



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018



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ACTIVITIES

SHOEBOX COLLECTION (Reminder)

You will remember that we recently contacted you about the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal to let you know that we are doing things differently this year. We are asking you to donate a **complete** shoebox rather than bringing in separate items. If you can't get hold of a shoebox please let Denise know and she will get one for you.



Please remember to cover your shoebox in Christmas paper to make it look attractive and secure it with a rubber band. If you can, please include a donation, eg £3, to cover transport costs. You will have received a leaflet which gives you all the information you need.

You can bring your shoebox to the Centre any time from **17 September** but it must be here by **18 October** at the latest in order to meet the deadline for collection otherwise it won't get to its destination by Christmas. If you have any queries please contact Denise.



Blythswood Care sent us a DVD showing us the people who received shoeboxes last Christmas. It was very moving to think that our shoeboxes, full of gifts, may have been the only Christmas presents these people received.

NO HARVEST COLLECTION THIS YEAR

(Reminder)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we will **not** be collecting items for harvest this year. This is the time of year when Food Banks etc, receive many extra gifts because of Harvest celebrations. However, we will remind you next year in the spring or summer when we will make a collection of food. Please see below a quotation from the 'ActivAte' website which explains why we have made this decision.

When term finishes, so do Free School Meals. For some families, the long summer holiday can be a difficult time to make ends meet. In Bristol and the South West, children are at risk of going hungry once the safety net of school support is removed. The extra strain of paying for activities during the holidays, as well as child care for working parents can be difficult.

Food Banks and other organisations aim to fill this gap with extra provisions over the summer holiday period.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

MEMBERS' COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Members' Committee took place on Tuesday 7 August. There was discussion about the Monday music sessions, recent crafts, the summer barbecue, students and care plan meetings. A suggestion that friends and family members could be invited next year to a BBQ / Party will be considered. The new arrangements regarding Harvest and the Shoebox collections were explained and the members agreed with the suggestions. The committee were told there would be a visit to a garden centre at Christmas, which would include a meal, and a Christmas party was also planned.

STAFFING MATTERS

GOODBYE TO ALEX DM

We were sad to say Goodbye to Alex who left us on 24 August. He has decided to further his career by going to Cardiff University to study Occupational Therapy. Alex started at Haven Day Centre 2 years ago working as an IT technician but expanded his work to include facilities and support work. He excelled at table tennis and is known by some members as 'Alice' and 'Troublemaker'. We all wish you well with your studies, Alex, and want you to know that you will be greatly missed.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEE

We are delighted to welcome Prathibha who started working here on 6 August as a temporary Support Worker. She will be with us until March 2019. Prathibha will be able to get to know members and their care workers / families whilst assisting the drivers on the minibuses as well as working in a variety of rooms at the centre.

MINIBUS DRIVING TRAINING

We are proud to announce that all our minibus drivers have received MiDAS training through Bristol Community Transport.



This is an award-winning Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme and is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers, designed to enhance driving standards and promote safe operation of minibuses. A presentation of their certificates took place at the end of August. We are very proud that our minibus drivers are qualified and take the safety of our members and our vehicles so seriously.

See below a picture of our current support staff team, some proudly holding their certificates.



NEW MINIBUS

A photograph of the Centre's new minibus/ MPV. We have been able



to purchase this using two recent grants. (see below)

FIRE SAFETY

Our Fire Risk Assessment has been carried out by a professional Fire Officer. The full report will follow shortly but he was very positive.

THANK YOU

JOHN JAMES FOUNDATION

Our thanks once again to the John James Foundation who are to provide funding towards a Christmas party. We are very fortunate that this foundation supports us each year with a grant.

We receive other occasional gifts and grants from both individuals and foundations which are very much appreciated and ensure our continued operation.

OTHER MATTERS

We would like to email newsletters out to families, carers and care providers but cannot do so without consent. If you have not already given us your consent and in future you would like to receive our newsletter by email please complete and return the tear-off slip or email admin@dcfpw.org.uk and in the subject line include the word NEWSLETTER

**Closure dates: Christmas holidays:
Haven Day Centre will be closed from
Thursday 20 December until Tuesday 1
January 2019**

We will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Psalm 126:5-6

**Alex, Juliet, Simon H, Lisa, Jackie, Denise, Philbert,
Angela,
Prathibha and Simon**



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TO HAVEN DAY CENTRE

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My email address is

From.....

Signed.....

Date