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THE ART MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



THE MAYORS PARLOUR COMPETITION



Last year, The Art Ministry ran a very successful art competition for Year 6 pupils from local Junior schools to produce a picture for the Mayor's Parlour. This was repeated this year with more schools participating.

The schools were invited to enter works of art, depicting anything relevant to the Castle Point area. The finished works were exhibited from the 6th to the 10th of June in the Atrium at Castle Point Council Offices.

The Mayor, Jackie Govier, and her Deputy, chose the two winning pictures which have been framed and hung in their reserved places and where they will stay until the new Mayor is elected in 2013. Both the Mayor and her Deputy were so impressed that they have asked if we could display all entrants at the Castle Point Show!

The Mayor presented a certificate to the winners, from Holy Family School and Hadleigh Junior School. Well done to these two pupils. When she ends her reign, the framed pictures will be presented to the schools.

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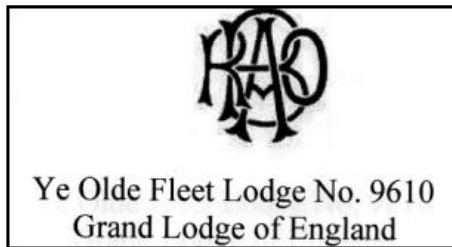
GOODBYE GILL By Christina Middleton



We are sorry to see you go.

Gill will be truly missed by all. We thank her for all the hard work and the inspiration she gave to everyone. The Visually Disabled group will miss her wonderful creative ideas. Gill was presented with a card and a basket of different herbs. We hope she will visit us from time to time..

DONATIONS:



A donation of £250 has been gratefully received from Ye Old Fleet Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes whose sole purpose is to raise money for worthwhile causes. This donation will help to finance our “outreach” project which aims to unite the young and the elderly in their outlook and appreciation. The lodge meets at the Canvey Football Club each Friday starting at 8.00 pm. Should anybody be interested in joining, contact John on 01268 750283.



A generous donation of £500 was very gratefully received from the Rotary Club of Benfleet.

Rotary Club of Benfleet meet at 18:30 on Thursdays Hollywood Restaurant 140 Shipwrights Drive Thundersley Benfleet Essex, SS7 1RF



Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales

By Kevin Robson

LloydsTSB have very generously sponsored James's Wednesday class for Adults with Mental Health Challenges.

They have committed funds for three years to pay a sum which will cover all the costs of teaching and provision.

James has said that this is a fabulous recognition of his work and what the Art Ministry provide.

The Trustees deserve a pat on the back for the quality of their application which would have competed and won out over several worthy claimants.

The bank has been more than generous, and their money will be well invested.

“Each year The Art Ministry continues to advance its mission of helping the disabled or disadvantaged and we have seen many lives changed for the better.

With the help of donations from supporters such as the above cubs, we hope to continue our work through our classes and outreach projects.”

CHILDREN IN NEED



By Kevin Robson

On the good news front, we are delighted to announce that Children in Need have sponsored the Monday Evening Children with Learning Difficulties class.

They have committed funds for three years to pay all the associated costs of teaching and provision.

We are delighted at this gesture and have sent our grateful acceptance to them.

This will enable us to keep going with confidence and the Trustees are delighted that this type of generosity exists. Particularly in these hard times, makes it all the more wonderful.

PIER WALK

By Abby Brealy

The Art Ministry has organised a Pier Walk which will be taking place on Sunday 21st August 2011. This has been organised by the fundraising committee to raise, once again much needed funds through sponsorship- as well as having an enjoyable day out.

I would like to invite you to take place in the event- please get involved and bring friends and family!

We will be meeting at the entrance of the pier at 10am, when we will take a register. We will be dressing up in a bright array of colours and taking a collection on along the route.

If you are interested in participating in this event please contact Abby Brealey to register. On 07789671942 or email abs42@hotmail.co.uk

VISIT TO KEW GARDENS

By Christina Middleton

Members the Visually Disabled group, Physically Disabled group and the Adults with learning difficulties all went on a trip to Kew Gardens. Everyone enjoyed the day out. The weather was sunny and there was a lot to see.

Some of the members took the road train around the gardens, and others took a leisurely walk around and sat in the sun eating their packed lunches. It was good for different groups to meet each other.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone that gave their time to help to make this possible and make such a enjoyable day.



