



Championing Creativity in our Community

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

THE HUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our wonderful and ever-generous landlords David and Karl from Bournemouth Beaches have gifted us a Christmas Party for Hub volunteers, teachers, members, students, supporters and project partners. The party is our way of thanking you all and wishing you a merry festive season.

Wednesday 21st December 5pm to 9pm here at The Hub.

Entry is free and there will be canapés, drinks and entertainment from the fabulous A Bosa Imensa with their bosa nova jazz.

Just don't forget to bring a few pounds to buy tickets for our

Christmas Prize Raffle.

We hope you can come along for part or all of the evening.

PLEASE, RSVP TO southbournech@yahoo.co.uk

Let us know if you are bringing a guest and/or children. That way we can ensure enough refreshments for all.

HUB ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME - UPDATE

The most up-to-date information on our classes, workshops and taster sessions is on the Southbourne-on-Sea Magazine website, hosted for us for free by Pure Glow Media.

www.southbourne.net/hub

You can also see lots of pictures of our opening back in September, attended by The Mayor of Bournemouth, Cllr Chris Rochester, in the Gallery section.

We have been adding **new activities** to the programme and making a few changes. Knit and Natter and Patchwork have now joined together to form **Stitch Club**, so you can come along to either session to do any needlecraft, Mondays 1.30-3.30 and Wednesdays 11am-1pm. These are informal sessions to which you can bring along a piece you are working on or start something new. Suitable for all levels, people share their skills and knowledge together.

Tots Hot Street Dance, our fun class for parents and pre-school age children is on Wednesdays, from 1.45 to 2.30pm. Contact Julie Laming of Mad4Dance to find out more on 07896 258229.

Tuesday morning **Short Story Writing** is hoping to start soon once we have enough interest. This class is scheduled for 9.30 – 11am. If you are interested or want to find out more please call Phil Vivian on 07891640547

Drawing and Art – an introductory session for beginners or those who don't feel confident taking place this coming **Tuesday 29th November** from 2pm-4pm with tutor Trish Jubb. This taster is only £5 including materials. Contact Trish to book a place or find out more on 07754 005873.

Drumming & Percussion – free introductory sessions (with a donation to The Hub appreciated) with Heike Jenkins of Drumshare. Suitable for all the family from two to ninety-two, the sessions are on **1st December, 10-11am, 4.30-5.30pm and 6-7pm**. Contact Heike on 07542115055.

Zumba Dance for Kids on Saturday mornings has split into two age groups: 9-10am up to seven-year-olds. 10-11am seven years to teenage. Contact Kelly Stroud on 07766678758.

We also have two exciting new Dance Classes for Adults on Thursday Evenings with dancer, choreographer and teacher Ruby Adams, aka Miss Cream Tease.

Reggaeton is a fabulous new dance development, a fusion of Reggae and Latin, and as far as we know, the only class available in Bournemouth. Thursdays 7.15-8.15pm.

Broadway – an innovative and creative dance class that not only teaches the moves and techniques, but focuses also on the performance aspects. Strictly – Eat Your Heart Out! Thursdays 8.30-9.30pm. Contact Ruby about Reggaeton or Broadway on 07856059613

Christmas Crafts Day Workshop with Jill Adams of Nursey Bang Bang. **Sunday 4th December** 11am-4pm this is a great workshop where you will take home the fruits of your labour. Contact Jill on 07977509064 to find out more.

All the other activities already happening: Creative Writing, Kids Circus Club, Stitch Club (formerly Knit & Natter and Patchwork), French Conversation, Zumba Dance – kids and adults, JH Action Fighters – kids and adults, Pathways to Peace Club, Digital Camera (last session Monday 28th November), Flower Arranging (coming back after Christmas), Guitar, Belly Dance, Iyengar Yoga, Tea Dances.

We will be adding more activities to the programme throughout 2012 as and when we find experienced teachers and enough people to make the classes viable.

Do please remember: the organisation side of The Hub is currently run by **volunteers**. Anything you can do to let people know about us and our activities helps us reach all corners of our community. So spread the word. And if you would like to volunteer, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Membership is a vital part of our income and if you haven't joined yet but would like to, pop in and pick up a form. We are open for longer and longer hours, but you can ring first to make sure on 01202 427962. The fees are £10 per annum for individuals, £5 if you are on a low income and £20 for corporate/groups/organisations/businesses.

HUB NEWS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

One of the unique aspects of The Hub, making it different from just a community arts venue, is our other strands. As well as working locally to provide opportunities to take-part in community events and celebrations and providing supported participation for particular groups, we are keen to make a positive contribution to opportunities for professional arts practitioners in the area. We

are building a relationship with the Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce and the Southbourne-on-Sea Business Association. It is, of course, early days, but already we are making progress.

