

Age UK South Kent Coast Newsletter – September 2024

Autumn is closely upon us – the seasons are changing, and so are some of our activities. Browse through our September newsletter to see what’s in store for you this month.

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1. Photography Competition



If you love photography, or you just take the odd photo on your phone, why not enter our monthly photography competition! Entry is free and if you win, your photo will be published with credits on the Age UK South Kent Coast Facebook page.

Congratulations to our August competition winner, Mike Barnes, with a photograph of a beautiful sunset, taken on the Romney Marsh.

September’s theme is birds. Please send your entries to sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk by 15th September.

2. Activities & Events

Save the date SILVER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024

10am-2pm

The Deal Centre



Join us and celebrate the
National Day for Older People!

Everyone Welcome - more details coming soon!



SILVER SUNDAY
CELEBRATING OLDER PEOPLE
SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2024



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GOLF

for
over-55s!

Friday 6th September

2.30pm

Putters, Beachside, The
Harbour Arm, The
Boardwalk, Folkestone
CT20 1QQ

Refreshments available

£4.50



To book call Sharron: 01304 372608
or email: sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk



QUIZ TRAIL

Learn about the local history of Deal

Join us for a Quiz Trail around historic Deal followed by a light lunch at The Deal Centre.

Working in pairs or groups, the trail takes approximately 2 hours, covering 7000 steps.



Wednesday 2 October

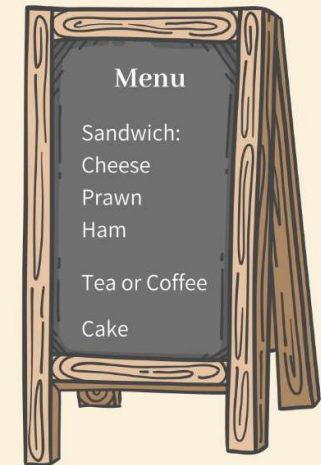
10am - meet at Deal Pier

£4.50 includes lunch



Please have your menu choice ready when you book.

Dietary requirements catered for.



Booking essential: karen.pattison@ageukskc.org.uk

Call: 01304 372608

STARTING
AUGUST 19TH 2024



Over 50s WOMENS WALKING TENNIS

£6

**INCLUDES
REFRESHMENTS**

MONDAYS 10AM-11AM

HAWKINGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
HERON FORSTAL AVENUE
HAWKINGE CT18 7FP

Suitable for all levels of fitness and ability, Walking Tennis is safe, fun and inclusive and a fantastic way to stay active!

To book - email: communityoutreach@ageukskc.org.uk
or call: 01304 372608



No experience required
Equipment provided

Funded by the LTA Tennis Foundation, whose mission is to improve lives through tennis.

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BOUNDARY GATE, GLEBE CLOSE
DOVER CT15 6AF

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WEDNESDAYS

1-2PM

**THE MARIGOLD CENTRE
CHERITON CT19 4NS**

Bring your own board or use one of ours.

No need to book, beginners very welcome!

**Wheelchair accessible venue
Disabled toilet facilities**

Phone: 01304 372608

**£2
includes
hot drink**



WALKING GROUP FOR OVER 55'S



WEDNESDAYS AT 10.30AM

**Kearsney Abbey Cafe
Alkham Valley Road
Dover
CT16 3DZ**

**Different Dover location
each month**

**To book email: sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk
or call: 01304 372 608**



Wellbeing Activity Programme

Our sessions are fun and friendly - and cater for all abilities. If you have ideas for new activities – we'd love to hear from you! Get in touch by email, phone, or social media by using the details on the front page.

Activity	Day & Time	Frequency	Cost	Venue	Details
Walking Cricket	Monday 10am- 12noon	Weekly	£4	Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone CT19 5JU	Offered in partnership with Three Hills Sports Trust as part of their Active 50 programme, come and enjoy a slower-paced version of cricket with refreshments afterwards. To book: https://www.threehillssportspark.co.uk
Walkie Talkie Social Walk	Alternate Mondays 10.15am	Fortnightly (excl bank holidays)	£3.50	Meet at Deal Pier at 10am	Join Karen for a walk and natter along the prom (approx. 30 mins each way), then come back to Age UK for coffee, cake and more natter. To book, please call Karen on 07958 518424 or email: karen.pattison@ageukskc.org.uk
Rock N Roll Bingo	Alternate Mondays 10.30am	Fortnightly (excl bank holidays)	£4	The Sportsman, The Street, Sholden, Deal CT14 0HL	What's better than a game of bingo? Rock 'n Roll bingo of course! Just £4 a session includes coffee & croissant - and a chance to win a cash prize! To book, please call Karen: 07958 518424 or email: karen.pattison@ageukskc.org.uk
Womens Walking Tennis	Mondays 10-11am	Weekly	£6 Inc. refreshments	Hawkinge Community Centre, Heron Forstal Ave, Hawkinge, Folkestone CT18 7FP	Walking Tennis offers a slower format of the traditional game by introducing simple rules to make it less physically demanding, easier to learn, but just as much fun. For more information or to book, please email communityoutreach@ageukskc.org.uk or call Jo on 01304 372608.
Get Fit to Walk	Monday 10.30am	Weekly	£25 for 6 weeks	Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall CT18 7LX	Postural Stability Class suitable for anyone who is worried about their balance or about falling. If you are interested in attending and would like more information contact Sharron on 01304 372608 or email sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk

