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Chief Executive

The development in the commercial areas continues apace, with the opening of the new café, McGuire's, in the old Pump House next to the Copper Rivet Distillery. On Jetty 5 a new American restaurant and bar, a tanning salon and a new Shepherd Neame bar are all due to open soon.

A planning application has also been submitted to Medway Council by WD Outlet Management Ltd for the reuse of the old Machine Shop, a Grade II listed structure situated next to the Co-op. The proposal includes the construction of a new tent like structure which encapsulates the old frame, thereby protecting it from the elements. A number of residents both from the Wharf and St Mary's Island have registered their concern over aspects of the proposals and the matter will now be considered by Medway Council.

The Trust has recently taken over Basin 2 from the HCA and we have brought back Arethusa and Medway Water Sports Trust to run a range of activities on the water.

All the hard work by residents planting bulbs last Autumn has certainly paid off with East and Central bunds a blaze of colour. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank residents for working with Grant to resolve breaches in covenants. It all helps to maintain the high standards on St Mary's Island.

The Trust will shortly be holding our **4th Food and Drinks Festival** over the May bank holiday including the very popular dragon boat racing on the Sunday and a new event, the Big Purple Fun Run around St Mary's Island on the Monday. Let's hope for some good weather.

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we pride ourselves in:*

Acting with integrity

Always providing a high standard of service

Treating others with respect

Behaving ethically

Who's Who in The Observatory

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Planning Consent Reminder: There are no permitted development rights on St. Mary's Island, this means that if you want to build an extension, erect a conservatory or shed etc. then you need to apply for planning permission from Medway Council and Restrictive Covenant consent from the Trust. All the information, including a guidance note on the Council's planning process, is on the Trust's website (Live/Restrictive Covenants/Alterations).

Shaping the future of Medway

Some 60 residents fed back their comments to Medway Council's Local Plan at a drop-in session organised by SMIRA (St. Mary's Island Residents Association).

The main points highlighted from that session include:

Health – the need for a new District Hospital

Housing – insufficient provision for older residents; demand for single storey ground floor living

Chatham Town Centre – poor / inadequate road capacity. What measures are planned to reduce congestion and pollution?

Retail – would like to see a greater range of retail outlets – mainly food

Safety/Security – the manpower and resources of the emergency services should be increased to meet the ever increasing population

Infrastructure – concern about insufficient infrastructure to support increasing residential development, i.e. GP/Hospital services, educational places

Car parking – concerns about St. Mary's Island becoming a commuter car park

Leisure – provision of a new conference/arts facility (Dickens World site?)

Redevelopment of Medway City Estate – could this be primarily a residential site creating another community like St. Mary's Island with its own support services – GP, School, Community Centre etc.

Thanks to those residents that attended and contributed to help shape the future of Medway.

BITE-SIZE NEWS

2 new zebra crossings – one outside the Community Centre and another between the School and new development. Both should be installed by June 2017.

Peacocks are due to take a unit at Dockside Outlet Centre

Colonial House on the South of Basin. The existing building is due to be demolished this year and replaced with a residential development.

Live



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New Branding

You may have noticed the new logo for the Maritime Messenger.

The 4 flags logo is based on a very early logo for Chatham Maritime which you can still see on signs around the Estate. The Trust activities have previously had different logos but this will change with the 4 flags logo being adopted across the range of things we run including the Food and Drink festival, the Community Centre, the Maritime Messenger and the Friday Flyer. Our contractors, when working on the Estate, will also use the new logo.

By revamping an old logo in this way and rolling it out over time not only do we maintain a link with the past but develop a coordinated approach at minimum costs.

Following financial support from the Trust, the Island Youth Club (Island Castaways) reopened on the 16th September last year.

The Club invites all children starting Year 6 at the Island School or who live on the Island to become Members and meets most Friday evenings at the Community Centre between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. It currently enjoys a membership of almost 60 children between the ages of 10 and 13 years. The big difference is that, with the help of the Island Church, School and many Island residents the Club now has over 30 Volunteers who each try and attend one Friday night every month and more if they feel able.

This means that they have been able to put on activities such as "Nerf Gun Wars", Circus Skills", "Cheerleading" and soon "Volleyball", to add to the regular arts and craft, table games, snooker, table tennis, electronic

games and "Tuck Shop" that are available most weeks. Since it reopened they have also raised on the night almost £100.00 for "Children in Need" and, more recently, over £120.00 for "Red Nose Day" appeals ensuring that Members are made aware of those less fortunate than themselves.

