



LET'S DO BREAKFAST

Margate Town Partnership is to host the second in a series of breakfast meetings for businesses in Margate and Cliftonville.

The meeting from 7am on Monday, January 25 at the Seaside Bar in the Winter Gardens is specifically for traders to find out more about tourism developments and support available in 2011.

Keynote speaker will be Jonathan Bryant, project director of the Dreamland Trust, who will talk about the work going on to reopen the fun park with vintage rides and attractions as well as plans for the cinema and the rest of the seafront site.

There will also be a presentation by Visit Kent, the public-private partnership which champions development of the county's £2.5 billion tourism industry, and information about the Winter Gardens centenary celebrations in 2011.

There will also be the chance to meet representatives from Thanet District Council, The Margate Renewal Partnership and Visit Kent and network with other businesses from Margate and Cliftonville.

The first breakfast meeting, titled the Countdown to 2011, was held at the Margate Media Centre and had Paul Gray from the Turner Contemporary.

Terence Painter, chairman of Margate Town Partnership, said: "There are about to be exciting tourism developments in Margate and Cliftonville and this is the chance to find out what support is on offer to help your business capitalise on these opportunities."

To confirm your attendance email sharon.sebastian@thanet.gov.uk or telephone 01843 609336.

Did you know? There are 3,000 businesses working the tourism sector in Kent and 50,000 jobs are created through the industry.

TURNER CONTEMPORARY NEWS

The opening date for the Turner Contemporary has been announced and the gallery handed over officially by Kent County Council to the Turner Contemporary Trust which will run it.

The gallery, designed by David Chipperfield Architects, will open on April 16 with an exhibition called Revealed: Turner Contemporary Opens featuring new work by six internationally renowned artists. It will



also include a little-known painting by JMW Turner titled The Eruption of the Souffrier Mountains, in the Island of St Vincent, at Midnight, on the 30th April, 1812, from a Sketch Taken at the Time by Hugh P. Keane, Esqre 1815.

The opening year also includes exhibitions Nothing in the World But Youth, which focuses on youth culture and its perception by the media, new work by Hamish Fulton. More works by Turner are a regular feature of the gallery's programme.

The April launch will be accompanied by a host of events around Margate. Find out more and get regular updates on Turner Contemporary developments at www.turnercontemporary.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

To David Gonzales and his team at Margate Visitor Information Centre for winning a silver award in the Beautiful South Awards for Tourism Excellence.

The awards recognise a range of tourism services, from hotels and attractions, to events and tourism experiences. They were narrowly pipped to the title by Winchester, who were awarded gold. Margate took joint silver with Rye.



MEET THE BOARD! WHO'S WHO AT MARGATE TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Margate Town Partnership is a group of business people who volunteer their time to improve the town by promoting it to outside businesses and organisations, running events such as the annual kite festival, managing the town's weekly market in Cecil Square and town centre management including smartening up empty shops. We have also recruited a town crier to shout about how great Margate is.

Working with other organisations, including the Margate Charter Trustees, Margate Renewal Partnership, the Old Town Action Group, and

Thanet council, the board is committed to driving Margate forward at this crucial time in the town's renaissance and representing the views of businesses within the town.

Money has come traditionally from a mix of public and private funding including the charter trustees, Thanet council and SSCF.

The board meets monthly, on the third Thursday, usually at the old town hall from 5.30pm. Notice of meetings and the agenda is at www.thisismargate.co.uk

Members have specific roles which are:

Terence Painter, chairman.
Rebecca Smith, vice chairman.
John Kirk, treasurer, market organisation.

Katie Lippington, administrator and events organisation.

Richard Ash, logistics.

Daniel Goldman, street scene.

Adam Fennell, business liaison.

Councillor Martin Wise, representing Thanet council.

Councillor Mick Tomlinson, representing Margate Charter Trustees.

Derek Harding (coopted), representing Margate Renewal Partnership.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You may have read about the unfortunate demise of the Margate Town Partnership stage which met a sad end in high winds whilst on hire at Kingsgate. After long negotiations with the insurers MTP has secured a cash settlement. Do you think that MTP should buy a new mobile stage with

the money and continue to offer it for hire to groups across Thanet or should we investigate the possibility of using the money to go towards building a permanent bandstand in Margate somewhere?

If you have a view on where we go from here email info@margatetownpartnership.org.uk or call 01843 758151.



LOVE MARGATE

A date for your diaries.

Margate Town Partnership will be holding a Valentine's Day themed event on Wednesday, February 9. Watch out over the year for great events brought to you by Margate Town Partnership, giving you a chance to support your town.