

THANET REVIEW

Welcome to the November 2011 issue of the Thanet Day Service Newsletter

At last month's Service Advisory Group meeting Service Users took part in two workshops. The first workshop focused on alternative names to describe people who use our services. There was a lively debate about the name 'Service User' and it was generally felt that this term could be seen in a negative way.

Service user's comments fell into two categories as shown opposite

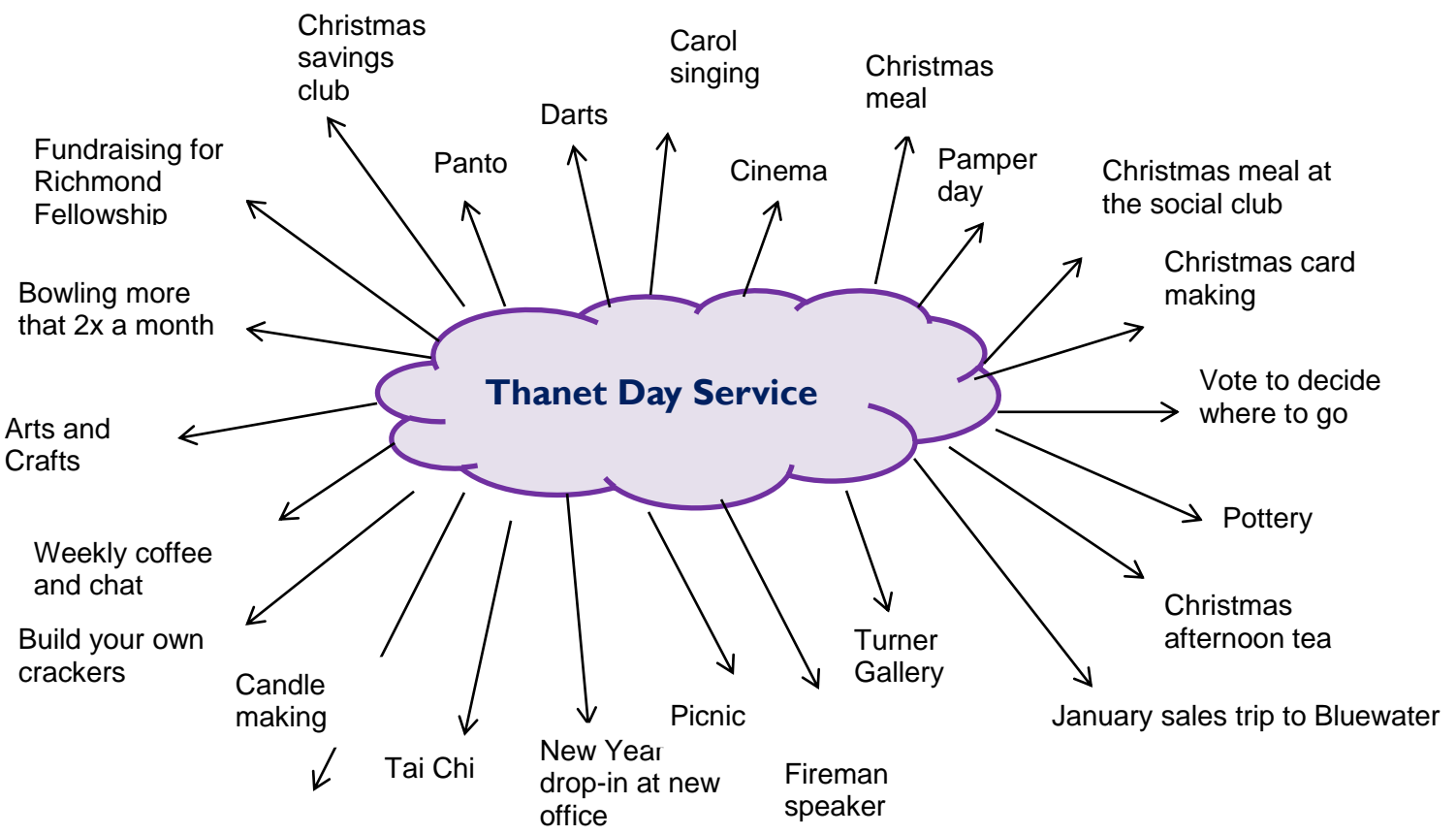
- People would prefer to be called**
- Customers
 - Clients
 - Members
 - Service Members
 - Team Members



- People do not like to be called**
- Service users
 - Participants
 - Patients
 - Be a number

Most people preferred to be described as members or service members. We agreed the next step will be to ask the rest of the people that use our service for their views. So this month we will carry out an opinion poll on the preferred name.

The second workshop explored news ideas for groups, trips and activities. Thanks to the SAG for their contributions and watch out for these new events over the coming months



Pebbles

*Silky, primeval pebbles mark our
place in the universe, like*

*Sultry beads of time's thread on
a string of life.*

*Lank strands of seaweed lay
heavy and dark, while*

*Rock lies in layers like the
secret sins of generations.*

*Sea sweeps softly over
passionate writing in the sand.*

*I choose my pebble as carefully
as the judgement*

*Throwing it randomly into the
deep waste of the ocean,*

*Like a life dropped into the rage
of ancient conformity,*

*Never hearing the one who
asked the fateful question.*

*I lay siege to another warm shiny
pebble*

*Paying silent homage to the first
woman stoned*

By

Ann Shepard

Poetry Winner

Very well done to [Ann Shepard](#) for her poem Pebbles that was written and developed in the Thanet Day Service Creative Writing group, and has won a prize in a poetry competition.

