

NORA PARSONS NEWSLETTER

Our AGM will be held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7pm at the Centre and we warmly invite you to attend.

Quiz Night

On 14th March, The Lion in Clifton kindly hosted our Quiz night and very generously donated the prize of a meal for the winning team. Thanks in particular to Tom and Sue Barnes for compiling the quiz, providing the audio kit and then running the quiz on the evening and to Jean Miac, Sue's mum, who helped to sell raffle tickets on the night. Jean is one of three ladies from Clifton currently attending the Day Centre.

We had a reasonable number of teams on the night, displaying an alarming amount of knowledge! We had a lovely evening and managed to raise a very welcome £200.

Coffee Morning and Easter Raffle – 2016

Mo Stratford organised a wonderful Easter raffle, managing once again to accumulate some fabulous prizes. The raffle was drawn at our coffee morning on Friday 18th March and made £.....

Well done Mo for organising and very many thanks to all those who donated prizes, sold, or bought tickets.

90th Birthday Celebrations

In April we had a wonderful tea party at the Centre, to celebrate a certain person's 90th birthday. No, not The Queen, but our our very own Margaret Johnson! Well, we did of course celebrate Her Majesty's birthday too, but in the process managed to completely surprise Margaret with a tea party just for her.



All were sworn to secrecy, members, helpers, family and guests, before gathering one afternoon to enjoy a wonderful selection of teatime treats, before Margaret was presented with her birthday gifts. Her face was a picture! What a fabulous birthday party.

Margaret as most if you will be aware, has been involved with the Day Centre since 1977..... 40 years! Although Margaret now lives in Worcester, she travels out every

week and still organises the transport, serves lunches and calls out the Bingo. Not bad for a 90 year old!!

Trips

Members enjoyed a trip to the Evesham Country Park during the summer, where we all had opportunity to browse round the shops and Garden Centre, before enjoying a wonderful lunch. The weather was kind to us, the sun shone and a good time was had by everyone.

AGM

Somewhat later than usual, our AGM was held on 21st September. Jan Dale had decided to stand down as secretary due to health reasons. We presented Jan with some vouchers and a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for all the sterling work she has done on behalf of the Day Centre during her years as Secretary.

We now take the opportunity to welcome Brenda Owen-Jones into our Day Centre family, as our new secretary. Welcome on board Brenda!

Christmas Fayre – 19th November

The Christmas Fayre is our main fund raising event and this year we again had a lovely selection of stalls including homemade pickles and preserves, fabulous toys, bric-a-brac, wooden crafts, Christmas goods and plants. The home made cakes, quiches and sausage rolls as always proved very popular, with the tombola laden with some really excellent prizes.

We thought that last year's raffle was very successful, but this year proved even better. Huge thanks to everyone involved in selling tickets, obtaining such a wonderful array of prizes and of course to all those who generously bought tickets.

Well done and thank you to everyone who pitched in to help, before and during the day, donated goods, or who came and supported us on the day itself by buying some of the goodies on offer.

Christmas Lunch Party

Members enjoyed a glass of sherry before lunch, whilst joining in the carol singing, kindly led by Jennifer Whittaker. This year we were again very fortunate to have our Christmas lunch cooked by professional chef Andrew Haines, the son in law of one of our members. Members, trustees and other guests were given a choice of roast beef, or a traditional Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding and brandy sauce, all washed down with a glass of wine. After a short respite, Father Christmas arrived laden with gifts for each and every member and each volunteer too.



Forthcoming events

This year the Day Centre will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. Nora Parsons, the District nurse who started it all off all those years ago, would surely be very proud that we are still continuing to provide the same service for all those who might benefit.

We are currently discussing ideas for how best to mark the occasion, so watch out for details in your local parish magazines. We all love a party after all!

Talking of parties, two more of our members will be celebrating their 90th birthdays in February. Better prepare for a baking session!

General Situation

As you are aware, the Day Centre is a registered Charity and is run on a totally voluntary basis.

We do not receive any funds from government, or Worcester County Council. Whilst we do receive small sums from the local Parish Councils whose area we cover, the amount received does not in any way cover the costs of keeping the facility going, hence the importance of our fund raising.

Any suggestions for fund raising are always very welcome, so please don't be shy, speak to anyone at the Centre, we would be delighted!

Funds however are not everything. We are always in need of more volunteers. Our pool of drivers is gradually shrinking and we urgently need to recruit more. Please do ask around for us, as the personal approach is usually far more successful than any amount of advertising.

And finally..... we are always happy to welcome new members. If you know anyone who sits alone during the day who might benefit from some company, a chat over coffee and a hot lunch, then please encourage them, or their family to contact us on Tel number 01886 888374, or just call in at the Centre.

With best wishes, from all the volunteers & Committee