In addition to financial assistance from the Trust the Club enjoys regular funding from Ward Councillors. David would like to thank the Trust, Ward Councillors, Rod Parr and all the amazing Volunteers for ensuring that the Island Club survives and continues to provide young children with one of life's memorable and enduring experiences.

The Island Youth Club Springs Back

These are the dates that the Club is open for the rest of this school year and, if you would like to know more about membership or volunteering at the Club please call David Taylor on 893447.

May: Friday 5th, Friday 12th, Friday 19th and Friday 26th

June: Friday 9th, Friday 16th, Friday 23rd and Friday 30th

July: Friday 7th and Friday 14th
(the Club is then closed until it re-opens in September)

NERF GUN WARS

Play



Live

The landscaping on St. Mary's Island is a key feature of what makes the Island a great place to live. Spring has arrived; gardens and nature are springing into life.

The result of last year's community bulb planting day on the Central East Bund has manifested in a glorious colour of red and blue anemones – in the colour of Help for Heroes.

This year the community planting day will be held on **Saturday 7th October 2017** and the planting will be in yellow to recognise the good work that Marie Curie do.

The Trust's contractor, Turfsoil, has been working hard to effect improvement in the landscaping across the estate. They have recently completed the tree works on the East Bund to ensure that roots do not penetrate the encapsulated Bund. Trees will be replaced with more suitable planting.



On the Central East Bund the hawthorn hedging has been reduced to reinstate the top of the French drain; gaps to be replanted. At the Central Lookout overgrown plants and weeds have been removed and will be replaced with more suitable colourful planting. Work will also include fencing under the area to prevent access.



Mick Heyward from Fen Pest Control taking pictures of the bird box.

A bloom of colour

A person in a dark jacket and cap is performing a handstand on a large, multi-colored trampoline. The background features graffiti on a wall and the word 'CHATHAM' visible. The scene is lit with green and blue lights.

Flip Out offers more than trampolining...

Time has flown since UK Sports Minister Tracey Crouch formally opened Flip Out Chatham in Dockside, on the 25th of November last year!

Owners Mark and Sue McGill commented "We have had an amazing few months since our opening and are now welcoming over 10,000 "flippers" every month!"

It's easy to see why, with a total of SEVENTY interconnected trampolines available for use against a backdrop of amazing street art scenery. There are separate 'flip' areas for older children and adults to jump on and off boxes, as well as an area for younger children and a dedicated under five area too.

This makes it a great all-inclusive family destination.

Play



We believe exercise should be fun. Trampolining burns more calories than cycling or running and is low impact which is good for strengthening the bones.

We call it exercise by stealth, as you're having so much fun you don't realise you are exercising!