The poem was entered into the Poetry Rivals 2011 competition and has won Ann the opportunity to be published in an anthology i.e. *Poetry Rivals Collection 2011*.

The prize also means Ann has been shortlisted for a possible £1000 prize.

Police Speaker Visit

This month's speakers were WPC Michele Stovold. The group were able to ask the police speakers about security in the home and how to deal with cold callers. The speaker was also informative about how to stay safe now that the nights are drawing in.

The WPC also warned the group about keeping purses and money safe in handbags and wallets especially now that the busy Christmas season is due and pick-pocketing is on the rise.

Advice included:

- Vary routes to and from regular meetings or groups especially in the evening.
- Always make sure bags are zipped and secure when shopping in busy shops.
- Try to have keys to hand when opening the front door so that you can enter the building quickly.
- If parking during the day make sure that it will not be in a dimly lit area when evening comes around.

However all was not gloom and doom the police said that violent crime was down significantly on the streets of Thanet as was people being drunk and disorderly on the streets.

Have you ever thought about volunteering?

See below what one of our service volunteers has to say!

"I have been volunteering for the Richmond Fellowship Thanet Day Service for 6 months now. Having the opportunity to interact with and learn from the service users has been great. We do a range of activities in a variety of weather conditions including walks, visiting places of interest, bowling, and meals out. It's an experience I would recommend to anybody who enjoys spending time with people and getting out and about. You can get involved with the volunteering as much or as little as your time allows, and above all, joining with the service users on their journey to recovery is very inspiring. "

To find out how to become a service volunteer telephone 01843 280022 and ask for Terry

What's on in Thanet

Ask your Community Link Worker for the full listing of these events e.g. where the events are taking place, the time, costs etc. We can help you plan your trips

Margate Old Town, History Walkers Margate	GLEAM, Helen Brooker's Solo Art Show at Margate Gallery	Chateau Belle Vue, Dane Park and Shell Grotto Health Walk.	Sixties Gold Night at the Winter Gardens	"UNFOLD" Art and Music Exhibition at the Pie factory Studios.	Rodin's Kiss at the Turner Contemporary.
Art In The Barn at Quex Barn Farmers's Market	Comedian Lee Nelson's comedy tour at the Winter Gardens.	Very Hard Times at the Theatre Royal	Scratch and Sniff at the Theatre Royal	Adult Christmas Painting Workshops..	Centenary Quiz Night And Supper at the Winter Gardens.
Professor Heard's Curious Victorian Magic Lantern Show at the Walpole Bay Hotel	Horace's Palace of variety at the Winter Gardens.	Ramsgate Remembers Service. Wartime Images and wartime songs at the King's Theatre.	St Peter's WW2 graves Tour at St Peter's Graveyard.	Craft and Gift Fair at the Winter Gardens.	"Screen Sundays- Kids of Survival Exhibition at the Turner Contemporary
Review of Archaeology in Thanet at Crampton Tower	Margate's Historic Shops, History Walkers Margate	Steeleye Span perform at the Theatre Royal.	Screen Sundays- Les Quatre Cents Coups, youth cinema at the Turner Contemporary	Bill Wyman performing at the Winter Gardens	Tuesday Advanced Lessons at Revolution Skatepark
An Intimate Evening with Joe Longthorne at the Winter Grdens	The Stylistics Soul Music at the Winter Gardens	Joe McElderrey X factor winner performs at the Winter Gardens.	Cliftonville Farmers Market	Grand Firework Display at St Saviour's School	

Family Events

Dick Whittington, Family Pantomime at the Winter Gardens	Bonfire and Firework Event at Quex Park.	Broadstairs Firework Event	Children's Saturday Christmas Workshops. Pick and Paint a Pot
Quexmas, Traditional festive fun for all including cradt stalls and Santa's Grotto	Model Railway Exhibition at St George's School.	The Wizard Of Oz Juniors Show at the Sarah Thorne Theatre	

Lunch Club-Tuesday 22nd November

Back by popular demand!! Join us for this months lunch event – Meet outside the Pizza Hut, Westwood Cross Broadstairs at 1pm. All you can eat salad bar and other meal deals.

Up and Coming Dates and New Groups

Welfare Service

St Paul's Community Centre Cliftonville has a Welfare service offering support with :-

- Letter reading and form filling
- Housing problems, benefits
- Social and health issues
- Getting a job, CV writing, job searches and preparing for an interview.
- Training courses are run regularly e.g. budgeting

Help desk is open **9am – 3.30pm** at St Pauls Community Centre St Paul's Road CT9 2DB
call on **01843 221290**

Confidence Course

For details on a free confidence building course at the Thanet Gateway Margate
Call **Marion** on: **07787318790**

Speakers Corners

A talk on fire safety will be held at **Thanet Gateway**, Margate on the 30th November between **3pm and 4pm**, by a local fireman. **Find out how to get a fire alarm fitted for free in your home**

All welcome, refreshments will be provided.

Art Exhibition

An art exhibition will be hosted at **St Paul's Community Centre Cliftonville**.

The exhibits have been produced by users of the centre. The theme chosen is 'out and about in Thanet'.

The exhibit will be held on **17th November** between **1.30pm – 3.30pm**.
All are welcome.

Monday Computer Club

Do you want to get to grips with computers? Want to learn how to set up an email account do online banking and online shopping or just simply have some fun playing games and exploring the world wide web. Then we can help.

Come to the Monday computer group every **Monday at the Gateway Margate 11-12** to discover the fun side to computing. Call Tim Nickoll: 07827977353 for more information.