

# Autumn Newsletter 2023

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## Celebrating 75 years at our Fun Day



# Members Committee

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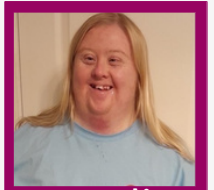
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Margate Hub  
and Community



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Ramsgate Hub



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Ramsgate Hub

## Herne Bay



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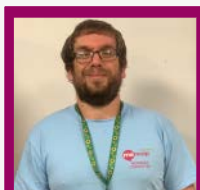
Hub



Paul

Housing and  
Community

## Swale



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Hub

## Deal



Stephen

Housing

## GOLD



Ben



If you have something to share get in touch with a committee member or email [memberscommittee@eastkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:memberscommittee@eastkentmencap.co.uk)

## Hello from our CEO Jason Gerlack



I hope you had a great summer

I enjoyed reading about your many achievements and I hope you do too

We have an exciting and busy autumn ahead

See you soon

Jason



# Members Committee News



We had a Fun Day to celebrate our 75th anniversary and people came from all our Hubs and housing

Read on to see more photos from the day



Our Ramsgate drama group put on the East Kent Mencap Goes Cruising show

Over 100 people came to watch it including the Mayor of Margate



Herne Bay Hub attended the Herne Bay Carnival for the first time and won second place in the Local Associations Category

Ellie: It was fun being involved in the carnival



Kathy and Rosie from GOLD proudly accepted East Kent Mencap's Margate Community Award from the Mayor of Margate at a picnic event in Westgate



We have comfortable and accessible new furniture at Ramsgate Hub generously funded by Ramsgate Town Council

# Members Committee News



GOLD is working with researchers from the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent on a new interactive app about staying safe online



GOLD received £600 from Asda to purchase new kitchen equipment to support the group to cook and learn to live on a budget



Kent Fire and Rescue came to meet GOLD and the Ramsgate Hub and gave a talk on safety in the home



Natasha Amy and Ellie: We are excited that East Kent Mencap supporter caps are now available to buy featuring our designs

If you would like to buy a cap just ask the members committee or email [memberscommittee@eastkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:memberscommittee@eastkentmencap.co.uk)



You can join our Halloween disco online on Thursday 2 November from 5pm to 7pm

Email [funds@easkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:funds@easkentmencap.co.uk) for a link



# Our stories



Hilary: I went on my dream holiday with Support Worker Tamara to Silverstone to watch the Grand Prix



Jez and Holly had an engagement party

Holly: I am very happy to be engaged

Jez: I love Holly and it was great dancing with her at the party



Lee: I recently moved from East Kent Mencap shared housing into my own flat and I am loving it

[Read Lee's interview on our website news page](#)



Allegra: I had my hair cut and we sent the hair to the Princess Trust to make a wig for a child who has cancer



Ben: Tanya and I volunteered at the Burnt Out In Biscuit Land show greeting the guests at The Turner Contemporary in Margate

# Our stories



Lauren Hub Manager Swale: Thank you to Mark Ian Lee Dennis Emma and Lewis for helping to raise £316 to go towards our annual trips at Swale Hub



Tris Support Worker Thanet: My Life is a drama production based on personal quotes and performed by Robert David Lucy Gavin Andrew Adam and Kevin who attend Thanet Hub

Watch it on our YouTube channel  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Fd8PcngaFM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Fd8PcngaFM)



Dayle: It was a good night at the Ashford Pride disco

I loved it! I loved dancing!



Gavin's smiley faces drawings inspired the name and logo design of Happy Mondays at Discovery Planet and Arts in Ramsgate

Gavin met the Mayor of Ramsgate at the launch party



Our Ramsgate Hub enjoyed meeting Emma from Butterfly Conservation Kent

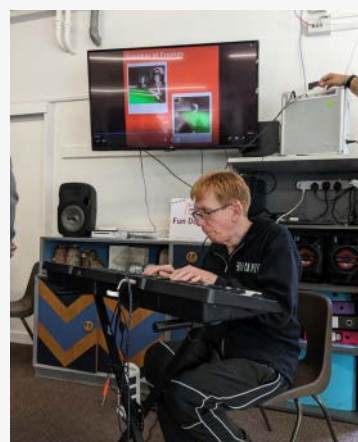
Melanie: I love wildlife and my favourite butterfly is the Painted Lady



# 75th Anniversary Fun Day 2023



We enjoyed catching up with friends and making memories



The performances were fantastic



We loved the different activities and the burgers!







# Photo gallery

Email your photos to [funds@eastkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:funds@eastkentmencap.co.uk) for inclusion in our next newsletter



## East Kent Mencap Goes Cruising Show in Margate



## Herne Bay Hub at the carnival



## Swale Hub had a busy summer

### Get in touch



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