

It's smiles all round for Abigail's party

Rotary clubs get together to sponsor trip

LITTLE Abigail Smith had a day to remember when she visited Peppa Pig World thanks to the generosity of Thanet's Rotary Clubs.

Abigail, 4, suffers from cerebral palsy and microcephaly.

Throughout her short life she has

been steadfastly to do the things other children do.

Now that she can walk with assistance, has been able to start school this month.

Abigail, from Ramsgate, is a dedicated Peppa Pig fan and the Rotary Clubs worked together to send Abigail and her

mum, Kerry, to Peppa Pig World at Poultons Park in Hampshire with a party of friends.

They travelled in a small coach provided by Carol Peters Travel and after lots of songs, sweets, fun and games the very excited children arrived ready to

meet Peppa, George and all the other much-loved characters. They went for a drive in Daddy Pig's car, loved George's dinosaur ride and visited Grandpa Pig's house. They met Suzy Sheep, Zoe Zebra and Rebecca Rabbit and even went for a ride in Miss Rabbit's helicopter.

They joined Peppa's family having their tea and then went on Grandpa Pig's train singing all the songs from the show.

Abigail said: "This was the best day ever, ever, ever! Can we please come back tomorrow?"

Chris Hedges, chairman of the Joint Council of the Rotary Clubs in Thanet, said: "This will be a treasured memory for Abigail and her family as she prepared to start school, where she is now getting on famously trying out her walker and other new equipment to help her achieve the brilliant progress she deserves to make given her steadfast determination."



FUN TIME: Abigail enjoyed a day at Peppa Pig World thanks to Thanet's Rotary Clubs

BRAVE GIRL: Abigail and mum Kerry earlier this year before she started school
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Voluntary groups set to join forces

PEOPLE working for voluntary or community groups in Thanet can join a new organisation.

Community Exchange Thanet is a joint initiative between CASE Kent, Thanet Community Development Trust and Thanet Volunteer Bureau.

It is open to all organisations or groups, either statutory or voluntary that provide services in Thanet.

It is hoped the exchange will develop into an established network which could allow organisations to share good practice and knowledge and act as a collective voice in to deal with the statutory sector such as local authorities or police.

The exchange also hopes to encourage partnerships between groups.

The meetings will feature guest speakers on a range of topics, smaller group discussions and an open networking session.

All organisations are encouraged to bring along any information about their work to share with others.

For further information please contact: Michael James at michaeljames@casekent.org.uk or call 01233 610171

Give your views on budget

THANET: Have your say on Kent County Council's proposed budget at the next Thanet Local Board meeting.

Finance boss, Councillor John Simmonds will be at St Paul's Community Centre in Cliftonville on Tuesday, October 16 to talk about the plans which will see cuts to adult and children's services but no council tax increase for the authority's share of the bill.

Other items up for discussion from 7pm include an update on Expansion East Kent – the project offering free loans to business from a £35 million Government pot.

The Thanet Local Board also has more than £200,000 to award to community projects.

For more information on the Thanet Local Board and Local Member Grants visit democracy.kent.gov.uk

Funding fair

BROADSTAIRS: Find out more about funding for the voluntary sector in Thanet at a fair at St George's School in Westwood Road on Friday, October 26.

The event, which will be opened by Laura Sandys MP for Thanet South, will include one-to-one advice sessions, workshops, presentations and a Big Lottery workshop.

For more information please visit: www.moneywisefundingfair.eventbrite.co.uk

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