Walk Fit	Monday 1.15- 2.45pm	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	Free	Meet at Homepine House, Sandgate Road, Folkestone CT20 2XB	Gentle wellbeing walk – improves cardiovascular fitness, improves your mood, boosts circulation, strengthens muscles, promotes a healthy heart, reduces stress. For more info or to book, please call Sharron on 01304 372608 or email: Sharron.harris@ageuiskc.org.uk
Pickleball	Monday & Friday 3.30-5pm	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	£3	Hawkinge Community Centre, Heron Forstal Ave, Hawkinge, Folkestone CT18 7FP	A cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis, a slower game than tennis, played on a badminton court with a low net – the ball must bounce before being returned. A very sociable and fun game! For more information or to book, call Jo: 01304 372608 or email communityoutreach@ageuiskc.org.uk
Skylarkers	Monday 10:15- 11:45am	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Join our small friendly group for art and singing on alternate weeks – everyone is welcome, no need to book.
Walking Netball	Monday 5-6pm	Weekly (excl Bank Holidays)	£5	Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone CT19 5JU	Walking Netball is a slower paced version of the game, perfect for anyone looking to exercise in a supportive and friendly environment. Whether you hung up your trainers long ago, have never played before, or want to try something new, come along and make friends! For more info or to book, please call Sharron on 01304 372608 or email: Sharron.harris@ageuiskc.org.uk
	Tuesday 11am-12pm	Weekly	£5	Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone CT19 5JU	
	Thursday 1-2pm	Weekly	£5	Dover Leisure Centre, Dover CT16 3FZ	
Zumba Gold	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday	Weekly	£15 for 5 sessions	Folkestone, Eastry or Elvington	5 sessions of Zumba Gold for just £15 – fun, low-impact fitness: Mondays & Fridays 10am at St John’s Church Hall, Folkestone CT19 5BQ Tuesdays 11am at Eastry Village Hall CT13 0HE Wednesdays 1.30pm at Elvington Community Centre CT15 4DZ. To book, call Jen on 07905 945218 and quote AUK15

Chair Yoga	Monday – two sessions 1-2pm & 2-3pm	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	£6	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Stretch and strengthen your body from the comfort of a chair with a qualified yoga teacher. Help to ease out stiffness in those joints to help with everyday movement. Techniques to help breathing and relaxation. Includes a hot drink afterwards.
Craft Hub Club	Monday 1.30- 3.30pm	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	£2	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Bring your own project along or try something new. Refreshments included in the session price. For more information, please call Karen on 07958 518424 or email karen.pattison@ageuiskc.org.uk
Marigold Social Club	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am- 2.30pm	Weekly (excl bank holidays)	Free	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Join Joan, Jerry, Gemma ... and Teddy (our resident dog) for fun, laughter, activities and games. Sessions run 10am-12pm and 1-2.30pm, with the option for lunch served at 12pm. For more info, please call 01304 372608 or pop along.
Boccia	Tuesday 10-11.30am	Weekly	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Pronounced bot-cha, a seated game similar to bowls, developed for the Paralympics. The aim of the game is to throw your ball as close to the jack as possible. Suitable for all, everyone is welcome!
Motorbike Meet-up	Tuesday 11.30am	Weekly	£6.50	The Sportsman, The Street, Sholden, Deal CT14 0HL	Bike 'n' Brunch meet, £6.50 includes a sausage or bacon baguette with chips and a cuppa! To book, please call Karen on 07958 518424 or email: karen.pattison@ageuiskc.org.uk
Crafty Tuesday	Tuesdays 2-4pm	Weekly	£2	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Bring your own project along or try something new. Refreshments included in the session price. For more information please email Sharron.harris@ageuiskc.org.uk
Social Cycle	Tuesdays 12.30pm	Weekly	Free	Meet opposite The Hythe Imperial Hotel, Hythe CT21 6AE	A social cycle along Hythe promenade, meeting opposite the Hythe Imperial Hotel, with special offers from our local cycle shop Cyclefixit. Suitable for everyone.
Bingo	Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm	Weekly	£3	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Eyes down for your chance to win a cash prize! All are welcome.

