

# Vinters Park Residents Association



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2017



### News from the Committee

Welcome to our September Newsletter. I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer, at home or abroad, making lasting memories and enjoying precious times with family and friends.

This Summer has been much quieter than last year, when we had all the refurbishments work going on in the Centre. We hoped to get the main hall redecorated during the Summer but some of the quotes were too expensive, so at the moment this is on hold. If you have any contacts for decorators can you please let us know.

Our last coffee morning raised £114 which all helps to fund improvements in the hall and so far this year has paid for new notice boards and new fire exit doors. A few people have mentioned on Facebook that they have never visited the Vinters Valley Nature Reserve. It is well worth taking the time to discover this beautiful place which really is on our doorsteps and is a haven of peace and tranquillity. At our October coffee morning the author of the book *Vinters, Weaving & Grove Green Memories*, Robin Ambrose, will give us a talk about the valley and the old house that used to take pride of place in the area, but was sadly destroyed by fire in the 1950's We will also be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to support MacMillan Cancer Support on 20<sup>th</sup> October with part of our proceeds being donated to this worthy cause. Donation of cakes to any of our coffee mornings are, as always, gratefully received.

**Please make a note** of the date as there has been a slight mix up and I know we originally published 22<sup>nd</sup>, but it is definitely 15<sup>th</sup> September for our next coffee morning.

We still have a few stalls available for our Christmas Fair, the first to be held solely for the VPRA. The Salvation Army and Vinters Voices are booked as is Santa, who, despite his busy workload in December, has agreed to make an appearance for the little ones on the 9<sup>th</sup>! If you would like a stall please get in touch with our Bookings Manager (contact number over page).

We are hoping that over the next few weeks the final stage of the Speedwatch training will take place and we will be able to get this initiative up and running under the watchful eye of Ian Chittenden who always supports Vinters Park and the VPRA.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the Summer as Autumn is just around the corner. The estate always looks beautiful when the many trees change their colours and everywhere takes on an Autumnal glow. We are lucky to have so many trees and open spaces on the estate, so let's all enjoy our Vinters Park.

Kay Lowe, Chairperson VPRA

### Coffee Mornings

For those of you that haven't attended one of our very successful coffee mornings yet, please come along and join in the fun. They are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00pm. A drink and a piece of cake for just £1.

The dates for the rest of 2017 are:

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** (not 22<sup>nd</sup> as published)

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**December - None**



## Christmas Fair

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Vinters Park Community Centre

11.00am – 3.00pm

Father Christmas    Face Painting    Vinters Voices

Salvation Army Carol Singers    Raffle

Fabulous stalls selling all things Christmassy

Tea & Coffee & Mince Pies

**FREE ADMISSION**

# In need of a location for a special event?

Why not book you local Community Centre

Ideal venue for **Children's Parties, Meetings, Classes** and much more. Regular bookings or one-off events.

Email [bookings@vinterspark.org.uk](mailto:bookings@vinterspark.org.uk); or call Emma on 07935 957 905

**Don't forget residents of Vinters Park get 50% discount!**

(Proof of address will be required)



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## What's going on at your Community Centre

(Accurate at time of going to print)

Monday	Gymnastics/Baby Ballet/Children's Dance Classes – 3.30 – 4.45pm* Pilates – Mint, Body & Mind - 6.00 – 8.00 pm Vinters Park Singers 8.00 – 10.00 pm (3 weekly)	Alex: <a href="mailto:dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk">dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk</a> Kim: 07903 762 585 Martin: 07900 653 819
Tuesday	Gymnastics/Baby Ballet/Children's Dance Classes – 3.30 – 6.30pm* Pilates 6.30 – 8.30 pm	Alex: <a href="mailto:dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk">dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk</a> Kerry: 07825 155 056
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vinters Brownies 5.30 – 7.00 pm* Kent Family History Society 7.30 – 9.30 pm - 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of alternate months Pilates 7.30 – 8.30 pm	M Brook 01622 208667 C Paul 01622 204923 Kerry: 07825 155 056
Thursday	Rexolution Hooping Class 6.30 – 7.30 pm Slimming World 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Rebecca: 07482 011 114 Julie: 07770 937 425
Friday	Art Classes 7.00 – 8.00 pm Gymnastics/Baby Ballet/Children's Dance Classes – 2.00 – 3.30 & 4.30 – 7.00pm* Maidstone Invicta U3A 1.30 – 3.30 pm - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of month	<a href="mailto:Maggie.georgieva@gmail.com">Maggie.georgieva@gmail.com</a> Alex: <a href="mailto:dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk">dance25.8@hotmail.co.uk</a> Ros: 01622 741765
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Vinters Rainbows – alternate Saturdays - 9.30 – 11.00 am* Antiquarian Horological Society – 1.00 – 6.00 pm - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat, alt.months	J Beadle 01622 200575 S Knight 01732 355643
Sunday	Redeemed Christian Church of God - 10.00 – 12.30 pm	Ronald: 07766 305 225
Monday - Thursday	Woodlands Under 5's Pre-School - 9.30 – 2.30pm*	01622 671131 <a href="mailto:woodlandsunder5@hotmail.co.uk">woodlandsunder5@hotmail.co.uk</a>

\* Term time only

### Contact details for Vinters Park Residents Association (VPRA) and Bookings

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