

## Easter Open Day at PCF

We are getting ready for the Easter Open Day at Princess Christian's Farm!

We will have lambs and kids for you to meet on the day along with all the other amazing animals on site.

There will be an Easter trail and fun activities on the day along with the opportunity to purchase handmade crafts and enjoy refreshments in the Munchkins Café.

Tickets are £5 each and under 2's are free.

Limited parking, booking required.

To book your tickets please use the following link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kasbah/1123585>

or visit <https://princesschristiansfarm.kasbah.org.uk>



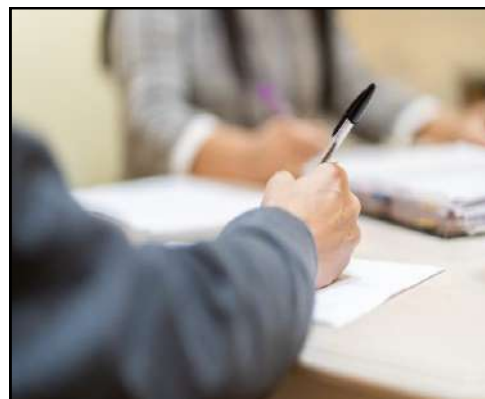
## Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year again, when we ask for a membership renewal. Please fill out the form inside the envelope and return back to us as soon as you can.

If you would like to send the form back by post then our KASBAH Freepost address is KASBAH Business Response, RTJU-TGUZ-AJUE, Gravesend, DA11 9DE.

Alternatively if you would like to send it via email then please email your completed membership form to [admin@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:admin@kasbah.org.uk).

Please do not worry if you are unable to pay the £6.00 membership fee. Your support and a donation, however much it may be, would be gratefully received.



## Message From Emma.....

Hi Everyone

Please do see our annual plan of events on the farm website - [princesschristiansfarm.kasbah.org.uk](http://princesschristiansfarm.kasbah.org.uk), it is always a great day and we have plenty of staff on-site if you want to have a catch up.

We have published a full calendar schedule of events for 2024 so that you can book ahead for all the exciting events that happen through the year.

If we can help through our in-house Advice Service, do make contact, the Head Office moved back to 7 The Hive last year but we still have a base at the Gingerbread Office too.



Emma Carver  
CEO KASBAH

## **\*\*KCC Adult Social Care Charging\*\***

KCC is reviewing how much people may have to pay towards the chargeable care and support services that they provide or arrange at home (for example homecare including supported living) and in the community (for example daytime support).

They are consulting on two **potential changes** to the Adult Social Care Charging Policy:

To stop disregarding the higher or enhanced rates of Attendance Allowance (AA), Personal Independent Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) when we calculate a person's contribution towards the cost of their care and support.

To introduce a new Self-Funding Arrangement Set up Fee for all new self-funders who would like KCC to negotiate, arrange and manage care and support services with care providers on their behalf

You may have already heard about the **public consultations** running from 6 February until midnight on **7 April**, that will enable people to share their views on proposed changes.

### **Take part in the consultation**

You can find all the detailed information here on the public consultation website:

[Adult Social Care Charging | Let's talk Kent](#). It is important that people take the time to put forward their views on the proposed changes by the deadline.

If you have questions about the proposals or need any support to take part in these consultations, you can contact KCC 03000 422 557 or email

[adultsocialcarecharging@kent.gov.uk](mailto:adultsocialcarecharging@kent.gov.uk). The email inbox and telephone number are monitored Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

## Supporting We Are Beams!

**Walk, jog, dance, toddle or run through our fun 2.5k route. There will be messy mayhem at every kilometre, from slime stations and glitter showers so the finish line is a sparkle of glitter and colour!**

Fully inclusive and wheelchair accessible. Wear white and finish as colourful and sparkly as you can. You'll also receive one of our Messy Dash medals. Please wear old clothes and prepared to get messy!

**Address:** Dartford Central Park, Central Park, Dartford, Kent DA1 1JP

**Time:** Event opens at 9.30am, and the run starts at 10am

**Cost:**

£15 – Adults

£12 – Child 12-17yrs

£8 – Child 11 and under

£40 – Family which includes 2 adults and 2 children



All powder is safe and non-toxic.

All proceeds go towards supporting disabled children and their families. For more information and to register use <https://wearebeams.org.uk/messy-dash/>

## Spotlight on KASBAH Supported Living

As we share an insight into what our amazing service users and residents are doing through this newsletter, it is a good opportunity to remind you of the services we offer.