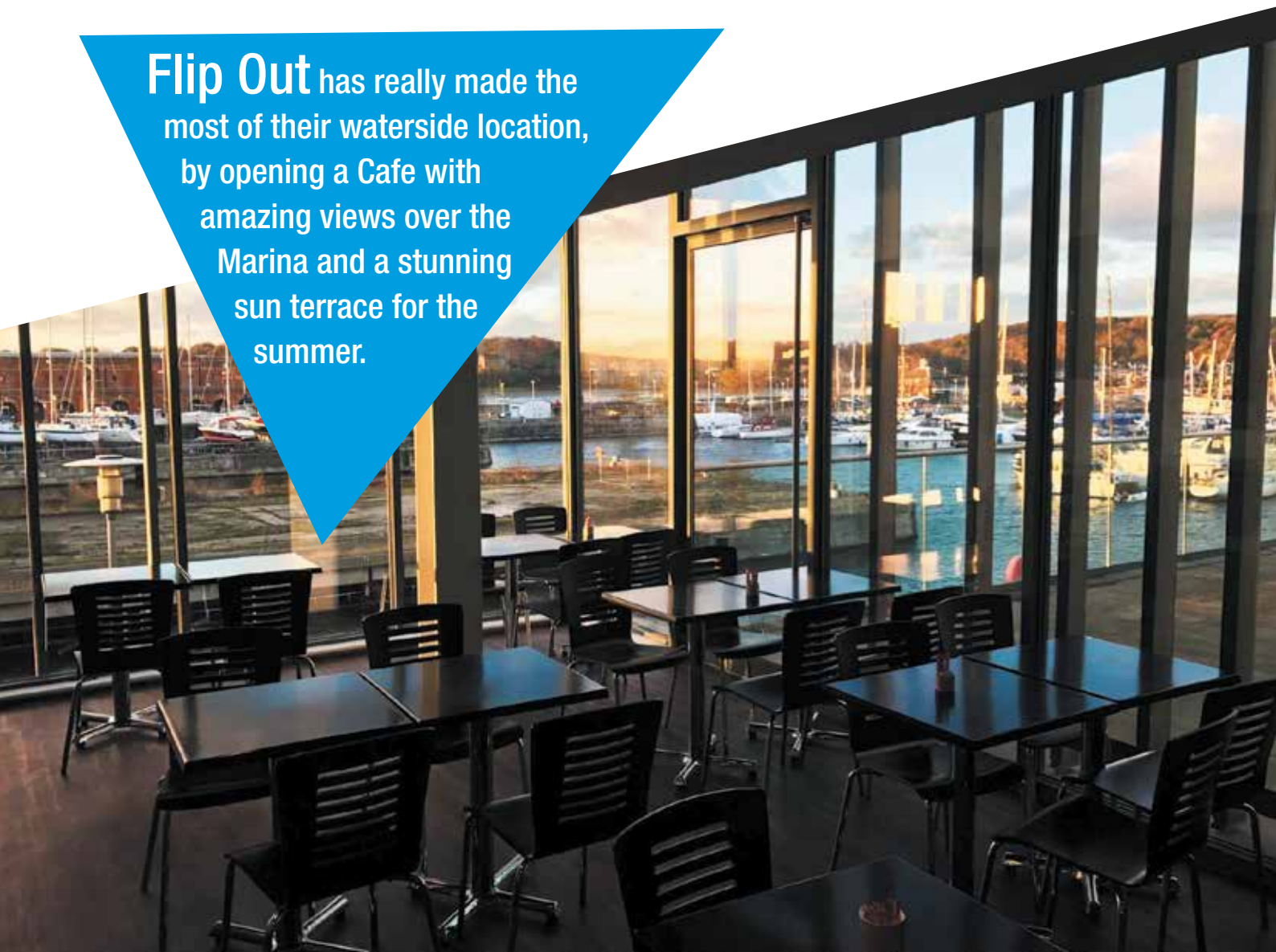


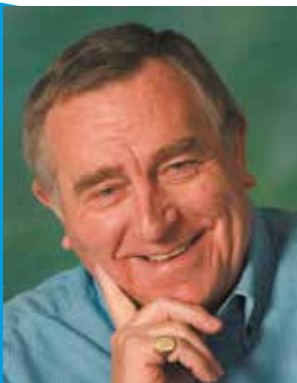
We think local people will love the feel and views from our Cafe, and our amazing Coffee, Cakes and Artisan Pizza!

Why not pay us a visit and have a 'free cup of tea or coffee on us', when you show this article.

And you don't have to flip either, just pop in for something to eat or drink and relax looking out at the Marina...

Flip Out has really made the most of their waterside location, by opening a Cafe with amazing views over the Marina and a stunning sun terrace for the summer.





Recognition for service in the community

David Taylor, who has served as one of two SMIRA nominated Trustees on the board of Chatham Maritime Trust for ten years, has received a second "Pride in Medway" award

and was presented with his certificate, together with other nominees in a number of different categories, by the Mayor of Medway, Stuart Tranter, at Mid Kent College in February this year.

"Pride in Medway" awards are presented for a number of different categories and, in David's case, it was in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Medway as a "Charity Fundraiser and Volunteer of the Year in Community Service" following nomination by an SMI resident.

David, who received his first "Pride in Medway" award in 2010 for "Community Involvement" has been the Chairman of St Mary's Island Resident's Association for 12 years, started an Island Active Retirement Association, "Saintara", in 2006 that now has a membership of over 200 Medway residents and a Youth Club "Island Castaways" in 2009, with a current membership of over 60 children.



Home is where the Hub is

The new student hub called "The Deep End" opened in January and was aptly named by students reflecting the building's former use as a swimming pool and bowling alley. An official opening of the facility took place on 23rd March 2017; Dame Julia Goodfellow and Professor David Maguire were given a tour of the centre, met with students and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

The facility is available to hire for private bookings. For more information take a look at their website www.gkunions.co.uk. If you are interesting in booking the venue email Lesley Ellard, Head of GK Unions Partnership: Lesley@gkunions.co.uk.



100th Anniversary Poppy Appeal



1917 Attack Commemorated



The men lost their lives when the Drill Hall of HMS Pembroke Royal Naval Barracks was bombed by German Gotha airplanes. The hands of the clock in the tower were frozen at 11.12 pm, the exact time the bombs hit the building.

There is a bronze plaque mounted on a granite plinth which is located outside at the entrance to the Drill Hall Library enabling all visitors to view it without having to access the building.

