



Crossroads Care South East Suffolk

Christmas 2011 - eNewsletter

Happy Christmas to all our Service Users, Staff and Friends

Thank you to all those who have supported us through, what has been a challenging year. We would particularly like to mention [Barclays Bank](#) who matched the fundraising efforts of some of our staff (Tina Walker, Angela Steele, Sue Tomlinson, Mandy Lavender, Adam Charles and Tonia Sadler) and some of our service users and their families helped out on the fundraising nights, to keep the [Wednesday Club](#) open by donating £1,478. The Clairvoyant Evening and Race Night raised a total of £3,920 with [Haven Power](#) raising £140 by holding a dress down day. This magnificent effort means that the Wednesday Club is now secure for this financial year and looking positive for the next.

More good news came with a grant from [Suffolk County Council - Children and Young People's Services](#) and [Activities Unlimited](#), which meant that we could continue to run our 3 children's club and were able to provide additional activities for our [Bright Stars](#) and [Saturday Clubs](#). The activities included a Circus Workshop and Bouncy Castle in the Summer as well as a Music Workshop which included African Drumming. This Christmas, the children will be having a Christmas party with a Magic Show. We are grateful to all our funders this year.



Our new [Homeshare](#) scheme is spreading. We have now recruited a Homesharer in Melton so we are looking for people with care needs who would like to spend a day a week in the company of a few other people in the Homesharer's home. If you would like more information about this new service please contact Jan Brittain, Homeshare Coordinator on 01284 748811.



[Congratulations](#) to Carer Support Worker, [Sue Hart](#) who has been awarded 'Carer of the Year' by the Eye Stroke Club. Sue takes her client, Michael to the club twice a month from his home in Knodishall. It is a round trip of over 50 miles but both Sue and Mike enjoy going to the club which is run by local volunteers. Sue joins in and helps them and her efforts are obviously really appreciated. Well done Sue.

[Looking to the future](#) - in April 2012 we are merging with Crossroads Care West Suffolk, Crossroads Care Uttlesford, Crossroads Care Norfolk and Crossroads Care Norwich and East Norfolk. The merger will offer an increasing range of quality services for carers and people with care needs across Norfolk, Suffolk and North Essex, as well as creating a stronger and more streamlined organisation. The establishment of the new organisation will not impact on your current service and you will continue to receive support from the same Carer Support Workers. We will keep you informed of developments. (Letters are being sent out to all our service users, commissioners and key partners)

[Come Along to a Great Rockin Nite!](#) - On Friday 20th April 2012, the Rogue Traders will be performing in aid of the Wednesday Club. This well known local rock and roll band have a strong local following. Put the date in your diary, dig out your dancing skirt or drain pipe trousers and come and dance to music from the 50's, 60's and beyond!

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