

Merry  
Christmas

# Headway Monthly Bulletin



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**Leicestershire Leicester and Rutland Headway**  
*Providing support for people with brain injuries*

## Fundraising News

By Alison Leight

Aside from our now famous ball (see Countryside La Vie p170), there have been a number of events in aid of Headway this month. Leicester De Montfort Rotary Club held a 'Chocolatier Evening' at St. James the Greater Church Hall, which involved a demonstration by Hannah's Chocolatiers from Quorn and a chance to have a go at chocolate making. There was also a benefit gig at Trinity Methodist Church that showcased local music talents of all sorts, including young rock bands,

folk and a women's gospel choir. Funds raised at the gig also went to The Bethany Project. We were nominated by Waitrose's 'Community Matters' scheme again this year and received a cheque for £279, so *Thank You*, to all Waitrose customers in Oadby for your support. The ILEX (Institute of Legal Executives) annual ball at The Belmont Hotel, was in aid of Headway for the second year running, and the evening raised over £600. Thanks to Viky Loughnane the Leicestershire Chair for nominating us, and to Dawn Slow and



*The Gospel Choir, Benefit Gig*

her team for organising the event. There was also a Ladies' Luncheon at Barnsdale Lodge, and a donation from Oakham School. We will be taking part in The Great Santa Fun Run in Loughborough again this year, so if you would like to support us, you can still donate safely online at: <http://www.justgiving.com/alison-leight>



*An invitation ...*

### *Headway's Christmas Party*

**Date and time**

Tuesday,  
13 December from 7.00  
pm until 10.30 pm

**Venue**

Goals Soccer Centre  
Wakerley Road  
Leicester  
LE5 4WJ

**Ticket price**

£3.00  
(free entry to volunteers)

Our next monthly Carers'  
Coffee Morning at  
Headway House will be  
held on Saturday,  
17 December from  
10 am til 12 noon.



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## On the Buses

By Barry

As part of my care package I get a number of hours to go out and about doing things that I want to do. Lisa spoke to me about catching the bus into Loughborough town; I didn't think I was able to catch a bus because my electric chair was too big to fit on. Lisa assured me that it would and to be sure she rang the bus company who

confirmed I would fit on the bus. I started using the bus most days to get into Loughborough, it was costing me £3.20 a time and up to £30 a week. When Lisa heard of this she told me that I was entitled to a bus pass so I could use the bus off peak for free. This was great news! Edward sent off for my bus pass and it arrived within 4 days; now I

can go on the bus free. Since having it, I have carried on using the bus every day and its saved me a fortune.





Leicestershire Leicester and Rutland Headway

Would like to wish our members, friends and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We very much appreciate your support and look forward to your continued support in 2012.

Strictly Come Dancing...

By Paul Winfield

Our favourite dancing teacher Maxine was back in town in November! This time our ladies were treated to a 'Dirty Dancing' themed night in which they learned a routine containing 'cha cha' and 'mambo' steps alongside a quiz and our raffle (which raised £61).



Dancing the night away...

All had a great time, and Maxine has since won a prize of £1,000 for

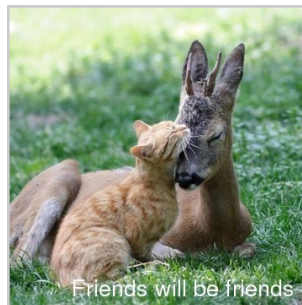
her favourite charity (through BAA Airports Ltd). This was in recognition of her previous voluntary work for Headway and other charities and she has chosen to donate this to us. Many thanks Maxine! We look forward to the next event. And as Brucie says, 'Keeeeeep Dancing!'.

HEADWAY CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Headway House will be closed from 3pm on Friday, 23 December. We will re-open on Tuesday, 3 January 2012.

Be a Friend of Headway Leicester

At our Annual General Meeting in September, we launched the 'Friends of Headway Leicester' Scheme.



Friends will be friends

This is a way of regularly supporting our work, whilst benefitting from special offers on events and training, regular updates and invitations to social events. It means we can plan for the future and budget for projects and services in advance. Just £2 a month will make a

massive difference, and you can set up a standing order over which you have complete control. Please contact Alison Leight, Fundraiser for details of how to do this. We will never ask for any of your personal banking information, we don't need it, so it's a safe and easy way of supporting our work.'

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