



I was really happy to see so many people enjoying themselves at the Clients Christmas Do at The Vine. As the evening was so successful I am thinking of arranging a night out every 3 months as a way of getting everyone together to socialise and have some fun. Watch out for details which I will send out shortly. We have lots of new referrals coming in so you will all see new faces in the Day Opportunities Centre and in the services. This year is going to be a very busy year for us. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and health and happiness to you all.

Tracie

Vine Xmas Party

A great time was enjoyed by over 40 Headway clients and staff at the Christmas party held at The Vine pub. Clients and staff danced to disco music and sang karaoke whilst enjoying a finger buffet laid on by Headway.

It was such a successful night that we are going to try and do something similar every few months.



Waitrose Tea Party

The Waitrose charity of the month for November went very well – we raised £430. We would like to put this money towards the purchase of a mini bus! This is something that would make outings and transportation for clients much easier. Waitrose held a Tea Party on Jan 27th where Alan, Claire and Ray Kirkland were awarded the cheque from Waitrose Community Matters. A big thank you is extended to them and everyone who supported the fundraiser!



Calendar

Monday 31st Jan 2011

Deadline to return client satisfaction survey

Friday 4th Feb 2011

Deadline for return of staff satisfaction survey

Monday 21st Feb 2011

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2011

Pancake Day!

14th March 2011

10am
Health and Safety Working Party meeting

Monday 21st March 2011

Committee Meeting

Monday 9th – Sunday 15th May 2011

ABI Week



Please ensure you are ready for the digital switchover which will be happening in 2011. For assistance (and possibly free help) to get ready, please call 0800 40 85 900 or got to

www.helpscheme.co.uk
Staff will be happy to support you to do this.

Carers Support Group

We have a social work student on placement at the Day Opportunities and at Worcester Outreach until June. Lisa is looking into setting up a carers support group so if you have family or carers who you think might be interested in joining then let Helen or Claire know in the Day Opps and we will pass this on to Lisa.

News from Brickfields Bungalow

Firstly we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year; we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that the snow did not hinder your festive season. Several of the staff came to grief in the snowy conditions, so a big thank you to June, Suzanne and Kerry who kept the bungalow in perfect running order while several members of staff were well and truly stuck in the snow, you were absolute stars. We would like to send our thanks to Pat and her helpers for the delicious Christmas lunch served at the day ops leading up to Christmas, our tenants really appreciated every mouthful.

The bungalow's garden looked very spectacular with all the snow but we will be happy when all the cheerful daffodils are flowering. This year we hope the garden is going to look really impressive as John Franklin has been good enough to volunteer to come and help us - thank you John.

We are pleased to say that Emma Shaw and Stuart Wright enjoyed receiving their college awards at Huntington Hall and are now looking forward to the fresh challenges of a new term - congratulations to you both.

We have heard from June that one of her twin granddaughters is going to be getting married in the summer our warmest congratulations to Emily and Phil, and June; we look forward to seeing the hat!

Congratulations also to our friend John who is now a fully fledged bus driver we hear it's a great life on the buses! That's all from the Bungalow and we look forward to reading all your news.

Irene and the team

News From Malvern Outreach

A very quiet Christmas and new year, seeing the large majority of clients going to stay with friends and or family. The snow caused some mayhem during December and Evette would like to say a BIG thank you to the team for the efforts they made during this time to ensure the site was manned.

Angie Lambert has been to the Job Centre for a back to work interview and is totally delighted that she may be

getting some work experience, fingers crossed for Angie!!

Don Buxton who is currently living in Worcester is looking forward to moving back to Malvern to the Ranelagh Road complex.

Heidi Williams has been working hard on a support plan to go to Deblins Green to walk the abandoned dogs. It is with great delight that I can notify everyone that Heidi has worked very hard and can now do this independently.

Helen and Sean Farrell moved out of the Malvern Ranelagh Road complex into the community. They love their new home and have made new friends in the community.

Evette and the team

News From Day Opportunities

The computer course has started in the day opportunities and has been well received. All clients said they enjoyed it and were looking forward to the next session. Helen is applying for money to buy a Wii console and games this will help with co ordination and memory and it's also a bit of fun!! Lisa Montgomery is a social work student and is on a work experience placement at the Day Opps. She will also be spending time at Dickinson court.

Helen and the team

News from Chapters Café and Pages Charity Shop

During the snow we worked really hard and all pulled together to ensure we stayed open! We are promoting our buffet service at the moment and have been regularly supplying the Guildhall in Worcester. Both the Café and the Charity Shop need support from clients, staff and the public. On production of your new handbooks when they are printed, staff and clients can get 10% discount on purchases from the café. Why not pop next door to the charity shop at the same time and grab a bargain?

Della and the team

News from Evesham Outreach

Again Evette would like to say a BIG thank you to the staff team for their

efforts in the snow especially Moira who manned the site digging Clients out of the snow.

The Evesham Outreach team warmly welcomed Jonny Parker to the team; he will be working in Evesham, Malvern and Worcester and is enjoying his new role as a support worker. The referrals for Outreach support are coming in thick and fast, resulting in the Evesham team having an expanding client base.

Evette and the team

News from Worcester Outreach

Worcester Outreach extends a very warm welcome to new staff Jonny Parker and Sarah Godfrey. We hope they settle in well and enjoy their new jobs.

We are pleased all clients have had new aerals fitted in preparation for the digital switch over.

A lot of Worcester outreach team and clients attended the Christmas party at The Vine pub, which was a brilliant evening enjoyed by all. Dickinson Court had a Christmas eve party in the conservatory which was attended by over 20 clients. Despite the snow, which has been a problem, the team rallied together to support as many of the clients as possible.

Lyn and the team

Messages

PLEASE ENSURE ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE BEING READ!



We have made a Facebook page for **Headway Worcester Trust Ltd**. Paul (volunteer) is managing the site and doing a very good job of keeping it up to date. Feel free to visit our page and request us as a friend to keep updated on what we are doing.

Upcoming Fundraising and Events

Action for Brain Injury Week 2011
Get thinking caps on! Anyone with any ideas for ABI week please contact Tracie/Alan.

As a belated Christmas event, Pauline will be organising a trip **dog racing** for all staff and volunteers – **watch out for details.**