Mens Group	Tuesday 10-11.30am	1 st & 3 rd Tues	Free	Battle of Britain Memorial, Cockpit Café, Capel le Ferne CT18 7JJ	A chance for men to get together and talk man stuff, while overlooking the Channel in the Cockpit Café. To confirm your place and request a parking ticket, please contact Jo on 01304 372608 or email communityoutreach@ageukskc.org.uk
Whist	Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm	Weekly	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Whist is a classic English trick-taking card game which was widely played in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Although the rules are simple, there is scope for strategic play!
Rosie's Moments	1 st Weds of month 10-12noon	Monthly	£5	Folkestone Sports Centre, Folkestone CT19 5HX	Get active with accessible games, then socialise with crafts, games, guest speakers etc. £5 per session, and includes tea/coffee & biscuits.
Digital Support	Wednesday 10am-12noon	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday of the month	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Need some help with your digital skills? We have two volunteers from KCC Digital Champions Network who have some great knowledge to help and advise you on getting the most out of your device. Just pop along.
Walking Group	Weds 10.30am	Weekly	Free	Kearsney Abbey Café, Dover CT16 3DZ	Come along for a social walk, meet like-minded people for a natter. Please keep your eyes peeled for each month's venue. For more information, please email Sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk
Folkestone Men's Shed	Wednesday 10am	Weekly	Free	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Space for men aged 55+ to come together, to meet, share skills and put the world to rights over a brew. New shedders always welcome!
Osteoporosis Support Group NEW	3 rd Weds of month 10-12noon	Monthly	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	A new location for this support group – feel free to come along to this group for peer support, help and advice on osteoporosis. Join us for a friendly cup of tea and a chat.
Walking Group	Wednesdays 10.30am	Weekly	Free	Meet at Samphire Hoe Car Park, Dover CT17 9FL	Join Sharron for a social walk at your own pace, for more info email: Sharron.harris@ageukskc.org.uk or call: 01304 372608

Scrabble Club	Wednesday 1-2pm	Weekly	£2	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Join us for a friendly game of scrabble – bring your own board or use one of ours. £2 includes hot drink. Beginners welcome. Call: 01304 372608.
Singing for Pleasure	Wednesday 1.30- 3.30pm	Weekly	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	A friendly, informal group who share a love for singing. Singing a cappella from a songbook, from folk songs to musicals - and everything in between! New singers always welcome.
Walking Tennis	Wednesdays 2-3pm	Weekly	£6 Inc. refreshments	St Margaret's Lawn Tennis Club Boundary Gate, Glebe Close, Dover CT15 6AF	Walking Tennis offers a slower format of the traditional game by introducing simple rules to make it less physically demanding, easier to learn, but just as much fun. For more information or to book, call Jo: 01304 372608 or email communityoutreach@ageujskc.org.uk
Garden Club	Thursday 10am-12pm	Weekly	Free	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Our Garden Club is responsible for looking after the allotments and raised beds at The Marigold Centre. A small group that meets, come rain or shine!
Coarse Fishing	Thursday 10.30am	Weekly	£6 per week	Sandwich Coarse Fishery, Ash Road, Sandwich CT3 2DA	No rod, no licence? – No problem! £6 includes fishing for the day, coffee and bacon bap! For more info or to book, please call Karen on 07958 518424 or email: karen.pattison@ageujskc.org.uk
Beginners Pickle Ball	Thursday 1-2pm	Weekly	£3.50 per session	Folkestone Sports Centre, Folkestone CT19 5HX	It's the world's fastest-growing sport for one thing, and a cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis for another! New Beginners' Only sessions starting in May (equipment included). Please contact Jo on 01304 372608 or email communityoutreach@ageujskc.org.uk
Film on Friday	Friday 1pm	Fridays in September	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Join us for showings of your favourite films – it's Friday, it's fun and it's free! To book, please call Karen on 07958 518424 or email: karen.pattison@ageujskc.org.uk
Yoga	Friday 2.30-4pm	Weekly	£5 per session	The Marigold Centre, 65 Shaftesbury Ave, Folkestone CT19 4NS	Suitable for all levels - build strength and flexibility, reduce pain, improve sleep, reduce worry and stress – mats and blocks provided. To book, please email: yoga@gemmawickert.com

Mini Golf	Friday 6 th Sept	One-off	£4.50	Putters, Beachside, Harbour Arm, Folkestone CT20 1QQ	Join us for a game of mini-golf. For more information please email Sharron.harris@ageuk.skc.org.uk or call 01304 372608.
Versus Arthritis Deal	4 th Sat of month 2-4pm	Monthly	Free	The Deal Centre, 3 Park Street, Deal CT14 6AG	Peer support for anyone with arthritis conditions. Join us for a friendly cup of tea and a chat. For more information, please email: services@versusarthritis.org



Pics from our Summer Savings BBQ



We thoroughly enjoyed the showing of The Calendar Girls at Film on Friday!