At KASBAH we offer a range of supported living services and housing projects which all have a slightly different niche. Our aim is to support every person to lead a full active, safe, happy life and to strive to meet their full potential.

To find out more about our supported housing projects please use the following:

<https://www.kasbah.org.uk/supported-housing>



## Shortbread House

In Shortbread we have been focusing on diversity in the UK and celebrating different festivals and learning about them with arts and crafts. As part of life skills on Tuesdays we come together, to shop, cook and decorate.

In January we celebrated Burns Night, with Haggis and Bagpipes and then for February, Chinese New Year. We made traditional food, trying new things and of course we will definitely be enjoying pancake day !!!!!



## Maddison House

At Maddison House we like to continue to develop our living skills and social skills through a mix of in-house and outside activities.

Social skills got competitive around the pool table in the local pub but it was great to see the boys enjoying themselves.

We also encourage group activities in the house and with a focus on healthy eating, who doesn't love a fakeaway meal especially when it's a Doner kebab!! It was expertly prepared by the group and was very delicious too!



## Rochester Road

We all had a lovely Christmas and spent it with our families

Over the past few months, everyone at Rochester Road has been out and about in the community, they have participated in Wednesday social skills where they have gone bowling a meal out and went to the Toca at the O2. We have a lot more activities booked for the following weeks to come.

We are all happy to be back at our clubs each week and looking forward to Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and pancake making.

We will be going up to London for Matthew's birthday celebrations in February and we will be going to the Sea Life Centre and having lunch out.

In March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day and making Mother's day cards.

We hope you are all well and hope to catch up with everyone very soon.



## Gingerbread House

Gingerbread House have had a very eventful few months.

Christmas was loved by all spending time with their parents over the festive season. Sam went to Australia with his family for the festive period. Everyone enjoyed getting back together in Gingerbread and carrying on the festivities. We loved going out for New Year's Eve and seeing other houses at the pub dancing and partying the night away. We have had a few birthdays to celebrate too! Our Sam and Sophie have had lovely parties with Shortbread House to get in the spirit.



With Valentine's day approaching all got stuck in and made some beautiful gifts for each other. We attended G-Beatz Valentine's night which was a blast! Even had a party in Shortbread to celebrate together. Full of laughter, dancing and eating good food. Pancake day the day before was a success as well! The service users really enjoyed making pancakes with the staff and going for healthy choices of toppings.





## Hattie Webb House

Hattie Webb House have had a good couple of months since the Christmas break. Lee and Amy enjoyed a joint activity out at Bowling. Rachel has been attending weekly art classes in Gravesend independently without staff support and is really enjoying them. Thomas has settled in really well and brings a new energy to the house ! He loves spending time at the farm and doing physical work to keep himself busy. Richard has been spending time out of the house he likes to go for coffee and meals out. We are making plans for when



the weather gets better to do some group and individual days out, including going to London and National Trust properties. Finally we say congratulations to Janine who has been appointed as the Senior for Hattie Webb.



## Seabrooke House

It's been a busy couple of months here at Seabrooke house, there were a few birthday celebrations and cross site activities. Ashley turned 30<sup>th</sup> this January and had a surprise birthday organised for her at the house. She had a lovely day with presents and cake!

There was a get together organised by Ashley for the house with the invitation extended to Maddison house. It was an evening full of fun, laughter, food and games.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and are all looking forward to the next one.

Our Life Skills service enjoyed another fantastic opportunity with a day out at Biggin Hill Fire Station. We were grateful to have the chance to learn about fire safety and explore the work our incredible fire service does.



## Princess Christian's Farm

The New Year brought quite a dramatic change in the weather and especially for those of us that work outside. The freezing temperatures of -6 some days brought us many challenges especially with frozen water supplies across the farm, we even had a little snow. It did look beautiful and some of our animals really enjoyed their time outside playing in it. Then came the wind. We were very lucky to get away with minimal damage and our animals were all safe. Plant sales suffered some damage to their sunshades and one of our field shelters was tipped upside down but other than that the site was intact.



Spring is fast approaching, and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather and the birth of our new baby animals. Pigs, sheep, goats and our emus are all due young, very soon. Our open days have been carefully planned to coincide with these births and fingers crossed the public may even get to see a spring lamb being born on our lambing day on the 1st of April, when we look forward to welcoming everyone once again.

