

Our Place

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Paul Isaacs Conference and Cartoon Drawing Workshop Friday 3rd March, 5pm-7:30pm

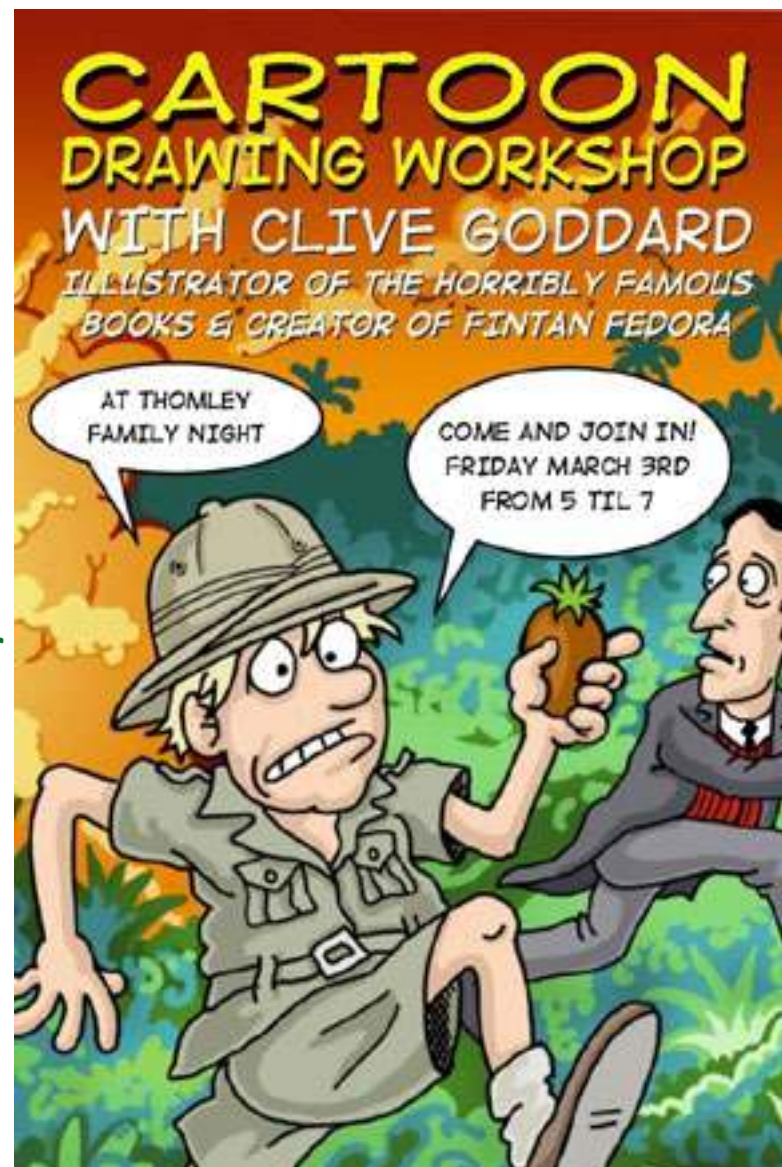
Paul will be giving a talk in the pavilion between 6-7pm on 'Sensory issues and Processing', followed by a Q & A.

But there will also be something for the young people, as from 5-7pm we have brought in a workshop of cartoon drawing to celebrate it being world book day, where Clive Goddard will teach you basic drawing techniques.

Paul and Clive will also bring their range of books to sell.

We are suggesting a donation of £5 per child attending the drawing workshop and £5 per person attending Paul's talk.

It is essential that you book and you can do so on Facebook, email (bookings@thomley.org.uk) or by calling: 01844 338380



Upcoming workshops...



Ignite Sport
Saturday 4th February, 1-2pm
Quidditch, 1-2pm

Soundabout
Saturday 11th February, 10:30am-3:15pm
It's essential you pre-book for a session with the ever-popular Music Workshop Soundabout.

Football Coaching with Joe
Tuesday 14th February, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm
Joe will take football skills for all ages followed by afternoon games, please pre-book!

Woodwork with Paul
Tuesday 14th February, all day
Get creative and join Paul for his wood workshop!

Giant Bubble Play
15th & 25th February, 1st & 18th March
Giant bubbles for everyone, have a go yourself too with the help of our staff.

Multi-sports with Tom
Friday 17th February
Our playworker Tom will take a Multi-sports session, from 11am-12pm & 2-3pm.

Birds of Prey workshop
Friday 17th February, 1-2pm
A chance to learn about 6 different types of birds, touch them & maybe even see one fly!

Ignite Sport
Saturday 4th March 1-2pm
Y-Ball, 1-2pm

Superhero Day!
Saturday 11th March
Not a regular Thomley day...Become a Thomley Superhero after our day training course!



The Pavilion is now open!

Finally we are in! We apologise for the delay in opening the doors, but we are now all sorted and from Tuesday 24th January you can now use the pavilion.

You will be able to buy hot and cold food and drinks, sit and eat lunch in the main room, and there are now lockers for you to leave your bags / lunches in for the day (if you want to lock your stuff in then please ask for a key at reception).

We have a new Kitchen Manager to introduce you to, welcome Rachael, who will more than likely be in the kitchen taking your lunch / drink orders from now onwards.

