

# NEWS

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*A big thank you and very best wishes for your futures to Irene, June, Suzanne and Cora from the trustees and management team and all your colleagues at Headway. See our Brickfields Bungalow article for more details.*

## Dragon Boat Race



On Sunday 9th June twenty-two teams enjoyed glorious sunshine as they took to the water for the Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club's 23rd Race the Dragon regatta, with a group of workers from **Smiths News** in Worcester racing on behalf of Headway Worcestershire.

The team won two cups (one of which was for having the most inspirational team!) and came ninth overall! Smiths News and Instore have joined forces to raise money in support of two charities for 2013, Headway Worcestershire and the British Heart Foundation, hoping to raising £5000 between them. **To donate please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/GTWO-Headway/>**

Smiths News chose Headway after the terrible loss of **Nigel Dean**, a colleague close to their hearts, who was renowned across the Magazine industry. They say "Throughout his ordeal, Headway gave unparalleled support to his family and friends. This is our opportunity to thank Headway for their services and support them through the

## Calendar

- Thursday 25th July**  
Equality and Diversity Meeting  
At Headway in Worcestershire
- Saturday 24th August**  
Ranelagh Road Summer Fete.
- Thursday 29th August**  
10am at Headway -  
Safeguarding meeting - clients,  
volunteers and staff welcome!
- Monday 23rd September**  
Headway AGM  
7pm at Headway

## VoScAs 2013

The annual VoScAs event held at Worcestershire Cricket Club on behalf of the Students' Union for the University of Worcester was a huge success and Headway Worcestershire was there to show support for the many invaluable Student Volunteers that we are lucky enough to have acquired through the Union. The nominations were **Hayley Slater** (Charity Shop volunteer) and **Alina Jingan** (social media volunteer) and **Michelle Williams** (winner). We would like to say 'thank you' to all of our volunteers (student or otherwise) who donate so much of their time and energy to help Headway help the community.



## Fun with Golf!

Headway service user **Leo Tarrant** and Worcester Outreach worker **Steve Jones** put a lot of hard work into organising a 'golf fun day' at Ravenmeadow Golf Club on Mid-Summer's day, Friday 21st June, to raise funds for the valuable work Headway is doing. The tournament started at 12 noon. 9 teams of four players entered there was also a raffle and BBQ and lots of fun to keep everyone amused. The day raised £780 and was won by a team called Rockys rebels, Ravenmeadow members came second and the Headway Hit and Hoppers came third. The Headway team consisted of **Paula Bellamy, Howard freestone, Jim Payne and Steve Jones**. We hope to make this an annual event. Congratulations to the winning team and many thanks to all who took part to support Leo and Headway. We hope to see you all next year. Thank you Leo and Steve.  
*See Facebook / Twitter for details.*

## CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

**The Carer Support Group open day event on Saturday 8th June** was well attended by carers, service users, volunteers, and staff at the Day Opportunities Centre in Worcester. **Alan Purchon** said "we have always supported relatives and carers with the same level of concern that we have for our service users, but this new carers' support group will enable those indirectly affected by brain injury to come together and share their experiences to support each other". The group was attended by a guest speaker from The Carers Association and there was opportunity to discuss the direction that the group will take in the future. **For future events, please find us on Facebook or Twitter or call Tracie Finnegan on 01905 729729.**



## Other Fundraising:

On 16/06/2013, **Leo Tarrant's father (William Ransom)** cycled from London to Brighton for Headway Worcestershire. William raised money via Just Giving. You can still sponsor him on his fund raising page on just giving <http://www.justgiving.com/William-Ransom/>

Thank you to Boots, Bowl Extreme, Tesco and the Green Room Florist in Stourport on Severn for fundraising and donations for Headway Worcestershire!



## Farewell Brickfields

It is with much sadness that we are announcing the closure of Brickfields Bungalow at the end of June. The Bungalow was opened in 2003 and has been a major part of the services we have provided ever since. We helped the tenants to find alternative accommodation and hope that they enjoy their new homes as much as they have enjoyed living at the Bungalow. Many thanks to all of the staff past and present and especially Irene, June, Suzanne and Cora who were there right up until the last day to help sort out so many things.

## Malvern and Evesham Outreach

Congratulations to **Scott Mitchell**, who has been appointed as Manager for Malvern and Evesham Outreach from 1st July. We all wish him success in his new post.

The outreach team would like to say a big thank you to **Joe Peplow's wife Kim**, who has been raising money for Headway by doing reiki and massage.

Malvern Outreach are also arranging a **summer fete at Ranelagh Road** at the end of August for clients, staff and the public so come along and have some summer fun whilst supporting a good cause!

## Worcester Outreach

**Lucy Page** organised a Dickinson Court fun day on 4th May and everyone had a wonderful time.

Congratulations are in order for **Steve Jones** who ran the London Marathon (yes the LONDON MARATHON!) on April 21st and then 13 days later completed his first ultra marathon (52 miles). Well done Steve!

## Stourport and Bromsgrove Day Services

**Michelle Hodgkins** will be starting in June as a support worker at Stourport Day Opportunities - a warm welcome to her.

### Simon O'Malley & Lorraine Clarkson & the Choice Checkers.

Lorraine and myself were approached to take part in Choice Checkers an organisation responsible for supporting people in the local community. Lorraine and I were interviewed to represent a service users point of view. My wife, Jeanette

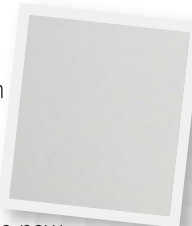
was then approached to become a representative of local carers. Once the anonymous tenders came in from all the participating associations, we were asked to help 'mark' them. We were unaware of which association had won, until it was released publically. Although we didn't know it at the time, Headway came out on top!

A massive well done to **Richard Baker**, who has achieved so much since starting Stourport day service



## Stourport and Bromsgrove Outreach

The team would like to warmly welcome **Jen Sullivan** to the team. Jen will mainly be based in the Bromsgrove and Redditch area. She has been working in the field of care for some time now and is currently studying for a university degree. In addition congratulations go to **Mark Lethaby** on saving enough pennies to get his living room and bedroom redecorated and purchasing a double bed. It might have been a long time coming, but this is a great achievement and the team are really proud of him.



The outreach team in North Worcestershire are looking at organising a summer fair in the not so distant future. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

**Evette** would like to thank the team for all their hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work guys!

## Charity Shop

Mo and the team would like to welcome **Rob Young** back to the charity shop as a volunteer and we had two new volunteers start with us in June; **Pat Meigh and Jean Jefferies**. We are all looking forward to working with them.

We would also like to say farewell to **Hayley Slater** who has been volunteering for us for a long time now. Unfortunately, she has left Worcester after finishing her degree. She will be sadly missed as her contribution to the Headway Charity Shop has made a significant impact on the shop and clients alike. Hayley was nominated for the second year running for the University's Student's Union 'Headway Volunteer of the year' award so congratulations Hayley and thank you!

The charity shop staff and volunteers enjoyed a night out in May to celebrate all the hard work that everyone puts in!



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