

ART & CRAFT MATTERS

The DIARY

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Monday 2nd April 07 Richmond Fellowship Issue 01

April Dates	
April 1st	Transfer to Richmond Fellowship
April 4th	Mark to visit Connections Service Redhill
Thursday 5 th -11th	David Annual Leave
Friday 6th	Studio Closed.
Monday 9th	Studio Closed
Thursday 12 th & 13th	Mark Annual Leave
Wednesday 18th	Glynn Elliot to visit.
Wednesday 25th	Tina Braithwaite to visit.
Thursday 26th	David to visit Conifers
May Dates	
8 th May	Open Studios Meeting 6:30
10 th May	Gatton Park. Private View.
June Dates	
Wednesday 6 th Onwards	Open Studios
Monday 11 th – 18th	Mark Annual Leave
Saturday 23rd	Grange Festival
Monday 25th	Healing Arts Forum. 1:00 – 4:30
July Dates	
Thursday 26 & 27	Mark Annual Leave

Visitors to the Studio

On Friday 23rd March Rebecca Lord from the Richmond Fellowships Community Links Service in Redhill visited. Part of Rebecca's role will be providing information and supporting people to access and enjoy leisure and recreational activities in the area. Rebecca plans to hold regular advice sessions here. Anyone wanting more info can contact her on 01737 771282.

Maria Zealey

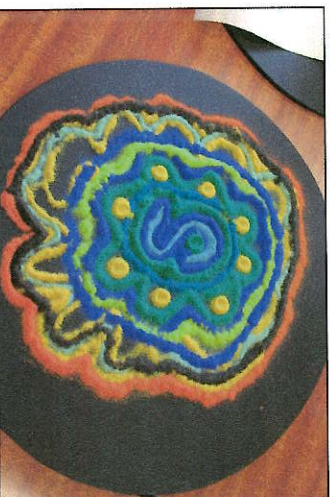
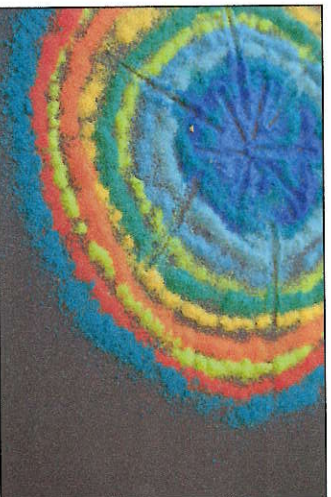
Maria is a welfare rights advisor. She spent the morning with us on March 8th. Many people have said how useful they found talking to Maria. If you didn't get the chance to see her and would like to then we will endeavor to contact her.

SIAC

On Tuesday 13th March the Surrey Integrated Arts Consortium met here. They have the support of Surrey County Council and their role is to link and support arts project across Surrey. They have limited funding but have been kind enough to donate half the money needed for Art Matters involvement in Surrey Artists Open Studios. Talking of which Art Matters hosted a meeting of Artists from the Open Studios project on 1st March.

Outreach

On 28th February David ran a Mandala workshop at Conifers in Caterham, which was well received. Participants said how much they had enjoyed the workshop and would like to see more of them; Conifers also enquired if a workshop could be arranged for staff.



Two images from the Workshop at Conifers

Gatton Park

On February 20th a group from the department spent the day at Gatton Park in Reigate. Drawing inspiration from the grounds, the group worked with local artist Karen Lucas making felt.

Feedback included:

‘A great day. A tour round Gatton Park’s rock garden in the Morning and a try at Cobweb Felting in the Afternoon. All really interesting and enjoyable.’
Maureen

‘It was so nice working in such lovely surroundings using different medium’
Louise
‘Gatton Park Rock Garden was extremely peaceful; the pond was tranquil
and the mistiness of the day made it magical and mysterious.’
Jean

The work created at Gatton Park will be exhibited here in May, and on May 10th an Open Evening is planned for the Artists.

Thanks to David for these images;



Gatton Parks Educational Manager, Louise, with Trevor and Maureen.



