

Footprints (Community Rooms)

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The first Footprints meeting was held on 14th May 2013. It has taken two years of preparation and hard work to bring this project to fruition. Footprints has been made possible through the grants listed below and the skills, time, dedication and love of all our volunteers and the generosity of

The Beacon Church congregation.

The Methodist Church (Canterbury & East Kent Circuit)

The United Reform Church (Southern Synod)

The Methodist Church (London Mission)

Donations from members and friends of the Beacon Church and Christian Centre.

Our Mission Statement

"Footprints is an arm of the Beacon Church which seeks to address the needs of the local community, especially in relation to loneliness through the provision of community activities and programmes that are appropriate to combat deprivation, poverty and inadequacy in all forms. Footprints seeks to welcome all and exclude no one"

Footprints had two opening events Thursday 5th May and Tuesday 11th May. Invitations sent to agencies and friends to view our new refurbished Footprints by the Beacon Church, London Road, Dover.

Footprints Projects

English Language Class (Grant: Kent County Council)

Wednesday 10.15am - 11.15am aimed at helping those whose English is their second language to be able to feel more confident when accessing essential services. Free drop in service. We have had referrals from GP's and the job centre.



Friendly Friday

Open to all Friday's 12.30pm - 2.30pm a warm welcome, light lunch, friendly folk, fun and chatter, silly games, no charge, donations welcome. Drop in and out service.

Beacon Craft Group

Thursday's 10am - 12 noon, a natter over a cup of tea and friendly fun creating crafts for all.

Food Bank

Dover Food Bank (run by Christians Together in Dover). Tuesday's 2pm - 4pm and Friday 5pm - 7pm for people in an emergency situations. Referral by authorised agencies only.

Family Craft Club

Started on the 16th May 2015

Saturday's 1pm - 2-30pm (term time) for children and parents to come along and have fun learning new crafts and making things together.

Youth Coffee Bar

Started 16th May 2015. Particularly for teenagers 11-17 year olds to come along and meet their friends, play board games, table tennis in a safe environment. Soft

refreshments and a tuck shop.

Reading and Story Telling Club (Grant Dover Town Council)

Thursday 3.30pm - 4.45pm (term time) this club is designed to help children aged 5-9 to read and enjoy books! To develop their comprehension and reading skills.

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday's (1st and 3rd of each month) 11am - 12 noon. This is a drop in cafe style project. All the community is welcome. Chosen Charity coffee morning on the 2nd of each month (need to book)

Cooking on a Budget

Short 4-5 week course to enable people to stretch limited resources and provide healthy food - and more of it! To help develop skills to resource, prepare and cook nutritional meals for the family.

Other Proposed Projects

a) English Homework Checking Service -

The aim is to help children whom English is their 2nd language with their homework

b) Activities for Alzheimer's Patients and their Carers - The aim is to have activities for the patients combined with a carers support group.

c) Rev Project - Working with young people who have a passion for motorcycles and Christianity

d) Professionals Lunch Club - The aim is to provide a light lunch every six weeks for professionals in the community to meet up and network.



"Together we can make a difference"

There are no strangers here, only friends you have yet to meet!

COWGATE CEMETERY

Jeremy Cope

With Barry Late's sad death I am taking back my role as reporter of the Society's work at the old Cemetery. We are on top of the maintenance work at present but looking at the vigour of the growth it makes me realise there is a very thin line between being on top and falling behind. Whatever, Cowgate is a rather special spot well worth a visit, quiet with semi untamed trees, shrubs and greenery.

We use strimmers to cut the grass, alexanders and other greenery but I suppose it is a token of our efforts that one of our Stihl machines stopped working and could not be repaired - worn out with use. Replaced but the cost cleared our Project Fund.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers and if you would like to join our happy band do please let me know. Working sessions are from 9.00 am to noon and subject to weather and holidays we have two sessions a month, usually the first Thursday and the second Saturday in the month. My contact details are on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Month	Thursdays	Saturdays
July	02 Jul 15	11 Jul 15
August	06 Aug 15	22 Aug 15
September	03 Sept 15	12 Sept 15
October	01 Oct 15	19 Oct 15
November	05 Nov 15	14 Nov 15
December	03 Dec 15	12 Dec 15