday 1st - meet at the Sunn Inn, St. Nicholas-at-Wade

Monday 2nd -meet at Birchington Station

Tuesday 3rd - meet at the Pluck's Gutter Car Park

Wednesday 4th - meet at The Hussar, Garlinge Margate

Thursday 5th - meet at Minster-in-Thanet train station

Friday 6th - meet at Pizza Hut, Westwood Broadstairs

Saturday 7th - meet at Monkton Parish Church

**Oh what a day!**

What a splendid day; on a Wednesday in March the Thanet Day Service and many groups came together and went to London by coach. We arrived and walked to view Buckingham Palace. Then across to the park to munch our picnics that we each took. The day was lovely, a bit cool, the daffs were in bloom. Then we strolled to a few souvenir shops. Then, to the theatre.....

We saw the musical 'Wicked'. So many of us commented on the fantastic costumes, props and acting.



At the end it was the first time ever I saw, after the audience applauded, then, the actors and actresses clapped for us. It was something different for all of us and, we got

together groups as one. And a big 'thank you' to Porchlight, who made the day all possible. What about another time many said. *By Kathy Carr*

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