

Headway Monthly Bulletin



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Providing support for people with brain injuries

Goodbye to Alan (and his wonderful smile)

By Maryanne McGinn

Thank you
Amec



We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Paul Lynch at Amec (gas contractors) who kindly donated 3 tonnes of top soil for our Headway House garden

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www.headwayleicester.org.uk



Ready ...

A fond farewell and good luck to Alan Tyler who is leaving Headway after almost six years. He has been a very sociable and cheerful presence at Headway House and livened up the pool sessions after lunch on a Friday.

Alan remembers the many hours he

spent working with Sue Hannam to help regain his speech and language skills, and they had great fun exploring his



Steady ...

favourite pastimes: gardening, watching rugby and football, listening to pop music (Beatles and Spandau Ballet), and dancing.

Woodwork is

another activity Alan has enjoyed here, and he has been game enough to try his hand at a number of different projects such as turned bowls, jewellery boxes, a dressing table mirror, a stool and a clock.

All the best to you Alan for the future.



Go ...

Ajit in India

I went on a plane to India. It took 8 hours on a British Airways plane. We went direct to Delhi Airport. My husband's brother met us off the plane. All the family came to meet us from America. It was very hot and very nice. The houses have plenty of ground. The houses are very tall. Upstairs we could see for several miles.

A girl came in to do the washing and put the washing out. Everyone just sat down and was waited on although I prefer to do

things for myself.

I went outside in the sun on a lounge, my husband kept me cool by wafting me with a large fan. I only had one cup of tea per day, in the evening. I drank water the rest of the day.

I went to the Gudwara (Sikh temple) and I sat down. I saw 2 boys, one aged 5 and one 15. They had come with their parents from America to see me. I didn't see many people as my brother-in-law's house is in a very quiet well off residential area. My brother-

in-law and family are coming to England to see us in our home.



“Pathways”



Vrush, our Pathways Tutor, has been working with Sury with the aim of finding employment for him. Here's Sury's account of his experience at Baby Gear.

I went to baby gear on Thursday 25th February bright and early at 09:30am!!!! We started on induction, and covered everything from greeting, to fire safety...most of my day was taken with my induction.



Sury brushing up on his woodworking skills at the Headway workshop

My first task was to make a base for a cot. I took a piece of flat wood which I had to saw and plane down to the right measurement then fitted it on the cot.

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Happy Anniversary Paul

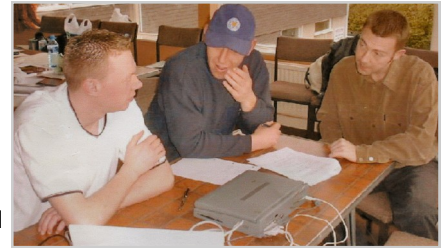
By The Outreach Team

Paul Winfield has been working at Headway for ten years, little did he know when he started on 1st March 2000 that he would be here ten years later! During this time, he has helped, advised, encouraged and guided hundreds of clients, and made a difference to many peoples' lives.

Paul began at Headway as an Outreach Support Worker and is now the Outreach Manager. He

leads a team of five Outreach Workers, and is always supportive and encouraging whenever we need any advice. His sense of humour has remained in place all this time, which is quite an achievement!

So congratulations to Paul for staying the course and for contributing so much to



So, do you think laptops will be smaller in 10 years?

any successes of the Outreach team - we couldn't do it without you and appreciate all your help and leadership. Here's to the next ten

We could soon be rich, and famous ...!

At the time of writing we still haven't heard from the Big Lottery fund - but we've got everything crossed for the end of February.

Hinckley Ambion Rotary Club gave us a donation for £200 last month. They are a small club with only 17 members; so we're very grateful to them. We also got a

call from Cynthia of Hinckley & Bosworth Lions who have adopted us their charity for the year - they're doing a sponsored walk for us in May - we'll keep you informed about it, and perhaps some of us can take part. They're also running a quiz night, so they're all working really hard on our



behalf. Look out for us in the Evington Echo - Anne Tester came and took loads of notes and photos, so we should get some good publicity from that. Hurrah!

Do you need help after an accident?

The firms of solicitors on this short list are all members of the Law Society's Accident Line Scheme and have solicitors approved by the Society's Personal Injury Panel.

Osborne Morris & Morgan Solicitors & Neurolawyers
Danbury House
West Street
Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire LU7 7DD
Tel 01525 378177
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Nelsons Solicitors LLP
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37 New Walk
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108-110 New Walk
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Please note that Leicestershire Leicester and Rutland Headway does not recommend any particular solicitor but is pleased to have the generous support of these four firms.

Happy Easter!

Easter greetings to our members and supporters of Headway House. We are closed on Good Friday, 2 April, Easter Monday, 5 April and reopen on Tuesday, 6 April.