EXHIBITION AT SOUTH BENFLEET LIBRARY

There were examples of work by our students and lots of photos.

The display also included photos and information about our many other activities. Fund-raising; outreach work at Parklands Residential Care Home and the Mayor's Art Competition were highlighted.

Also a new project which will bring together students from Cornelius Vermuyden School and Sweetbriars sheltered housing complex on Canvey



HULLBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Jean and John Fowler manned the Tombola stall at the Hullbridge Community Centre on Sunday 29 May.

We managed to raise £53 for The Art Ministry – not so good as last time but every penny counts.

AIR SHOW – by Abby Brealy

Many thanks to Laura Smith, Jayne Brealey, Carol Blanch, Georgia Jackson, Jermemy Hook, Tony Taylor and Betty McCarthy for all their help with the Air Show. 70 children were involved with painting pots over the weekend which raised positive publicity and advertising through art.



OUTREACH – a New Venture

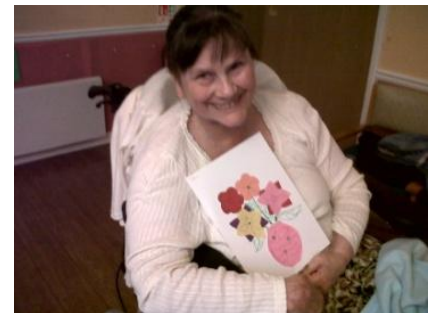
Some of the people who would most benefit by what we have to offer are unable to get to us. They are too old or too sick to make the journey. It makes sense that we go to them. We have begun by going to Parklands Nursing Home in Benfleet. Not all the residents are able to take part in the activities we organise but those that do are showing promise and seem to be enjoying it. We started with simple collage and have progressed to clay, paint, pattern and model making. Already we are brightening the walls with lively displays.



This is an exploratory project and we hope that Outreach will extend to other places in time.

Our Outreach Team comprise of Jean, Helen, Lisa, Abby and Angela

We are grateful to the manager and staff for their help in arranging this.



BRINGING THE YOUNG AND THE ELDERLY TOGETHER - by Angela Cotton

AN OLYMPIC PROJECT FOR CANVEY

The Olympics are actually coming to Castle Point! To celebrate the event The Art Ministry is organising a project that focuses on Olympic Values - respect, friendship, and equality. These are of enormous importance, not only for the Games but in our everyday lives and relationships. Sometimes the elderly and the young live almost literally in worlds apart. The young underestimate the old and the elderly can't understand the young and may actually even feel a bit threatened by them.

Therefore, over the 12 months, the young people of the Cornelius Vermuyden School on Canvey are going to have the opportunity get to know their neighbours - the elderly residents of Sweetbriars Sheltered Housing Complex. The elderly will have some great stories to tell the young and the young will have an opportunity to teach their elderly friends the means of modern communication e.g mobile phones, e mail and the wondrous ability to meet up with distant family and friends by means of SKYPE.

At the end of the project in July of next year there will be an exhibition of work resulting from the project, booklets about some of the residents of Sweetbriars, a collage for their lounge and a scrapbook to tell the story of their adventures together.



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The Art Ministry Summer Fun Day 6th August 2011 between 11am-3pm

Can you help?

Come and join us for lunch, get involved with craft activities in a dedicated art room, enjoy entertainment from castle point performing arts academy and then browse stalls outside- books, plants, cakes, bric-a-brac and lots more..

Can you volunteer on a stall for the day?

Do you have any unwanted items at home for bring and buy sale, bric a brac, unwanted books or small plants?

Can you bake cakes?

If you can help in any way, please use the contact details shown

TRUSTEES:

We are delighted to welcome two more Trustees, Anita Lysiak and Kevin Robson, to the Art Ministry. We look forward to working together.

STOP PRESS – by Allan Webb

Employees of Southend based business Hood Group have selected The Art Ministry's Children's Class as one of charities they will support this year. Raffles, dress down days and a charity golf day will all help raise funds. Allan Webb, leader of the Children's Class, said "This funding support is great news, as is the offer of more general help for The Art Ministry. With the help of Hood Group we should have a new website in a few weeks time".

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