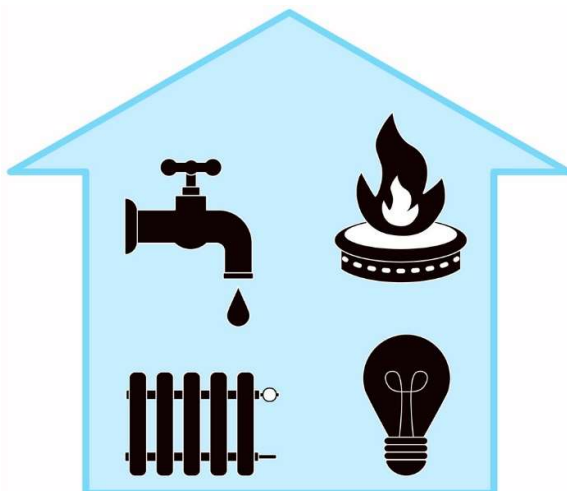
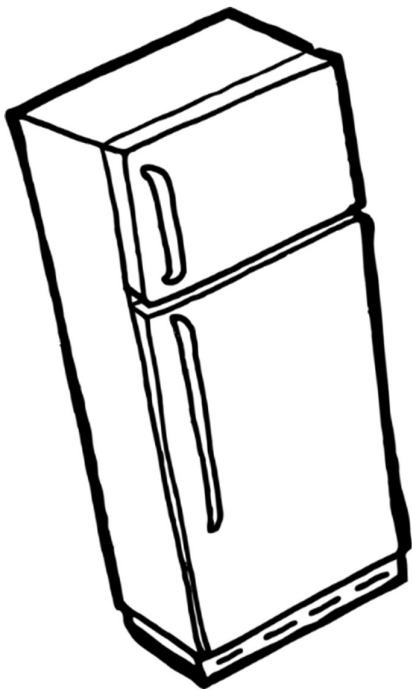
3. Cost of Living Support

Many of us continue to struggle due to the ongoing Cost-of-Living crisis, but help is available.

Our Information & Signposting team can help you access a range of support including food, fuel and white goods. We can also carry out a benefit check to ensure you are getting everything you are entitled to, and help you access support to complete any application forms.

For further information about Cost-of-Living support in your area, please contact Lisa McCaughey or Mark Blamey by calling: 01304 372608, or email:

iandadeal@ageuiskc.org.uk



4. Volunteering

Many of our services rely on the generosity and dedication of our volunteers.

If you've got some time to spare, we'd love to welcome you to our amazing team of volunteers - from as little as 2 hours per week you can make a real difference to the lives of older people in the local community!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AGE UK MEALS ON WHEELS

We're looking for friendly volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to older people in Folkestone and the surrounding area.

11.30AM-1.30PM

ANY DAY OF THE WEEK

DRIVERS

Using your own vehicle to deliver Meals on Wheels to older people in the local community - on your own or with a runner. Expenses paid at 45p / mile.

RUNNERS

Team up with one of our drivers to deliver meals to older people - you'll be the friendly face of the service, offering reassurance to the people we support.

Regular and occasional shifts

Want to help out but can't commit to a regular shift? No problem! Sign-up and help when you can!

Taster session

Interested? We offer taster sessions for new volunteers - come out with one of our team to see if it's for you - no commitment required

Contact us

Email:
deputyceo@ageukskc.org.uk

Call: 01304 372608



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5. Digital Support

Need some help with your digital skills? We have two volunteers from KCC Digital Champions Network, who have some great knowledge to help and advise you on getting the most out of your device. Our friendly volunteers Helen and Janet visit the Deal Centre every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 10am-12noon, for technical support. To find out more, please visit www.digitalkent.uk or call Michelle on 01304 372608.

6. Information & Signposting

If you need some help but are not sure where to turn, please get in touch with our Information & Signposting Service, who will be happy to help. Whether it be about benefits, cost of living, housing or care, our dedicated team can help you access the support you need. Please call Age UK South Kent Coast on 01304 372608.

7. Connect Well East Kent

Your local Community Navigator can offer support with all sorts of benefits and form filling, applications for social housing, and blue badge applications. They can also arrange for support at home, adaptations to your home and social opportunities. Please call Connect Well on 0300 302 0178, where the friendly team will be happy to help.

