

# Headway Monthly Bulletin



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

## Relaxing in Rosliston

By Pete

### Anyone for a slice of cow pat?

On 14 May, we were invited to attend Leics Young Farmers annual rally. Eleven groups from across the county took part competing in a range of events testing their skills. The general theme this year was musicals and the standard of entries was very high across a diverse range of disciplines that included tractor driving, cooking, designing, singing, eating and tug o'war. Our favourite category was the "cow pat" cakes; some of which looked a little too convincing!!!

Our presence on the day was to raise awareness of Headway and brain injury. We were there under the kind invitation of retired Young Farmers veteran, Jo Wilkes. Jo, you may remember is currently fundraising for Headway through a series of daunting physical challenges. You can support Jo on [www.justgiving.com/joannewilkes](http://www.justgiving.com/joannewilkes)

**ACTION FOR  
BRAIN INJURY WEEK 2011**  
9-15 MAY

Monday morning during the first week of April, we all met up at the Sharpes Pottery for refreshments and a look round, just a load of old toilets, not very interesting, and then off to Rosliston forestry centre for four nights in a log cabin.

Arrived early afternoon, cabin looked great: all wood panelling, looked like the inside of a sauna. Maryanne, Lisa and Ed were given the task of looking after us all.

Over the next four days we were treated to trips; the zoo, a brewery, a falconry

display and an evening meal at a very nice pub. There was a bit of confusion in getting to the pub, we were having to negotiate a bridge that crosses a river, trying to work out if the bus was too heavy or not.

Maryanne took the initiative, we all thought we were going in the water, but a u-turn and a 15 minute detour and we all got there safely.

Wednesday, Maryanne and Lisa were replaced with



*Pete relaxing in the woodland haven, before the bridge over troubled water incident!*

Mary and Vrush, Ed got the short straw and had to stay all week.

We all had a great time, it was just what the doctor ordered!

*Big thanks to all at Headway.*

## Best Seat in the Abbey

By Alison Leight

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> is a date some of you may just remember as THE Royal Wedding! Most of us enjoyed the event from the comfort of our armchairs, or at local street parties, but one of us got a much better view. Dr Laurence Howard, our smashing President, and clearly most well connected supporter, got himself a prime spot at Westminster Abbey. Apparently there was

no seating plan, just a 'first come, first served' system for guests. Laurence got himself there when the doors opened at 8.30am, and was rewarded with a front row seat. He appeared on the television broadcasts, and we managed to get this still picture as the fabulous bride and her proud father walked past. Well Done That Man!



*A dapper Dr Laurence Howard OBE JP*

## Forrrre!

The Luffenham Heath Golf Club near Stamford is hosting a charity open a golf tournament in aid of Headway and Help for Heroes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

It's being organised by Jane Hales, mother of Simon Hales who appeared on Channel Four in the 'My New Brain' documentary.

If you would like to get a team together, the entry fee is £160 per team of four.

For more information contact Luffenham Heath Golf Club on 01780 720205 or email at info@theluffenhamhealthgc.co.uk.

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## Volunteers' Week: 1-7 June 2011

By Zina Visa

The first week of June is Volunteers' Week which is an annual event highlighting the contribution volunteers make across the UK. As part of this celebration I will be organising a night out for our volunteers to thank them and really show



how much we appreciate their hard work. I am sure you would all like to join me in saying a big *Thank You* to all

our volunteers here at Headway Leicester. To see pictures of our celebrations, watch this space!

## New Logo

This month sees the end of a project to re-vamp the Headway Leicester logo, along with a set of leaflets, banners and promotional materials all promoting us as a provider of Personalised Social Services in Leicestershire. This

means we are ready to support people with Personal Budgets; it also means we must publicise and promote our excellent services because now people have more choice about where and how they spend their money.

The picture shows our new logo. The project was paid for by a Personalisation Provider Development Grant of over £4,000 from Leicestershire County Council, and we're really happy with the results. The words and colours were all chosen very carefully, with input from members, volunteers and staff. We want to thank everyone for getting involved and helping us out with all the work.



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