The organisers are looking for knitted poppies—to form a memorial display within the Drill Hall; these are needed by the end of July. Knitted poppies can be taken to the Community Centre on a Friday morning or given to the Reception desk at the Drill Hall. For further details, contact Martina Brooks at the Drill Hall Library. Tel. 01634 883196 or email: dhl-feedback@greenwich.ac.uk

The Drill Hall is now home to the Universities at Medway library which offers services to the Students of Greenwich, Kent and Canterbury Christ Church universities.

The death of 131 Naval men (aged between 17–54) who were killed during a bombing raid over Chatham during the First World War will be commemorated on the 10th September 2017 at the Universities at Medway Campus; this public event is being organised by the RNA Chatham with the help of University staff. Watch out for further details to be announced in the Trust's Friday Flyer publication and on the Trust's website.

On the night of 3rd September 1917 there were 698 men either asleep or resting in their hammocks in the Drill Hall. Throughout its life, the Drill Hall had been used as a temporary overflow dormitory when the barrack accommodation blocks were full.



University of Greenwich at Medway

The Medway Campus was originally the home of the former HMS Pembroke Royal Navy barracks. In 1994, the University of Greenwich established a campus on the upper level, investing heavily over the next decade to improve and expand its facilities. Currently the University of Greenwich provision at Medway includes Science, Engineering and the world renowned Natural Resources Institute (NRI) which works on food, nutrition and agriculture projects mainly in sub Saharan Africa. The work of the NRI has won many national and international prizes including the Queen's Anniversary Prize in 2015.

In 2003, architects RMJM started work to create a visually striking shared campus which combines the historic nature of the site with the best of British contemporary architecture. In 2005, the University of Kent relocated its Medway provision onto the site while the Grade II listed Drill Hall was opened, following renovation, to become a state-of-the-art learning resource centre for the campus incorporating a library with excellent IT facilities and study spaces. Canterbury Christ Church University is also part of the shared campus located in Rowan Williams Court on the lower level. In January 2017, a brand-new student hub was opened at the Medway campus following a £5m investment from the Universities of Kent and Greenwich. The new hub has provided students with a fantastic social space and meeting area for many of the student clubs and societies which run on the campus.

The Medway School of Pharmacy is part of the joint Universities at Medway (UaM) campus, the result of a unique partnership which has brought together the University of Greenwich, University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University. The £120 million scheme was the first of its kind in the country.

Each of the four institutions offers its own range of courses, both full and part-time, drawing on their own individual academic strengths. By being on a shared campus, some 10,000 students have access to a wide range of first-class facilities.

One of the driving forces behind the Universities at Medway initiative was the common desire to open higher education to as many people as possible. Each of the four partner's welcome applications from people without traditional qualifications, as well as from those entering higher education through a more formal route. Each partner is also committed to the highest standards of teaching and support services expected by students in the 21st century.

The shared campus is an economic, social and cultural focus for the Medway region, and is at the heart of the strategy to bring renewed economic prosperity to Medway.



Universities at Medway by Professor Martin Snowden, Pro Vice-Chancellor

Study

McGuire's Fine Foods was founded by Nina Copeland and it has taken more than two years of planning to be able to offer a unique retail food environment and delicatessen café in this area of Kent. Her love of food, the quality and the provenance has come from her family background, as has the company name.

McGuire's is the name of her maternal grandparents where she spent most school holidays waking up to the smell of freshly baked bread. Of Belgian heritage, her grandmother, lovingly called M'Jacque, was quite a character! She had an artistic nature and that would mean that she was either painting, knitting, crafting or cooking. She was a homely cook and everything was made from scratch in the smallest kitchen you have ever seen. Bread & Butter Teas were a firm favourite for Nina and her sister, Fay and probably why "picky bits" (now known as canapes or platters!) are a fundamental element of the McGuire's menu.

After a long and fruitless search for the right premises for McGuire's Fine Foods Delicatessen & Café, Nina had a conversation

with Matthew Russell, who she had worked for a number of years previous. He, his brother and father were venturing out on an exciting new endeavour to setting up their own distillery making spirits from grain grown locally. By chance they had stumbled across a monumental derelict building that had played a pivotal role in Chatham Dockyard and had decided that this would be the distillery's unique home. On the off chance, Nina enquired about whether there would be space for a little deli in the vast Pump House No. 5. She was told, "yes, but you might have to wait a little while...."

