



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter

Canal Trip

Roma and Ted were canal boat enthusiasts and due to this the service users enjoyed many holidays on board 'FLORA' and 'NINEVA' the narrow boats they owned for many years.

To honour Ted's memory Roma thought it would be nice to have an annual canal trip, Brett was tasked with doing some research and came across the Willow Trust, a charity that provide canal trips annually for up to 7,000 children and adults with disabilities. Their broad-beamed boats are fully accessible and mainly staffed by volunteers. They are self-funding and rely on donations and fundraising, Roma gave them a very generous donation for which they were very grateful.

The trip was arranged for Friday 20th September. We boarded the 'Spirit of Freedom II' at Saul Junction, taking a very scenic route we travelled leisurely along the Gloucester Canal. The skies were blue, although it was a little chilly, we stopped for a picnic lunch at Purton which was ideal as there were lots of tables and benches. Staff and service users had a go at steering the boat and as you can see from the photos they really enjoyed that. After lunch as we made our way back large grey clouds filled the sky, needless to say we hurried off the boat and just as we got back into the cars the heavens opened - how lucky were we with the weather. Everyone is already looking forward to next years trip!



A big Thank You to Roma for organising the trip and to Kirsty, Noah, Josephine and Brett for providing the transport there and back.

Congratulations to Noah and Erica



Staff and service users were over the moon to hear the great news on the 8th September that Noah and Erica welcomed **Hugh Edwin Arthur Broadbent** into the world.

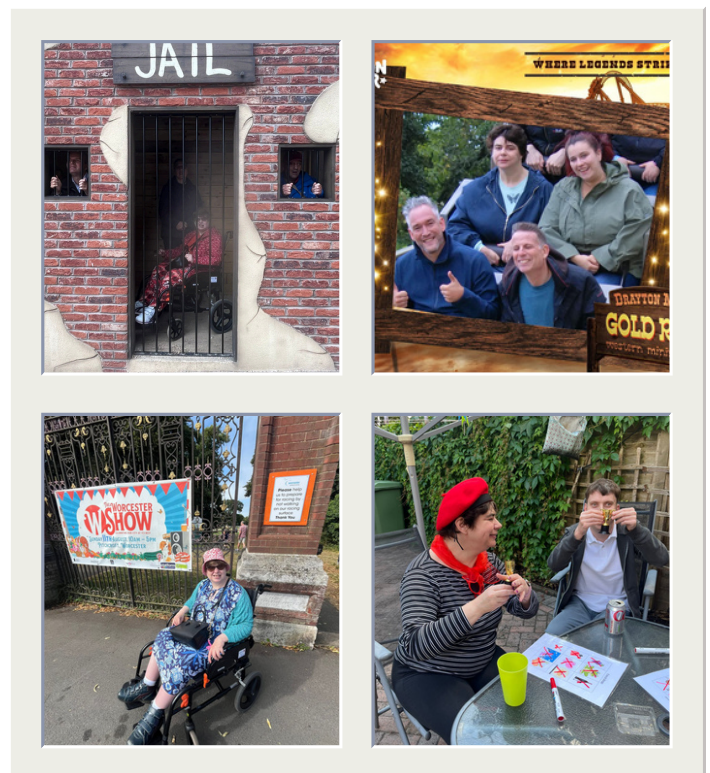
Hugh is an absolute bundle of joy, he's so calm and easy to appease really the perfect baby in every which way. Noah and Erica have settled well into parenthood, which is fantastic as normally the days and weeks

after a baby is born can be overwhelming and exhausting for new parents. Hugh made his first visit to Bath Road when he was just 3 weeks old and as you can imagine he got so much attention and took it all in his stride. On week 5 they took him to the local pub! The landlord was delighted to meet his new customer and offered his parents a drink on the house. Kirsty had been very busy knitting and crocheting lots of outfits and toys and we believe the lovely pumpkin hat in the photo is one of her creations.

Days Out

We all know the service users love a good day out and over the summer they certainly made the most of their free time. The main highlight was their trip to Drayton Manor, it looks like some of them got locked up in Jail when they were there, glad to say they got released early - must be due to the lack of space!

Bath Road hosted a French themed day to mark the opening of the Olympics, they all dressed up, played games and enjoyed some lovely food, they particularly enjoyed the crepes.



Sponsored Walk



Thank you so much to all of you who sponsored the walk Andrew, Kelly, Danny and Michael did to raise money for Snoezelen. Between them they raised nearly £300 which was fantastic and well above what they expected to raise.

Patrick, Andrew and Danny headed to Droitwich to start the walk, on route they were joined by Michael and Abbie at Gheluvelt Park and Kelly and Josephine at the Viaduct Cafe. With tired legs they arrived back to Bath Road just after 5pm. Dan and Megan had been busy preparing a well deserved BBQ for them, all went back for seconds and of course there were lots of drinks to quench their thirst. They rested for the rest of the evening and before going to bed they had a lovely foot spa to relax their aching joints.

Defibrillator Update

We have been fundraising to install a defibrillator outside the Hub to support our local community. Our aim was to raise £1,000 by September 2025 and we've come in ahead of target. We raised just over £300 with two events we held and then out of the blue we were approached by Public Health Department of Worcestershire County Council and they offered to fund the project. As you can imagine we were delighted and the money we raised is going towards the installation and upkeep. As this newsletter goes to print the defibrillator is onsite, Kirsty and Rachel were so excited to receive it and plans are in hand to have it installed mid November.



The defibrillator has arrived!



Christmas Fete



On Saturday 23rd November we will be holding our annual Christmas event. This year we will be hosting a lot of charities and not for profit organisations. The service users from both Bath Road and the Outlook Project will be helping out on the day and it would be great if you could come along and maybe bring some friends with you to support the event.

Father Christmas has confirmed he is coming as he really enjoyed his visit to the Hub last year.

Good bye to Alan Clutton

Sunrise 20th January 1943 - Sunset 22nd September 2024



It is with the greatest of sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend Alan Clutton, who has been a part of our Outlook Project family for many years. Always a jolly and vibrant fellow, Alan brought such positivity and kindness to our day as well as a bad dad joke or two and his cheeky laugh. Alan was devoted to his family and enjoyed taking his son, Leo, to Turkey on holiday and walking the dogs with him at weekends in Leamington

Spa, when Leo would go and visit every other week. He was very lucky to have a devoted daughter Nikki, who spent her father's last month's caring for her Dad at home as well as ensuring her brother helped too. A legend of a man, who is now dancing with his beloved wife Carol once more.

Good night our friend!