

# Headway Monthly Bulletin



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

### HI-DE-HI Butlins! We're back!

by Paul Winfield

Butlins is always a winner when Nicola and myself are looking for somewhere fun to take our folks.

This time, our party of 10 (mostly Butlins newbies) trotted off to Skeggy for five days of trips, competitions, late nights and far too much food and

drink! We stayed in the 'Gold' chalets (yes, really), visited the local historic airfield and saw a Lancaster bomber in action, went to the seal sanctuary, adult comedy night (RUDE!) and lots of other stuff.



*The Butlins Posse!*

But we did have a really great time. And I suspect that I now have a new batch of Butlins converts!

### A weekend away

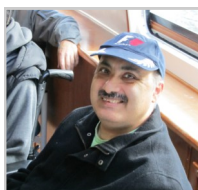
Last month, Mary, Alison and Edward took a group of members to the Nancy Oldfield Trust in Norfolk

*"It was very exciting and a new experience. I gained a lot more than I expected."*



*James*

*"I enjoyed my holiday with Headway. The best part was going on the cruiser and the*



*Jag*

### We did it!

by Alison Leight

The very first Headway Leicester Ball was a great success, with everyone asking when the next one is!



*Cheers to 21 years (Mary and Alison)*

Guests were treated to a champagne reception and three course meal whilst being entertained by a jazz band, fabulous dancers, a magician, 'Marilyn' who sang Happy Birthday, some great auction and raffle

prizes, a casino and disco. Radio Leicester's Ady Dayman was our guest compere for the night and entertained everyone with his first outing as auctioneer. There was a vintage car outside for everyone to pose with for professional photos, If you would like to see more photos and videos, go to our Facebook page @Headway Leicester or our website where they will be uploaded very soon. If you would like a copy of the souvenir

programme, just let us know and we can send one to you. We will have raised over £3,200 when all the money comes in which, whilst quite a modest sum, is not bad for a first attempt! Thanks so much to everyone who supported us, both beforehand and on the night, and thanks for all your lovely comments in the Visitor's Book.



*A warm welcome from R & R Productions*



**JustTextGiving™**

by **vodafone**

Our next monthly Carers' Coffee Morning at Headway House will be held on Saturday, 19 November from 10 am til 12 noon.

A date for your diary... 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)

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Santa Fun 'Run' 2011

by Alison Leight

This year's Santa Run (which seems to have come round terrifyingly quickly) will be held on 4 December at 11.00am and starts at Loughborough University Running Track (LE11 3TU).

Last year we raised over £2,000 so we aim to do the same, if not better this

year. To join the team, or pledge a donation contact Alison Leight at Headway on 0116 2739763. We will also be setting up another Just Giving page, but you can donate now at www.justgiving.com/headwayleicester/donate (click here) or via Just

Textgiving. Text HWAY21 £2 to 70070.



Headway Diwali Party

Diwali is the festival of lights and is the celebration of the victory of good over evil.

Families celebrate by gathering together, exchanging gifts often sweets or dried fruit, preparing festive meals, spring cleaning and decorating the home with lights and

divas and setting off fireworks.

To celebrate Diwali this year we had a fantastic selection of food and traditional Indian sweets with music and decorations. Everybody enjoyed the celebratory meal of chickpea curry, rice, nan, samosas and pakoras with some delicious

sweets to finish off with!

A big Thank You to everybody who provided the food.



Mmmm .... samosas!

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