



Castle Community  
Mongeham  
South Deal  
Warden House

# Mides in the Community

**Middle Deal Extended Schools**  
*learning together in the community*

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Mides schools aim to work in partnership with their community to provide or identify skills and activities from which we can all seek to benefit.

## We Did It!!!

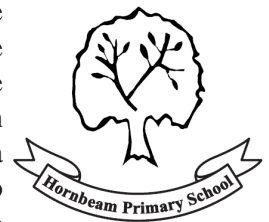
In June the Mides schools were awarded the status of 'Established' a government Kite Mark for assured quality of service which no other group of schools in the country have, as yet, achieved and as you can see from this photograph we are all justly proud!!!



As a result the fantastic sum of £3915.17 was raised collectively towards the red Nose appeal.

## Merged School is named!!

South Deal and Mongeham schools will be merging from September and will be on the old Mongeham site. The new school will be called "**Hornbeam Primary**". Jordan Jackson, a year 6 Mongeham pupil, won a family ticket to Howletts in a competition to name the school. Jordan suggested the name because there is a Hornbeam tree on the Mongeham site. The school Governors picked the winning name from many entries.



## Mongeham goes Red nosed for charity



Pictured are members of the council who initiated and oversaw the fundraising.

Deal/Sandwich cluster have formed a Consortium Council which includes two pupils from each primary school in the cluster. These representatives meet termly at local schools to provide a stronger 'pupil voice' for primary children in the Deal/sandwich area. The first collaboration of the schools involved 'Red nose day',

where all the local primary schools agreed to use the same themes for fundraising.

## Children to hop on walking bus!

A walking bus scheme is being launched next term to help pupils get to their new school safely. During a save our school campaign parents of South Deal school voiced fears for their children's safety on the longer walk to school along the busy London road. Carole Smythe a newly appointed Parent support advisor is the brain behind an idea of a walking bus .she said " a walking bus would be healthy exercise and would increase community spirit when the two schools merge." There will be a prize draw 3times a year for all parent volunteers who take a turn on the rota to escort the walking bus, as well as incentives for the children to use the walking bus to get to their new school. For more information contact Carole Smythe on 07825 380140.





*Mrs Vyse runs Art club. The children here have painted pictures of Deal.*



*Deal Scout Pack offering advice to a would be scout!*



*Crafty cooks after school club. Run by Miss Bunn and Mrs Garrett. Those kebabs look yummy!!*

# Week 53



As part of working together to highlight services that Mides provide Warden house took part in Week 53, which allowed the school to highlight extended services based on the five outcomes of an extended school. Parents and friends of the Mides schools visited Warden House School after school club and pre-school and observed after school activities, which were running on that particular evening and also had the opportunity to visit the parent information Point that was running at the same time. Head teacher Graham Stabbs said, "The aim of the week was not to put on a display, but to provide an opportunity to observe 'normal' clubs and activities that are run regularly in the school. These include Gym club, Netball; French club to name but a few.

*Children from Bright Sparks Pre-school nursery have a go at being firefighters!!*



*The school nurse was on hand to give advice on all kinds of health related issues. The school nurses can be contacted through any of the Mides schools*



*Acro Gym club provides activities for budding gymnasts!!!!*



*Parents accessing the Children's information service.*



*Here some of the week 53 visitors are having a go at some physical activities provided by Vista leisure.*

*The Children's Information Services were on hand to give advice and information on all children's services.*



## East Kent Acro

In each issue a club or organisation features in the Mides newsletter, letting readers know all about them. In this issue we feature east Kent Acro gymnastics club.

The Club was founded in 1985 by Head Coach, Tracy Marsh under the name of Deal Swifts. The Club's name was changed in 1997 when Tracy decided to hand the day-to-day running's of the club over to Kelly Greenstreet. The name change to East Kent Acro was to reflect the club's position as the leading sports Acro club in Kent. The Club has been actively involved in the development of sports acrobatics in clubs and schools in the region, including hosting workshops at the Centre. As part of this development the senior gymnasts and coaches put together gym displays and also perform them at local schools.

There are thirteen qualified BAGA coaches at the Club, ranging from Senior to Assistant Coach. All the coaches are sports Acro gymnasts themselves and have many years competition experience between them. The wealth of experience of all the coaches is the reason why the Club is so successful - after all they are not instructing the younger gymnasts to do anything they haven't already done themselves!

The Club train at Tides Leisure Centre and hold five weekly fun sessions, as follows:

Mondays: 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Tuesdays: 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Tuesdays: 5.45 - 6.45 pm

Fridays: 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Saturdays: 1.15 - 2.15 pm



The sessions are open to boys and girls aged 5 to 16, whatever their ability and cost £3.50 each session (non-Tides/Vista members will need to pay an additional 55p admission) Gymnasts may also need to affiliate with BGA (British gymnastics association) which costs £15.00 for the year as they will need to become a member of gymnastics.

We also have a number of coaches who participate in coaching gymnastics and dance to all pupils at Warden House Primary School, during school hours. Tracy Marsh (year 6 Teacher at warden house) also holds a gym club at the school on a Thursday evening.

If you would like to know more information about the club please contact us, our email address is; eastkentacro@hotmail.com

Or you can contact Tracy Marsh on (01304)

## What's on this summer!!



Deal and Sandwich have a new community website where you can find local events, news, clubs, activities and local information.

*The Best of Deal and Sandwich* lists the events at our local schools and covers news items about the exciting activities taking place locally.