We would like to welcome Pam and Georgia to the farm. Georgia has come over from Gingerbread House to join the farm team and Pam has joined us on a part time basis as our new Horticulture Lead. We hope you will both be very happy working with us.

Chris has decided he would like a change too and has decided to go and work at the houses supporting our service users there. We are very pleased that he is not leaving us all together but he will be missed here. Good luck Chris.



## Outreach Services

Outreach continue to go out and about on Friday's for their social skills days. They had a fantastic time at Fenn Bell Inn Zoo seeing lots of adorable animals and they would all recommend for others to go and visit! They have also been out for a fun visit to Eynsford, exploring the castle before taking a health walk and

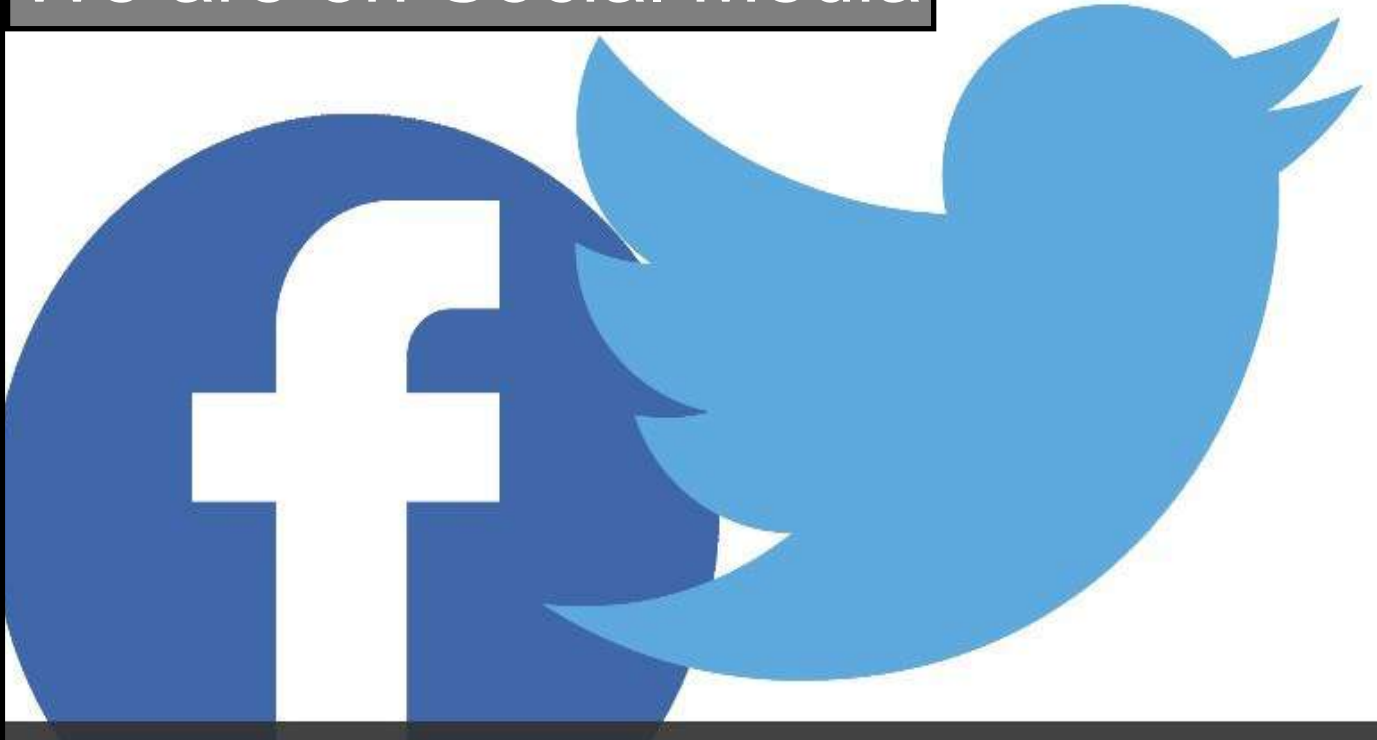


enjoying some delicious lunch. These days out help our group to practice social skills whilst enjoying each other's company.





We are on Social Media



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**@kasbah\_kent**

**Stay in touch...**

Remember the staff at KASBAH are here  
to support you.

We can be contacted at our main office at

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by phone on 01474 536501 or email [admin@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:admin@kasbah.org.uk)

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