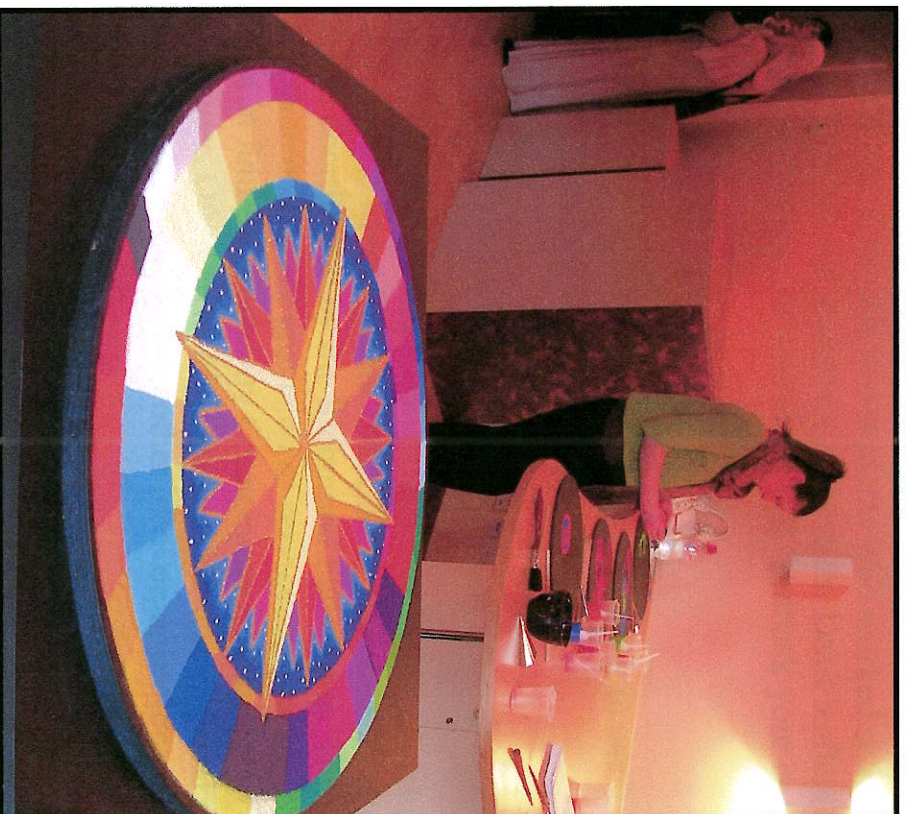
Finishing touches to the Group work..



Karen and Louise light a finished piece.

Abraham Cowley Unit

On the 1st February Art Matters were invited by the Trusts Healing Arts Manager, Belinda Ray, to create a sand mandala at the Abraham Cowley Unit. David, Trevor and Michael created the mandala, the sand from which will go into the gardens of the centre, or be used in the foundations of the new refurbished entrance to the unit. Service Users were also invited from the centre to contribute.



Sand Mandala. Abraham Cowley Unit. February 1st 2007

Planned visits to the Studio

Tina Braithwaite is the Service User Involvement Lead for the Richmond Fellowship. Tina is due to visit on Wednesday 25th April. Everyone is welcome along to meet Tina.

Glynn Elliot works for Prospect Housing. Glynn become aware of Art & Craft Matters whilst working with a group on an art project at Gatton Park.

Harmony for All

Thanks to Michelle and Kate, the two students who worked so hard with us to create the Harmony for All statement and leaflet. Draft leaflets are in the dining area – please take time to read them and feedback your comments.

The Lift

Please note that the lift is now installed. Anyone needing to use it see Mark or David to run through instructions.

Employment & Connections Steering Group.

Mark attended an Employment & Connections meeting on March 29th. This group, that includes the Mary Francis Trust, NPS, Queens Park, Rethink and Travel Matters, is coordinated by the Richmond Fellowship. The group feedback and update on current provision of services across east Surrey. It was decided that in future Community Connections literature will include employment services. Other areas of discussion included referral pathways, a newsletter and website, and links to other local organizations.

Richmond Fellowship

As from the 1st April, Art & Craft Matters transferred from Surrey & Borders NHS to The Richmond Fellowship.

Welcome

Congratulations to Peter, who designed, carved and created the 'Welcome' sign for the Abraham Cowley Unit in Chertsey. His skill, vigor and commitment an inspiration to all.