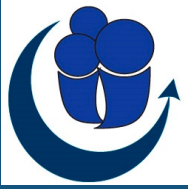


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NEWSLETTER

Maidstone Community Support Centre



SPOT THE GHOSTS

CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?



In September we
upgraded the
Centre's decorations
with new signs!





Scaffolding was put up in September and work commenced to improve the Centre's gutters.

Radio FAW all Launch

11th September saw MCSC host the official launch of 'Maidstone Radio FAW (for) All', the new community station run by Five Acre Wood School.

Tad Taberer (MCSC CEO) welcomed members of the local community to the event.

Peggy Murphy (School Principal) explained how the radio station would be used as a learning and development facility for the students. Adding the aspiration that the studio would also present opportunities for the Maidstone community.

Kirstie Hemingway (Headteacher - Satellites) introduced two students to talk about how much they had already enjoyed and benefitted from the radio studio.

Radio station managers Clive Austen and Paul Edwards then gave a summary of how the studio had been set up and outlined the plans for recruiting volunteer presenters, developing content and promoting the project to the local community. Guests were invited to visit the studio for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and to experience the studio in action.

Listen via the website www.radiofawall.co.uk or enable the 'Maidstone Radio For All' skill on your smart speaker and then say "Alexa, play Maidstone Radio for all"



KAS | KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in the archaeology and history of Kent? If so why not join the county society with over 1000 members and get involved in excavations, research, conferences, and a vibrant community of archaeologists and historians!



You can find us on all good social media platforms; Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky, LinkedIn, Youtube and TikTok just search for Kent Archaeological Society or scan our QR code.

For more information visit our website:

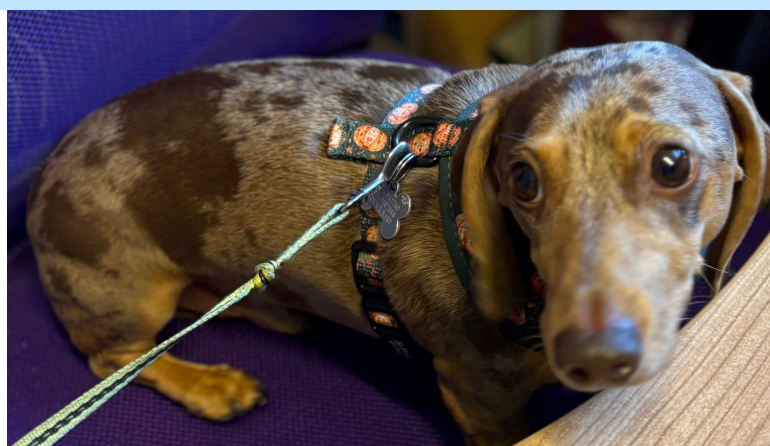
www.kentarchaeology.org.uk

The Kent Archaeological Society, founded in 1857, is the county's largest society focused on bringing the past to the present for everyone. We produce a yearly peer-reviewed publication *Archaeologia Cantiana* alongside a bi-annual magazine and bi-monthly magazines

for our members. We run our own archaeological excavations where everyone can come and get involved in all aspects of the archaeological process no matter their experience. If you are interested in the origins and peoples of the ancient county of Kent then consider joining us today.



Say Hello to
the Dogs
from KAS,
Gus and
Chewy!



Criminal Record Disclosure Training

'Understanding what, when and how to disclose a criminal record'

Unlock are excited to announce the launch of our brilliant new online course:

The course is designed to give you a better understanding of what individuals need to disclose about their criminal record, when to disclose it and how to do it confidently and effectively.

It's ideal for support workers, advisers and practitioners looking to get a basic understanding of criminal record disclosure so you can support the people you're working with.

What you'll get:

- a basic understanding of the criminal records disclosure system
- clarity on what will or won't show on the different levels of criminal record checks
- up-to-date knowledge on the latest legislation
- know how to increase the chance of finding and keeping a job for the people you support.

We understand that training budgets are stretched and time is valuable so this course offers learners the opportunity to work through the lessons at their own speed.