If you are a professional arts practitioner and a member of the Chamber of Commerce you might be interested in getting involved in the reinvigorating of the **Arts in Business** sub-group of the Chamber. Or do you know arts professionals in other parts of Bournemouth who might be interested? If so, please contact Cathy or Deb on southbournech@yahoo.co.uk to find out more about The Hub's involvement. To find out about joining the Chamber, currently £67 annually we believe, contact Carol Butler, their Business Support Manager on info@bournemouthchamber.org.uk.

Artists Assembly

We hosted the first Southbourne Artists Assembly this month, for 2D and 3D visual artists. Organised by Deb Edlund and Gill Welsby, we had a great turn-out with discussions about what artists need, want and can contribute to developing visual arts locally. If you would like to be included in this, please contact Deb on southbournech@yahoo.co.uk

Dance, Music, Literature, Drama & Theatre

We would like to form similar groups for professionals in the above areas. If you are interested, please contact Cathy on southbournech@yahoo.co.uk. If we have sufficient interest, we will hold further assemblies.

Why? – Building Arts Opportunities

By coming together we can collectively encourage the development of more and greater opportunities for arts practitioners in Bournemouth. The Creative & Cultural Industries is one of the fastest growing sectors, even in the current economic climate. Bournemouth itself has ambitions to become an arts hot spot and the launch of the Festival of Arts by the Sea this year has been a great contribution to giving this ambition a significant start. Next year sees the biannual Dorset Art Weeks again in May and June. And Bournemouth's Festival of Words has recently been launched also. There is a slow but growing realisation of the importance of art, in its many guises in the work place, schools, hospitals and our build and natural environment and how it contributes to economic recovery and development.

Southbourne is developing its reputation for independent and high-quality shops and services. The aim is for Southbourne to become a unique and specialist area with a village atmosphere, and this is being spear-headed by Southbourne-on-Sea Business Association. This is a perfect opportunity for arts professionals from all fields to help make it happen, to our advantage and that of Southbourne in general.

However, the Hub needs more arts professionals to come forward to help. Whether it's attending meetings and assemblies, building a data-base of Hub professional members and their area of expertise, getting details of The Hub and its members onto the plethora of arts support, networking and advocacy organisations, mostly on-line, both local and national, or helping to organise events, we need you.

Community Events and Celebrations

Plans are moving forward rapidly for a number of events in 2012. One of the major ones is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee being celebrated for four days, 2nd-5th June 2012.

We are collaborating with the Friends of Fisherman's Walk, local libraries, the Natural Science Society and others, to make Southbourne-on-Sea's celebrations fun, vibrant and exciting for all.

Our theme at The Hub is "Being young in the 1950s and being young today" and our working title is "Sun, Sea and Sixty". Inspired by the music, fashion, film, dances, poetry, literature and technological advancements of the early 1950's, the project is an inter-generational one.

As we develop this project from drawing board to rolling it out, we will keep you up to date with what is happening and how to get involved.

FRIENDS OF FISHERMAN'S WALK CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday, 11th December, 11am – 4pm in Fisherman's Walk

This was a very well-attended and fun event last year, so do come along and join in. The Hub will be there with a stall, so come and say hello.

Developments

As many of you will know, The Hub started as an idea in early 2011. Our landlords Bournemouth Beaches liked our proposal for an arts & community arts initiative. We have been building our relationship with them ever since and have watched them transform a run-down restaurant into a beautiful space with new floors, dance mirrors, a kitchenette, office, men's and ladies' toilets and a small storage area. We even have a small "secret garden" in the back alley. We have received terrific support from various Council departments including a £500 grant from Economic Regeneration, and the support of various local councillors. The Southbourne-on-Sea business association have been invaluable, with individual businesses giving practical and help-in-kind contributions. The majority of our furniture, equipment and resources have been donated or loaned by local people or businesses. And the response we have had from local people has been over-whelming.

These first two months since opening have been a huge challenge, with so much needing to be done and so few hours in the day. However, we are now slowly starting to see the real outcomes of having this wonderful venue as a local resource for residents, organisations and professionals.

As we bed-in all the aspects of The Hub and find better, easier or more effective ways to do things, what felt like an experiment is now gaining a real personality of its own.

We still have more to do, such as getting specialist curtains for our many windows, completing the development of our own dedicated website, tweaking the programme so that we can fit in more activities. On the other hand, we can't quite believe how much has been achieved already.

So

A Big Thank You

to everyone who has helped to make this happen.

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