And wait she did. It ended up being a longer wait than anyone had imagined but it was worth it. McGuire's Fine Foods at Copper Rivet Distillery is a passion project and one

that has all of the right ingredients to succeed. A true love of good food and where it has come from (supporting locally grown and produced) and hand-selecting the best of the rest from around the world. McGuire's Fine Foods wants to share its knowledge and passion with its customers. Wanting to engage in conversation about new products, ways to eat, prepare and enjoy the food and wanting to serve dishes that make your mouth water. And on top of all of that, this is done in this amazing home at Copper Rivet Distillery, Pump House No. 5.

McGuire's will stock products from more than twenty producers in Kent – cheese, charcuterie, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, juices, crisps, curry sauces and a lot more.

This real foodie destination opens 9.30 am to 5.30 pm (last food order is 4 pm) Tuesday to Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on a Sunday (last food order 3 pm).

The Copper Rivet Distillery is a family run business producing authentic spirits. To find out about their products, tours and tastings visit their website www.copperrivetdistillery.com.

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AT COPPER RIVET DISTILLERY
A delicatessen offering the very best
fine cheese, charcuterie, preserves,
bakery and fresh produce



Food & Drink Festival

27-29 May

The **3-day** Chatham Maritime Food & Drink Festival held alongside Basin 2 at Chatham Maritime. A wide range of **locally produced food and drink** will be on offer alongside plenty of entertainment. The **Dragon Boat Race Challenge**, organised by Medway Sunlight Rotary Club will be the main focus on the Sunday – a great team event and spectacle for visitors. The Dutch Barge Association and the **Dunkirk Little Ships** will be berthed in Basin 1 on all three days.



Diary Dates

For details of local events visit www.visitmedway.org

On Monday 29th May

Chatham Rotary Club in partnership with **The Event Umbrella** have organised **The Big Purple Fun Run** – a charity fun-run around Chatham Maritime in aid of Stroke Association. You can jog, walk or dance your way around the course and dressing up in purple is encouraged with prizes for the best dressed. The course is roughly 4km long and is suitable for all ages and abilities; dogs and buggies are welcome! Registration opens at 9.30 am with the race starting at 10.30 am. To register online or for more information visit www.stroke.org.uk/bigpurplefunrun. Email: supportercare@stroke.org.uk, Telephone: 0300 3300740.

9th to 11th June

Dickens Festival in Rochester celebrates the life and work of Charles Dickens. The festival takes place from 10 am to 6 pm – street entertainment, parades, music and a lot more...

The Public Lectures offered by the University of Greenwich (Faculty of Engineering & Science) are free of charge and hugely popular and therefore admission is by registration only. To register call 0208 331 9800 or email: FES-public-lecture@gre.ac.uk. Lectures are held in the Ward Room, Pembroke Building on the Medway Campus starting at 6.30 pm and are followed by light refreshments.

24th May

3D Printing of Patient Specific Healthcare presented by Professor Dennis Douroumis. The lecture will present current trends and advances including bioprinting of tissues and organs and how 3D printing is revolutionizing patient healthcare.

14th June

Keeping soldiers safe in the line of duty presented by Dr Michael Okereke. The talk presents the research for blast resistant military vehicles.

Medway's commemoration of the **350th anniversary of the Battle of Medway** will be marked with a number of events, exhibitions and activities across Medway over 2 weeks culminating in the final event on Saturday 17th June. For more information go to www.medway.gov.uk/BoM

17th June

Medway in Flames; a spectacular finale event held by Medway Council at Chatham Maritime; tells the story of the historic naval battle. Water screens, digital projection, historical characters, special effects and fireworks will bring the Battle of Medway to life.

24th June

Medway Armed Forces Day at the Great Lines Heritage Park, Gillingham from 11 am to 5.30 pm. This is a free public event organised by Medway Council in conjunction with the Royal School of Military Engineering.

Activities will include have-a-go displays from the Armed Forces, a Royal Engineer Trades Village, drive a military digger, helicopters fly-in, children's assault course, Army bridge building, competition, laser range, naval forces display area, historic military vehicles and displays, funfair and a lot more.... On the same day the Kent Cycle Ride Cycle4Heroes takes place covering 48 miles through the Medway area.

This event is in support of Help for Heroes and Steve Craddock, St. Mary's Island's fundraising champion, will be joined by many wounded, sick and injured colleagues as well as the Minister for Sport, Tracey Crouch MP. To see the cycle route and other details go to www.cycle4heroes.com.



The Medway Watersports Centre will be coordinating Watersports activities in Basin 2 with weekend and evening sessions.

Please contact the Centre Principal – Russell Seex on either: sails@medwaywatersports.co.uk or telephone 01634 582100 or visit the website: <http://www.medwaywatersports.co.uk>

There will also be opportunities to extend skills and launch from the Strand in Gillingham onto the River Medway

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