Discover how this course can help you support more people, find out more at:

<https://unlock.org.uk/training/online-course-understanding-what-when-and-how-to-disclose-a-criminal-record/>



For Down's Syndrome Awareness
month this October | Be 1 of 100 |
Give £21 | Together, raise £2,100

Donate £21



Upcoming Events



Meeting the Learning Needs of Children with
DS Wed 8th October @ MCSC | 9:15-15:00



Join our in-person Quiz Night:
Fri 14th Nov | Maidstone Orida Hotel | 19:00



Makaton Level One Training
Sat 15th Nov @ MCSC | 9:30-15:30



Makaton Level Three Training
Wed 3rd Dec | Ashford, TN23 5LW | 9:30-16:30



Join our Online Quiz Night:
Fri 23rd Jan | Online | 19:30



Makaton Level Two Training
Sat 24th Jan | @ MCSC | 9:30-15:30



Annual Review Webinar
Mon 26th Jan | Online | 19:30-21:00



We're looking for Volunteers!
Apply using the link below

Volunteer



21together.org.uk | info@21together.org.uk

What's on



Everyone needs help now and then.

Our Information & Advice
service in Maidstone
provides:

Help with benefit claim
forms & Blue Badge
applications.

Signposting to local
services.

Monthly law clinics to
discuss Wills, Powers
of Attorney, Lifetime
Estate Planning, Court of
Protection and Probate.

Guidance on housing,
care and other topics.

Because **everyone**
deserves **support**.



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informationandadvice@ageukmst.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1062723

Age UK Maidstone, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge offer a FREE
Information and Advice service which can offer people
confidential guidance on a range of topics, as well as practical
support with applications for things like blue badges and
attendance allowance.



Working together in Kent and Medway to support Suicide Prevention.

At Therapy Partners and Rewrite Your Story, we are proud to be working alongside Kent & Medway partners on an important new initiative supported by the Community Fund, announced in line with World Suicide Prevention Day.

This fund supports projects making a real difference to individuals, families, and communities across the region. We are delighted our work has been recognised as part of this effort, which aims to reduce stigma, strengthen support networks, and offer practical help to those most in need.

Why this matters:

Every life lost to suicide has a profound impact – on families, friends, workplaces, schools, and whole communities. Suicide remains one of the leading causes of death worldwide, and in the UK the construction industry, young people, and men remain particularly vulnerable groups.

At Therapy Partners and Rewrite Your Story, our approach focuses on:

- Safe spaces for people to talk openly and without judgement.
- Practical counselling and support for individuals and families.
- Partnership working with schools, employers, and community groups.
- Stories of hope and resilience, showing that recovery is possible.



Members' News

HELLO!

MCSC welcomes Advance Charity to the
Centre!

GOODBYE!

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Kat
Blunt in late August.

We are pleased to announce that,
so far this year, 31 new
organisations and groups have
chosen MCSC's Facilities and have
become sessional room users.



We were sent messages by some of the sessional room users, here's what they had to say,

Just a quick one to say thanks so much for hosting and catering for our event yesterday, couldn't have asked for more from either the venue or from the catering side of things.

It was a great venue and everyone was super friendly and helpful - if you have any review page/feedback we can complete I am more than happy to do that!

Thanks again, hopefully see you again soon.

-Challenging Behaviour Foundation

I just wanted to send an email to say what an amazing week I have had teaching at your venue. Before I go into detail, this was all reiterated by my students as well.

The entire centre was clean with beautiful facilities and amazingly friendly and helpful staff. The students especially loved the outside area they could use in their break, describing it as “a little nugget of paradise”!

It was easy to get to, easy to park at and an all-round thoroughly enjoyable to visit. The Sunflower Café was a particular highlight for us all as well! The food was well

priced and served some of the best jacket potatoes I have had, the service was quick and (again) the staff were lovely.

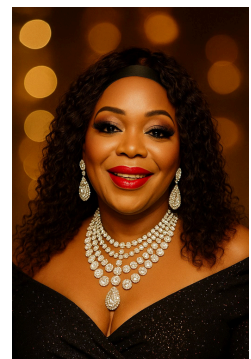
Thank you again for a lovely week; it has been a highlight for me (and my students!)

Runway Training

We were delighted to receive such wonderful feedback.

Thank you for reading!

Spot the Ghost Answers



If you would like your organisation to appear in the next edition, please let us know.

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