

# Maidstone Leisure Centre Newsletter

December 2009

## Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of the Maidstone Leisure Centre newsletter. We hope to keep you up-to-date with the latest news from the leisure centre. We have lots of exciting events, developments, projects, new initiatives and refurbishments happening to the centre over the next few months.

## A Christmas cracker of a show!

If you love the music from the 1950's through to the 1980's then don't miss the That'll Be The Day Christmas Show in Mote Hall this month. All the classic gold hits with fabulous feel-good comedy routines make this show bigger and better than before in over two hours of non-stop nostalgia. The show rolls into Maidstone on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and tickets are £19.00 from the box office on 08451 552277 or available from the leisure centre reception.

## Christmas opening hours

The majority of the leisure centre is open and as the festive season is almost here please take note of when the centre is open during the Christmas Holidays:

Monday 21st December 2009	06.30 – 20.00
Tuesday 22nd December 2009	06.30 – 20.00
Wednesday 23rd December 2009	06.30 – 20.00
Thursday 24th December 2009	06.30 – 14.00
Friday 25th December 2009	CLOSED
Saturday 26th December 2009	CLOSED
Sunday 27th December 2009	08.00 – 18.00
Monday 28th December 2009	06.30 – 18.30
Tuesday 29th December 2009	06.30 – 18.30
Wednesday 30th December 2009	06.30 – 18.30
Thursday 31st December 2009	06.30 – 14.00
Friday 1st January 2010	CLOSED
Saturday 2nd January 2010	08.00 – 18.00
Sunday 3rd January 2010	08.00 – 18.00



## Changing the centre for the better

We are in the midst of a major £4m refurbishment project to make Maidstone Leisure Centre the number one leisure destination in Kent. We are on track to have the new gym completed by 16 January 2010. We are transforming the old Invicta Hall into a brand new two story gym complete with new dry change facilities. In the New Year we will have completed the refurbishment of the old gym to create a new dance studio and a spinning studio.

We are also making improvements in the Lagoon Pool. A new toddler pool with water features is being added along with a great new flume ride and further water features. A new café servery is being installed and complete re-decoration to the pool hall. Along with this, we are also refurbishing the swimming changing rooms to include a spacious new family change area, new showers, disabled change, female and male changing rooms plus a new vanity area.

The Lagoon Pool and wet change are currently closed to allow this transformation to take place. We have alternative changing provisions and the fitness, teaching and dive pit pools are open for swimming.

In 2010, work will start on a new reception and entrance to the leisure centre, a makeover for the children's play area Polar Adventure and the addition of a new café bar. More news on these exciting refurbishments will follow in next year's newsletters.

## Closed for refurbishment work

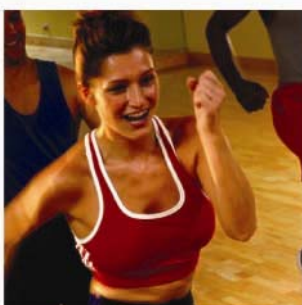
Due to the ongoing work we will have to close the sports hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010. We are currently re-scheduling workout classes – please look out for information posters in the centre.

The Lagoon Pool, flumes and terrace viewing are closed. Due to the reduction in pool space we have a temporary pool timetable. Please visit our website [www.maidstoneleisure.com](http://www.maidstoneleisure.com) to view the new timetable or speak to a member of the team.

## Swim Life - are you enrolled on the new 2010 term?



We will begin the new swimming lessons enrolment on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 for the new term which starts on 22nd February 2010. Make sure you have booked your place. The new term is 12 weeks long and prices are from £46.99 per child. For more information on the Swim Life swimming lessons or to enrol please contact the Maidstone Swim Co-ordinator Joyce Veal on 01622 220 217 or email [joyce.veal@leisure.serco.com](mailto:joyce.veal@leisure.serco.com)



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**Anyone for snorkeling?**

We have an exciting 10 week snorkeling, water polo and swimming course starting on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 for 8 – 14 year olds. The weekly sessions are:

Tuesday	16.30 – 17.15
Thursday	16.30 – 17.15
Saturday	11.00 – 11.45
Saturday	14.00 – 15.45

This is a fun way for kids to exercise and gain a BSAC snorkeling qualification. The 10 week course costs only £5.00. Early booking is recommended as with this great price, places will fill quickly. For more information contact Lauren Neve on [lauren.neve@leisure.serco.com](mailto:lauren.neve@leisure.serco.com) or visit the leisure centre reception to book your child's place on the course.

**Customer refurbishment update briefings**

We are holding a series of briefing sessions to update our customers on the refurbishment project to date. Members of the leisure centre team will be on hand to answer questions or to provide you with more information about the ongoing refurbishment project to your leisure centre. The dates and times for the briefings are:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
14.00 and 18.00

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
11.00

All briefings will take place in the Spotlight Bar. If you are interested in a progress update come along and speak to us.

**Visit us at The Mall**

We have taken up a temporary residence in a shop unit in the town centre's shopping mall. Customers can pop into the shop to view images of the new gym, try out some CV equipment, have a go on a dance mat, browse sports equipment and clothing and even take advantage of a membership offer – all in a lunch break.

The shop is manned by members of the centre team who are on hand to answer questions about the exciting developments which are happening at the leisure centre and to help customers reach their fitness goals in 2010. There are a range of membership offers for early joiners who will be the first to experience the brand new gym which opens on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

There is also a range of sporting equipment and clothing for adults and children on sale at the shop – the ideal Christmas gift for the serious swimmer or fashion conscious gym enthusiast.



**Skydiving for Demelza House**

Gemma Dann, one of our Duty Managers has taken up the challenge to raise money for Demelza House by jumping out of a plane at 10,000ft! Demelza provides hospice care for children with life limiting illnesses and their families across East Sussex, Kent and South East London.

Daredevil Dann is hoping to raise £750 before her jump on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010. All of the team wish her the best of luck.



**Join today and get January FREE!**

If you are not a member of the leisure centre and you want to get in shape for 2010, then take up this fantastic membership offer. Simply join before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and get January free.

Uncover a brand new you at Maidstone Leisure Centre. Terms and conditions apply and admin fee of £10 is payable upon joining.

**Points of view – Have your say**

We welcome all customer feedback and like to hear what our customers have to say. We have a dedicated customer comments drop box in the centre reception. Please feel free to complete a comments card and let us know how we are doing. Alternatively, you can email us via the 'contact us' section on our website [www.maidstoneleisure.com](http://www.maidstoneleisure.com)

Lastly, we would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2010.



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