Keep up to date at [www.thebestof.co.uk/deal](http://www.thebestof.co.uk/deal) If you run a club or association and would like to list your own activities, news and events, they would love to hear from you! You can email them at [deal@thebestof.co.uk](mailto:deal@thebestof.co.uk) or telephone 01304 619780.

## Living for sport

Young people from Castle Community college have joined over 11,000 young people across the country that have been involved in Living for sport, an initiative organised by the youth Sport trust in partnership with Bskyb to inspire and motivate young people aged 11-16 through sport. Castle Community College joins some 500 schools that have taken part in this successful initiative. Head of PE John Castle says "living for sport has been a wonderful opportunity for our students, who have worked hard to make it a success. We are proud of their achievement and hope the initiative will inspire them to participate and compete in sport on a regular basis".

## Row that boat!!!



This year, rowing at Castle has really taken off. with community coaches coming in both before and after school and during lessons, leading to a contingent of rowers at the school getting stronger and stronger. With breakfast clubs before school, more pupils are getting to experience rowing, something that most of them have never tried before and some are even progressing to local clubs. Rowing has also been a major success in lesson time with many pupils enjoying participating in a new activity. There has also been success in competition. Earlier this year, a group of year 8 students took part in an inter school competition at harbour school. While all the team competed very well, there was individual success for Paris Wilson who came second in her age group.

# VSU Youth in Action

**VSU Youth in Action** (VSU) is Kent's leading youth action agency and contributes to the personal development of young people by creating opportunities for them to volunteer in their local community. Dover VSU have a variety of activities on offer for young people. These include; individual placements, for example, hospitals, primary schools and residential homes; group projects, such as, a kids club for 8-12 year olds, a gardening club and a youth committee called "energize"; and one-off events, for example, passport 2 sport, Bien Etre Festival and All This and More. Please visit [www.vsuinkent.org](http://www.vsuinkent.org) for more information on Dover VSU.



MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS

**Millennium Volunteers** (MV) programme is a government funded initiative for young people who want to give their time volunteering on local projects that are of benefit to their community. Young people receive Awards when they reach 50, 100 and 200 hours of voluntary activity within a year. Further information about the programme can be found at [www.millenniumvolunteers.go.uk](http://www.millenniumvolunteers.go.uk)



**v** is the new youth volunteering charity launched in May 2006 whose mission is to inspire a million more young volunteers in England aged 16-25. VSU secured funding from **v** to deliver "taster" sessions. Tasters are short term voluntary opportunities that last 4-6 hours and aim to give young people an introduction to volunteering. More information can be found at [www.wearev.com](http://www.wearev.com)

**Check out Dover VSU's summer scheme – lots going on in the area for young people to do!**



**DO you love the outdoors?  
Are you seeking adventure???**  
Then why not join the  
**Army Cadets**

– a different way to spend your spare time. You can do your Duke of Edinburgh badges, go shooting, camping, and orienteering. Get a first aid certificate and much much more. The group meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.45pm. You do not have to pay anything for the first 6 months and then its 50p a night and £8 for weekend camps and adventure training. Go on give it a go you might just like it!!!! Contact \*\*\*\*\* for further details

## Student Voice

**Don't be bored this summer – why not try something new??  
Have a good Summer from Jade and Matt**



**Why not try your hand at Angling.  
I attend the Deal angling club, its great fun  
and its not to expensive**



Deal Angling Club was formed in the year 1919 from which its name was derived. Due to the war in 1939 the Club ceased to exist, but was reformed in 1946 with funds totalling 3 shillings 10 1/2 pence, and a handful of interested people. Today, the club is one of the most successful and progressive around the coast with its own fully licensed Clubhouse on the Sea Front, catering for 800 senior members and 120 juniors. The annual membership fee is: - Senior £4, Senior Citizens £1.50, and Juniors Free! and Associate members 50p.

Contact 01304 363968 or 361248 or email [pheath@dealanglingclub1999.co.uk](mailto:pheath@dealanglingclub1999.co.uk) for further details

## Dover VSU Summer Programme!

### Archery World Cup - 30th July - 3rd Aug

- At Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover
- Volunteers are needed to help with the scoring and stewarding at this big event

### 30th July - Pyjama Walk for the NSPCC

- 8 mile walk starting from and returning to St Margarets Bay
- Come along for a fun day out, get some exercise, meet other young people and raise money for the NSPCC

### 2nd July - Pilgrims Hospice fundraiser and taster day

- Meet at Pilgrims Hospice shop, Deal 10.00 - 3pm
- We need volunteers to help in the charity shop, street collecting and selling products on stalls in Deal town

### Environmental Week - 6th - 10th August

- A varied programme will be on offer. This will include; cleaning up and re-painting the shelter on Deal beach front, a beach clean and clearing footpaths with Whitecliffs Countryside Project

### Kids Club - 13th - 17th August

- Mon 13th August - Child Protection Training
- Tues 14th - Wed 15th At Linwood Youth Centre, Deal
- Thurs 16th - Fri 17th At Archers Court Youth Centre, Dover
- Volunteers are needed to help plan and run the sessions, and play with the children

### Creative week - 20th - 24th August

- We will be spending a week producing an exhibition at Deal library to display Dover VSU's summer scheme's and promote the organisation. Jobs may include mounting children's pictures, producing art work, producing promotional materials, website information, and creating a promotional presentation!

**Contact Anna if interested!**

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If you would like to comment on the news letter or the Mides project please contact:

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**Mongeham Primary School 01304 374033**

**Warden House Primary School 01304 375040**

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