



# The Riverside Centre Newsletter—December 2020

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## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Back in the summer we received contact from The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) asking if we would like to be a recipient of the Shoebox Appeal this year as part of their chosen charity. We were delighted to accept so that this could be passed on to all the people in the community that use our centre and it's services. We have been blown away by the generosity of the local community as we have taken receipt of 100 parcels which we will be delivering before Christmas to the



Riverside Centre. A huge thanks goes to RNLI for organising such a worthwhile cause and to all the people that have donated a gift or a whole giftbox. We hope that everyone that receives a giftbox enjoys the goodies placed inside.

## Annual General Meeting

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 we held our Annual General Meeting, albeit in a different format due to the current circumstances. The AGM focused on the year April 2019 to April 2020 and electing a Board of Trustees. Dr Stellon has decided to step down from chairperson to vice chair, with Sue Parkin becoming our new chairperson. If you would like to see the minutes from this AGM please contact the centre.



## Brexit

Brexit has been a word that we have been hearing for some time now, and as we approach 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 we are hearing more in the y be affected. One area that is of a concern to us in Dover is the risk of additional congestion at the port and other areas that may be used as parking zones. It is difficult for us to know exactly what impact this will have on the service that we run from The Riverside Centre until we are in the situation, however we have contingencies in place to try and cope with increased congestion to try and keep any disruptions to a minimum. We may find that some of our meal deliveries could take a little longer but we will look at routes away from congestion.

## Christmas & New Year

Kent is still experiencing very high numbers of COVID-19 cases, therefore we will not be reopening the day centre in 2020. We will be continuing our meal delivery service for most of the Christmas period. The only days we are **not** delivering are;

\*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December, \*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT DELIVERING ON 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AND 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, WE ARE ABLE TO DELIVER A ROAST DINNER TO YOU ON 24<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER TO BE HEATED UP FOR THE NEXT DAY.

This year has been a **very** difficult time for most people. As we draw to the end of this year lets be hopeful that 2021 will be much brighter and will return to some normality.

**All the staff and volunteers at The Riverside Centre would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.**