



Thomley is now ours forever!

We can now tell you the very exciting news that Thomley has secured the freehold of its buildings and land, meaning that Thomley will be here forever as a facility for disabled children, their families and friends.

Until now, we have been renting from our wonderful landlords, Peter and Grizelda Rowsell. To give you a bit of history, the Rowsell's have dedicated the use of Thomley Hall to children in varying kinds of need since the 1960's and have been relentlessly supportive to the development of our Activity Centre over the past 9 years. Thank you Peter and Grizelda for believing in what we do.

We have a long way to go in terms of payment for the freehold and we are currently concentrating our efforts on securing major grants and donations. If any of you have personal links with Trusts or individuals who would consider major gifts, please, please encourage them to get in touch. We will happily show them why Thomley is so special.

Job Opportunities

We are currently advertising two job opportunities at Thomley: -

Playworkers - Casual bank staff (£6.07 per hour)

Thomley is building a bank of Play work staff to call upon for Saturdays, school holidays and other busy times during the year. Key elements of this role are to support visitors; prepare and supervise play activities; help maintain health and safety standards and support day to day running of the centre

Visitor Support Volunteer needed on a Thursday to:

Welcome and support all visitors to Thomley; direct new visitors to full-time staff for a tour of the Centre and explanation of relevant health & safety issues; be responsible for all signing in and booking procedures for families and database entries and to assist the Visitor Liaison Officer

Closing date for applications: 31st March 2011



Tesco Vouchers

Yes it's that time of year again, and we need your help to reach our target of **10,000 vouchers!** Last year we managed the target but only just, and every voucher counts so make sure to bring them into us when you visit! Our collection date for all vouchers is June 11th. This year we hope to buy lots of materials for the Hortic area such as; Insect and Butterfly habitats; Lady Bird House; Caterpillar mirror; Sunny day canopies; weaving willows and much more!

We would absolutely love to reach our target again this year as this is still the only voucher scheme that Thomley is eligible for, so we really need your help..... so please, please, collect on our behalf!

Facebook

Thomley is now on Facebook! Please comment, share your experiences and photos with us! Take a second to view our page and click the 'Like' tab. Feel free to 'Share' us with your contacts too and raise awareness for Thomley!

Dads Day

March 20th is Dads day; we have a sports and barbeque day for all Dads, their friends and their children to enjoy. Please call and book or email joe@thomleyhall.org!

Hortic Area update

Brendan Smith has been once again working hard in our Hortic area. Kindly donating his time, Brendan has continued to lay the paving and the foundations for our exciting project. The area is now taking shape, and we have a group of volunteers coming to help us in April. Brendan will also be back soon to continue his hard work, and would welcome any volunteers to help him keep the project moving forwards.

Brendan and his family are regular attendees at Thomley, and the whole family has been completely behind the project...A big, big thank you once again to Brendan for all his support and effort.



Upcoming dates

Open 10am-3.30pm

Pre-School Days

26th April

10th May

Adult Days

5th April

3rd May

Quiet Days (Max 30)

26th March

30th April

Teenage Day

13th April

21st May

Community Day

2nd April

15th April

7th May

Dads Day

20th March

Easter Half term

11th - 16th, 18th - 21st
April

Disability Toddler Day

22nd March

Physically Vulnerable Day

14th May

Home Schooling Day

27th April

11th May

If your booking changes, please let us know.

Home Schooling Dates

Our first trial date is on Wednesday 27th April...We encourage all home schooling families to come to Thomley for the day, and meet other families who also home school! We eventually want this to run every other Wednesday and will aim to tap in to the curriculum so that activities can be educational as well as being fun!

A lot of the feedback from families is that they just want other parents to socialise with who are in similar situations to them, and for their children to play and socialise with each other...The days are currently very flexible, and can be used to suit every family, we are providing the facility for you to home school in and see others who are doing the same! To book please email joe@thomleyhall.org or call the office.

Teenage provision and a 'Changing Space' toilet



Building work is fast progressing and almost finished! Paint is now going on the walls and rooms are really taking shape. Scaffolding has gone up this week to replace the roof, so we are sorry for any inconvenience!

Once opened, one of the new areas is a spacious and fully compliant '**Changing Place**' will offer a hoist accessible toilet and changing area to disabled visitors with widely varying needs... so please spread the word.

Easter Half term

We are now taking bookings for the Easter Holidays...Please be aware that the Thursday on both weeks are being only being booked out to large groups and that the Tuesday on both weeks are family only days...Smaller groups (up to 6 children) are able to book in on any other day along with families.



We hope to have use of some of the manor building for additional eating space throughout the Easter Holidays; hopefully this should prevent lunch time seeming as busy as it was in the February half term.

February Half term

February was a great success, and out of a maximum 330 children able to attend we had 319 come through the gates! We hope you all had lots of fun and return for the Easter Holidays!



ASD Awareness Day

Unfortunately we had to cancel the ASD day due to a lack of uptake from the Group...We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that one day in the future we can reschedule the event.

Makaton Training

The very popular Makaton course recently held at Thomley could possibly be offered to parents; depending on how many parents are interested! Please contact Hayley on Hayley@thomleyhall.org if this is of interest to you.

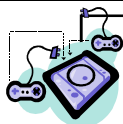


Youth Group Sessions

At Thomley we are always considering how we can support children and families.

We have discussed as a staff team if it would appropriate for Thomley to provide/support a youth group. We would like your feedback as to if this is something your young person is interested in, or would benefit from accessing.

Please could you email hayley@thomleyhall.org or call the office and let us know what you think; and depending on demand we will then take this forward.



This months wish list...

We now regularly update our wish list online!

Please visit <http://thomleyactivitycentre.org/support-us/> to see if you can tick anything off of our list!



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