



## March 2023 Newsletter

*This is the final newsletter, specifically for our Members, past and present, and for carers as the Centre closes and potentially reopens in 2025.*

We have been enjoying our final weeks together by treating everyone to hot take away meals and other treats. Pies & gravy and sausage/fishcakes and chips were delicious. (Plenty of These mains were desserts, pancakes, gateaux's. (Not good scrummy.



clean plates!) followed by tempting ice-cream, cheesecakes, or on the waistline but very

Members have also chosen their favourite cakes or biscuits for their departure day. These are going down a treat with hot chocolate with marshmallows. Also, we have been running fun activities, dancing, singing, interactive board games & baking sessions. We hope some of you enjoyed the rock cakes!

### Saying goodbye to our Members

We have said goodbye to several members in recent weeks. Some have gone on to new providers or doing new things like 1-1 support out in the community e.g., to attend Zumba classes! They are Roger, Steve, Andrew, Moyra, David, Rob, Peter, Jo, Patsy, Dee & Sandra.

It's good to know that some of them will meet others, past and present, at their new providers, including past staff they know.

### Employees

In recent weeks we have said farewell to some employees. Steve is now a staff worker & driver for an organisation transporting young children. Philbert and Ethan have left for pastures new.



Our remaining staff leave mid-early April. All who wished to, have already secured local employment with other well respected care providers. (We shall organise a reunion for all recent staff in the Autumn).

### **Transport**

Thank you for your cooperation and support with necessary changes to our transport schedule every week due to fluctuations in attendances and staffing.

We shall have two used minibuses and MPV (WAV) available **for sale** in the coming weeks so please get in touch for more information.

We have recently donated one minibus (beyond economical use for our purposes or to sell) our oldest minibus, to Hope for Ukraine, a local UK charity. The intention is that the minibus will be transported to Ukraine by early April, most likely to be used as an ambulance or to rescue people.

### **Outings**

We are hoping to take two small groups of current members to Cadbury Garden Centre to browse and have a hot meal. Invites are being sent out with details.

### **Craft paper (limited time offer!)**

We have rolls of quality white craft paper free to a good home. The lengths are cut to 2m approx., width 50cm. The rolls contain six sheets. If would like any, please contact us by 10<sup>th</sup> March so Jamie can get more rolls ready to come home with members before their last day.



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