

Our latest Newsletter with details of Developments, activities and outings etc

REMINDER

Haven Day Centre is closed to all w/c 1 & w/c 8

July

There has been much going on in recent months (only a fraction here) and we also have a new website www.havendc.org.uk, where newsletters and other news will be posted on regular occasions.

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ACTIVITIES

Singing Sessions

We have been having lots of fun singing popular songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Sometimes we have sung along to Paul playing the guitar and other times to music from the tablet.

We've had a few star ukulele players joining in too, and many of the Members have enjoyed playing tambourines and conga drums. We also love it when Members dance along to the upbeat songs and we've discovered a few Members who have shown great skill in dancing the twist!!

Fellowship meetings

We've been having some lovely Fellowship meetings recently with visits from Sam and Cathy from St Barnabas and Phil and Alice from The Cairns, at Inns Court.

We also have been blessed by Jonathan our recent member of Staff as he is keen to contribute to the meetings and has lots of fresh ideas. We're looking forward to developing some themes over the next few weeks which will include looking at the Lord's Prayer and the Fruits of the Spirit.

We've also introduced some new songs, which make a nice addition to the usual songs which members choose to sing every week. We've recently got some super large print songs books which are helping members to sing along!

Trips and Outings

A few other outings have been undertaken on Fridays, but now we are busy planning for our two main annual outings on 18 and 19 June.

Lisa has been busy arranging these and separate forms were sent out two weeks for completion and return. More news about these outings and what our Members thought about them, later in the summer.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

We continue to find that packed lunches received from some care homes, on some occasions, do not conform to the strict requirements. We have been advised that if lunches are not as recommended by the SALT team, and this re-occurs, that we have a duty to report this under Safeguarding. Please support us with this.

One of our members is helping another with their reading and spelling which is so encouraging.

STAFFING AND VOLUNTEERS

Jonathan Ford joined us as a temporary employee early May and has been assisting in supporting our members, to include those who wanted to learn new skills, helping people to read etc.

We are pleased that Students from St Brendan's 6th form College have volunteered most weeks since November. Each student visiting for a one-day placement as part of their social care studies.

We have received positive feedback from the students and most categories on their feedback forms were rated 'Excellent'.

THANK YOU

We are also grateful to grant-making bodies and a couple of individuals for their generosity in funding other outings, equipment or other items in recent months and to Quartet for funding the recommencement of our Learning and Development modules for a term. More in our next newsletter or online.

OTHER MATTERS

Members following E type diets (Reminder)

We support numerous members with eating their E type diets, using the instructions from the Speech and Language Therapists reports. These are reports are usually sent to the home or carer and we are also copied in.

Free Quality Paper (50cm w, specify lengths required) If interested in receiving some email alex.porwal@havendc.org.uk

Holidays

At Christmas we issued a list of the dates the Centre is closure for the entire year. (Bookmark form) As a reminder, we are closed

w/c 1st and w/c/8th July 2019 and w/c 9th September.

2020 holidays - We are to consider whether it would be possible to keep the centre open, perhaps for smaller groups, on one or more weeks of our usual holiday shutdown. If this is possible, we shall inform you when we announce the 2020 holidays.

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