

Autumn 2009

(October 2009)



REDFORD COURT & REDFORD COURT LODGE

Newsletter

Don't Forget the Clocks go Back 25th Oct.

Hooray, an extra hour in bed!!!!



OCTOBER HEADLINES

Autumn Roadshows

In the early months of 2009, Barrie Oldham (Chief Executive) and Peter Woodruff (Director of Human Resources) embarked on a series of visits to services. These 'Roadshow' events were an opportunity to communicate directly with staff, to inform them of the key business and strategic priorities throughout the current year and of upcoming issues in the medium term. From feedback received, the information in the 'Roadshows' was well received by those who attended.

The exercise, as promised, is to be repeated in the Autumn of 2009 and the schedule of visits is outlined below. The meetings will be presented by Gina Small (Director of Autism, Learning Disability and Education) and Peter Woodruff and will be an opportunity to update staff on the current business objectives and to outline some new initiatives that inevitably become part of business development.

The meeting will also be an opportunity for staff to raise any issues that may, potentially, be of relevance for the whole Trust. Questions will be encouraged and it is hoped that as many staff as possible will be able to attend the meetings.

The morning (AM) meetings will commence at 10.00am and the afternoon (PM) meetings at 2.00pm unless individual alternative times are arranged in consultation with Peter Woodruff.

Redford Court—29th Oct 2009—am

Opportunity to Achieve

The Disabilities Trust is committed to develop person centered plans to maximise Service User's independence and encourage them to attain their full potential.

The Trust's NVQ Centre has been approved by the National Open College Network to deliver awards to Service Users, in their own environment.

The topics or 'units' include life skills and personal development as well as tasters in vocational subjects. Achievements are measured in 'credits' which can be combined to create an Award, Certificate or Diploma depending on the number of credits achieved.

Our very own Dave from the Lodge has chose "Introduction to group & teamwork communication skills" as his unit because it was closely related to his own personal goals.

David stated that he was grateful for the encouragement that he received from his facilitator and the staff at Redford Court.

From everyone at Redford Court & The Lodge, "GoodLuck on your course"



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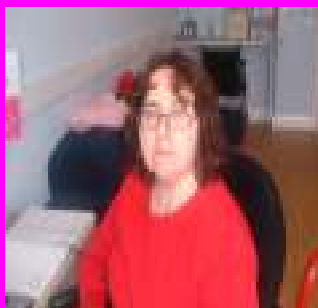
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BIRTHDAYS

2nd—Jane T / Alan
5th—Priscilla
8th—Stav
12th—Linda
18th—Vicky
21st—Hodo
22nd—Tony
27th—Patricia K / Barry
31st—Katie R

Happy Birthday To

19th—Sam



ANNIVERSARIES

15th—Alan (8-yrs)
21st—Marianne (4-yrs)
29th—Sammy (2-yrs)
30th—Samantha W (2-yrs)

Goodbye & Goodluck!

Jenny Dainty who will be working at

Welcome To!

Aimee Croft & Ruth Seed who are the new Assistant Psychologists

National Awareness Days in October



2nd—National Smile Day. Every year, on the first Friday in October we celebrate Smiley, his message of goodwill, and World Smile Day



5th to 11th—Learn to Sign Week. The British Deaf Association (BDA) campaign throughout the UK to encourage the public to join in, enjoy themselves and learn British Sign Language.



10th—World Mental Health Day. The Mental Health Foundation celebrates World Mental Health Day each year, using it as an opportunity to communicate with the general public about mental health issues.

10th—World Hospice & Palliative Care Day. A unified day of action to celebrate & support hospice and palliative care around the world.

16th—Child Poverty Day. Support ActionAid & be part of the UK's biggest celebration of childhood to help end Child poverty.

22nd—International Stammering Awareness Day. To raise awareness of stuttering.

25th—National Sleep-In-Day. The day the clocks go back & we all get to spend an extra hour in bed.



31st—Wear It Pink Day— Wear something pink and donate £2.00 to Breast Cancer Campaign

31st— Halloween is a holiday celebrated on October 31. It has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Christian holy day of All Saints' Day. It is largely a secular celebration, but some Christians and pagans have expressed strong feelings about its religious overtones. Irish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America during Ireland's Great Famine of 1846. The day is often associated with the colors orange and black, and is strongly associated with symbols such as the jack-o'-lantern. Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, wearing costumes, ghost tours, bonfires, costume parties, visiting haunted attractions, carving jack-o'-lanterns, pranking people, reading scary stories, and watching horror movies.