To try and keep the costs down, the kitchen itself will be open for the following hours to start with: 10:30am-2:30pm in term time and Saturdays, and 10am-3pm in the school holidays.



Rachael with her new coffee machine!

Please see our standard menu to give you an idea of what you can buy when you come for lunch.

Drinks	
Tea	£ 1.00
Americano	£ 1.50
Latte	£ 1.80
Cappuccino	£ 1.80
Hot Chocolate	£ 1.50
Squash (per cup)	£ 0.50
Cartons	£ 0.80
Food	
Freshly made to order	
Sandwiches	£ 2.80
Filling choices: Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Egg Mayo, Branston Pickle, Salad, Onions	
Paninis	£ 3.20
Bacon, Brie & Red Onion Chutney Cheese & Onion Ham & Cheese Tuna Melt	
All Cakes	£ 1.80
See our specials board for additional hot food	
Allergens Statement Please advise kitchen staff of any dietary requirements	

Food for birthday parties...

In our last newsletter we told you about our new birthday party options and we said you would be able to add food to your party.

There are three main options for your party:

Option one - £4.50 per child

A platter selection of cheese and ham sandwiches, bowls of crisps, carrot & cucumber sticks, mini muffins and strawberries and unlimited squash

Option two - £5.50 per child

Individual animal lunch boxes consisting of ham or cheese sandwich, packet of crisps, Kit Kat and drinks carton

Option three - £5.80 per child

Hot dogs, crisps, carrot & cucumber sticks, either mini muffins OR fruit kebab sticks and unlimited squash

TESCO Bags of Help

Thomley calls out for votes to bag a share of bag charge fund, and is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the monthly funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local outdoor community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and this month shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant. We are one of the groups on the shortlist and would really appreciate you voting for us, the more votes we get the higher the chance of a larger sum coming our way.

Voting opened from 2nd January and remains open until 28th January. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. We are in the following stores: Warners End, Grove Hill Hemel, Barnacres Hemel, Northchurch, all Aylesbury stores, Hemel Hempstead Extra, Wendover Express, Berkhamsted Metro, Tring Superstore.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £24 million to more than 2,400 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups each month. At the end of each month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for January. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's national Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between."

For more information visit the Bags of Help website:

www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp/

The teenage building...

With the pavilion now being open, it means the teenage and adult building (where reception currently is) can be used as it should be, for teenagers and adults.

You will see some difference on your next visit - the two rooms you may have used to eat in or leave your bags in will now be a mini-gym (yellow room) and within the next few weeks the blue room will be a snooker room.

You can leave your bags for the day in the lockers in the pavilion, and if you require a lock for this just ask at reception.

The kitchen (orange room) will no longer be where you get your tea and coffee, but will be a life-skills room for our teenagers and adults. You may find on some days these rooms are closed. If your teenager wants to go and use any of these rooms at any time please just ask at reception.

Pictured (right) is our brand new cardio wall which can be used by teenagers and adults in the mini-gym



Struggling to get a session in the sensory room?

The sensory room has become more popular than ever lately, and we are keen to find more time so visitors can have longer sessions or book it out of hours. People of any age can book the sensory room on , but it is important that you do this in advance.

The sensory room is particularly busy on an adult day, if you would like more time, or you are struggling to get in on an adult day, come and chat with us and we can try and find a time to suit you on another day.

New clubs starting up now...

The new after school clubs started last week, Friday night was the first of the year. Look out on the activity planner for all the clubs, including: after school clubs on a Wednesday for all children, on a Friday for disabled children, an adult cooking club once a month on a Tuesday and family nights every other month.

You can use this extra time to use Thomley as you please. You can just use the facilities as you normally would, you could use it as a reward for good behaviour, or if you want a quiet space to do homework - whatever suits you is fine with us!

Charity ball in aid of Thomley...



Last year there was a charity ball held at The Oxford Belfry, which had some Thomley families, staff and then anyone else that fancied it attend. It raised over £3,000 for Thomley, and all that came had great food, great music and an overall 'Fantastic night', whilst raising invaluable funds for Thomley.

This year it is back! For an evening of glitz and glamour, a three course meal, live band, disco, auction and raffle, please do get in touch with Joe: 07584241185 or joe1988ckitch@hotmail.com to book tickets. Tables can be of up to 10 people, and your ticket can be paid off a bit at a time if that helps any families. It would be great to have lots of you there!

Christmas holidays...

Christmas has been and gone, however lots of you came and took part in the Thomley festivities, which started with the choir and Santa's visit on our Christmas party, and continued right up until December 23rd.



We also opened for an extra day, which proved to be very busy and very popular. Thanks to those who came, and due to your feedback we will increase our Christmas offering next year.

Pictured (left) is our Christmas feast which was set up ready for the Thomley Youth Club, who had their own Christmas party!

Christmas Market success!

Well, what can we say! A fantastic day, which in all honesty surprised us just how busy it was. It was one of the busiest days in Thomley's history, so we thank our regulars and newcomers who came and saw Santa, got a ticket for the fair ride, and bought from the great variety of craft stalls.

Your support helped us to raise over £2,000 for Thomley - thank you...We promise to get lots more hotdogs next year!

There are still a couple of prizes that remain unclaimed from the raffle, we will give it a few more weeks and then we may put them away for the next raffle, so please get in touch if that is you!

