

## Vinters Park Community Centre

### Regular Hall Users

1st Vinters Rainbows	Alternate Saturdays (term time) 9.30 - 11.00am	J. Beadle 01622 200575
2nd Vinters Brownies	Wednesdays (term time) 5.15 - 7.15pm	M. Brook 01622 208667
Areotone With Jo	Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm	01622 676083 joannacombat@hotmail.co.uk
Antiquarian Horological Society	1st Saturday of alternate months 1 - 6pm	S. Knight 01732 355643
Arriba Wellness Club	Tuesdays 6.30pm	Estelle Gillette 01622 664861
Kent Family History Society	1st Thursday of alternate months 7.30 - 9.30pm	C. Paul 01622 204923
Demons Kickboxing	Fridays 4.30 - 5.30pm and 7.30 - 9pm	Paul Lacey 01622 210890
Eskrima Philappino Marital Arts Class	Mondays 7.20 - 9.20pm	D. Arnold 07919 183187
Shin-Gi-Tai Karate Club	Wednesdays 4.15 - 5.15pm	M. Bates 01622 736990 sense@shingitakarate.com
Slimming World	Thursdays 6 - 7.30pm	L. Brown 07821 729640
The Can't Sew Club	Mondays 4.30 - 10.30pm	Diane Sergeant 07814 536173
Vinters Park Women's Institute	1st Wednesday in month 7.15-10.15pm Alternate Wednesday 2 - 4pm	01622 759460
Woodlands Pre-School	Monday to Friday (term time)	01622 671131 woodlandsunder5@hotmail.co.uk
S and J Productions Ltd	Tuesday & Thursdays 4.30 - 6pm Saturdays 1 - 6pm	07952 039448 sandjproductions57@yahoo.com
Weight Watcher UK	Fridays 5.30 - 7.30pm	Alexis Grant 07720 439418

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# PARK RANGER

The Newsletter of the  
Vinters Park Residents' Association

Spring  
2010

Residents of Vinters Park and Woodlands are invited to our Annual General Meeting at Vinters Park Community Centre on Wednesday 28th April at 8:15pm. Refreshments will be served from 8:00pm.

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello to you all.

For the executive committee of Vinters Park Residents' Association it's been a rather quiet year. We have been focused on improving the Community Centre and recently refurbished the heating system – just in time for the cold winter we had!

As an estate we have seen the Fish and Chip shop change ownership. I was amazed to learn that the past owners were at the shops for fourteen years. I also believe they have retired and we wish them a long and happy holiday. They were a particular friend to the community centre at the annual barn dance, supplying the midway meal!

We now have new owners of the Fish and Chip Shop and we wish them a warm welcome onto the estate, and into the community. If you haven't tried the menu on offer I suggest you have a go it is excellent.

Usage of the centre continues to go from strength to strength with bookings having very few spaces left. A list of those groups who now use the centre on a regular basis can be found further on.

We do have a position vacant at the moment for a maintenance person. Lynda who has done a wonderful job for the community centre (new guttering and the slabs at the front, to name just two) is stepping down from this post but I'm pleased to say not leaving us - she is returning to her previous role.

If you have some time and feel that you may be able to help then please give the secretary a call and a job description can be posted to you.

Please don't forget our local police contact Gabrielle. He still has surgeries at the community centre and would like to help.

We will be holding the AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> April and would be delighted if you could join us.

Gerry Kirrage

### AGENDA FOR AGM

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Matters arising from Chairman's Report
5. Presentation of Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee members. Nominations are invited before the AGM
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner *WIN Steel*
8. ~~Proposed change to Constitution~~
9. Any other business

## Vinters Park Community Centre

The Residents' Association would like to congratulate the Pre-School for their excellent Ofsted inspection result.



## Woodlands Under 5's Pre-School

**'An Outstanding Pre-School' – Ofsted Dec 2009**

Woodlands Under 5's Pre-School was established in 1976 and is based in Vinters Park Community Centre. We provide high quality sessional care and education for children between the ages of 2 to 5 years. We offer a caring and stimulating environment where children learn through play. We are members of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and pride ourselves on the OFSTED reports we have received from our regular inspections. Our most recent inspection took place in December 2009 when we were rated **outstanding** in all areas.

*"Children are progressing extremely well in all areas of their learning and development as a result of the setting's knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff demonstrate an excellent awareness of children's individual needs and work closely in partnership with parents/carers". (Ofsted report)*

For further details on the Pre-School or a copy of our Prospectus, please call us on 01622 671131 or call in during one of our sessions.



## Arriba Wellness

*We are now looking for class members to join our new 12 week Community Weight Loss Challenge class starting on Tuesday 6th April at Vinters Park Community Centre in Maidstone, classes start at 6.30pm for half an hour every week.*

*We are a non profit organisation and the money goes back into the prize fund for 3 'biggest loser' winners, printed materials and also back into the community. Here is some more information about it:*

*The biggest loser wins £300, the second £200 and third £100. The course involves:*

*Weekly weigh and measure  
Fun and friendships  
Nutrition education  
Weekly prizes and rewards*

*Weight loss coaching  
Tips and advice  
Support and Community*

*Only £39 for full 12 weeks  
CONTACT ESTELLE ON 01622 664861 TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION*

## Vinters Park Residents' Association

### Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Vinters Park Residents' Association

The Executive Committee would like to make a small change to the Association's Constitution in order to ease preparations for the yearly AGM. In the section the committee would like to change the Constitution states:

#### Section 7 (b)

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to every member of the Association at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, which will be deemed to be sufficient upon delivery of one notice to each household in the case of Individual Members and one notice to each constituent body or section in the case of Group Members. It shall require nominations for Officers and Committee Members prior to the commencement of the meeting, provided that if no nominations are so received for any particular office, nominations made for that office at the meeting shall be valid.

This requires that invitations to the AGM are delivered to each household on the Estate.

We have had some difficulties in recent years finding enough volunteers to assist in the door to door delivery of Park Ranger to all these homes (there are over 1500). The Executive Committee has therefore proposed a change to the Constitution which would allow the notice of the upcoming AGM to be made by advertising in our local papers (Downsmail, KM) instead of door to door leafleting. We also feel that the savings made from not printing 1500 copies of Park Ranger would benefit the members of the Association (and it would help the environment also!)

The proposed amendment to the Constitution is a listed below. A copy of the full Constitution, with the proposed change in place, will be available for viewing at the AGM.

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Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to every member of the Association at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, which will be deemed to be sufficient either

- (i) upon delivery of one notice to each household in the case of Individual Members
- or
- (ii) by placing a notice in two local publications that distribute to the area of benefit
- and
- (iii) upon delivery of one notice to each constituent body or section in the case of Group Members.

It shall require nominations for Officers and Committee Members prior to the commencement of the meeting, provided that if no nominations are so received for any particular office, nominations made for that office at the meeting shall be valid.

In order to make this change to the Constitution it must be voted through by a majority of those residents attending the AGM on the evening. Please try to attend the AGM this year in order that this important change can be voted through.

Thank you

VPRA Executive Committee