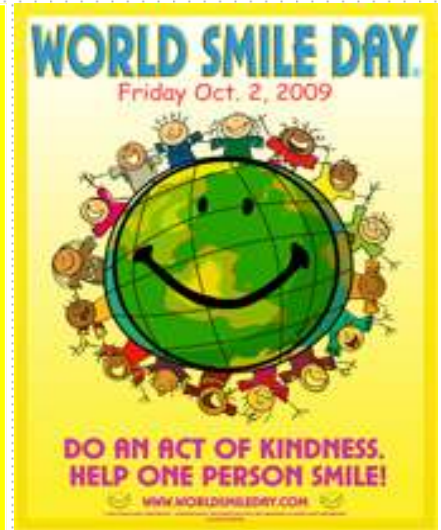
CLIENT CORNER

The 2nd October is World Smile Day

Every year, on the first Friday in October we celebrate Smiley, his message of goodwill, and World Smile Day

This year, on October 2, 2009 we celebrate the eleventh World Smile Day ®. As ever the theme for the day is "*Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile.*" And, as ever, the image that leads the way on this day is the smiley face.

Get involved on that special day by organizing events and activities at your school, business or organization. Recognize members of your community for their acts of good will and kindness. Spread the word. If each of us becomes a World Smile Day® Ambassador and help just one person smile that day – the world will be a better place. Harvey Ball believed that each of us, as individuals, can make a difference in this world. World Smile Day® is the day when all our individual acts can make the world a better place.



Service User Planned Reviews

5th—Gordon

12th—Shaun

21st—Natalie

26th—Chris

October is Black History Month.

This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.

Throughout the month National Museums Liverpool holds a series of events including performances, talks, music, dance, craft activities and more, across several venues.

For Full list of events visit www.liverpoolmuseums.org



HALLOWEEN PARTY AT REDFORD COURT SAT 31ST OCTOBER 2009

Every is welcome to join us at our Spooky Halloween Party from 5.30pm onwards.

We will be having fun and games, food and a few spooky surprises!!!!

If family members or friends want to come, just let Lynsey, Receptionist know how many for catering purposes.

Fancy Dress is optional, but would be great!

See you all there



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If you have anything that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter, or would like more articles on specific subjects, please don't hesitate to let Christine or Kerri know and we'll see what we can do.

Local Events (October 2009)



Liverpool Everyman and Playhouse presents
THE CARETAKER by Harold Pinter "What's the game?"

The story of two brothers and a tramp. Davies is down and out when Aston takes him in for the night. Lost in a shoeless world, chasing papers in Sidcup, he soon fancies his chances at something more permanent. Then Mick shows up. As the odd couple becomes an odd number, who will be the odd man out?

Originally produced in 1960, The Caretaker marked Harold Pinter's arrival as the seminal playwright of his generation. He subsequently went on to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. This new production marks the homecoming of celebrated actor Jonathan Pryce to the theatre where he began his career.

"The Caretaker is funny, up to a point. Beyond that point, it ceases to be funny, and it was because of that point that I wrote it." Harold Pinter. Date 2 Oct 2009 - 31 Oct 2009



Seven Competitors, Three Nights, ONE CHAMPION—Southport
Watch seven competitors battle it out with eye catching displays, choreographed to music - from classical to rock, there is something for all of the family.

Firing order confirmed:

Friday 9th October—19:00—22.:00
1st Dragonfire LTD, 2nd Axholme Fireworks

Saturday 10th October—19:00—22.:00
1st A40 Fireworks LTD, 2nd Flashpoint Fireworks, 3rd Essex Pyrotechnics

Sunday 11th October—19:00—22.:00
1st Star Fireworks, 2nd Fantastic Fireworks



Chapter & Verse Literature Festival—
Bluecoat, Liverpool
14 – 18 October 09

packed programme of contemporary writing including readings, discussions, workshops, book launches and other events involving leading international, UK and Liverpool authors.



Works by some of history's most celebrated women artists are featured in a compelling new exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery. **The Rise of Women Artists** charts the progress made by female artists from the 16th century up to the present

day. Containing an extensive range of artworks from the museum's permanent collection, the exhibition goes on display at the Walker Art Gallery in William Brown Street from 23 October 2009 to 14 March 2010.

The gallery was ahead of its time in collecting works by women artists, a fact that will be reflected in the scope and diversity of this superb exhibition.

The Rise of Women Artists is displayed chronologically in nine sections, featuring paintings, works on paper, textiles, ceramics and sculpture.

The exhibition traces the historical changes affecting women, looking at their status and careers as they moved to assert themselves as artists in their own right.