

Common Lodge Opens for Business!

On a lovely sunny day, 22nd June, Common Lodge was officially opened by **Pamela Miles**, Chair of the Trustees; the event - and event it truly was - was the culmination of a long-held dream turned into reality. In her speech Pamela thanked many people, especially **Mavis Miles**, who was instrumental, with others, in seeding the whole Apuldram project, many years ago.

There were many people who shared in the celebrations, including staff (both Centre staff and residential support staff), volunteers, friends, representatives from Stirlands, the builders, those who had given financial support and, of course, service users.

Jenny, Jonathan and **Alec** have already moved into the five bedroom house and two others will join them shortly.



Jenny, Pam Miles, Jonathan and Alec, outside Common Lodge



Sally Hancock, Sue Saunders & Mavis Miles enjoy the event and the weather

More friends enjoying the morning



Photos by Ruth Heelan

Enough to scare the crows.....



We had a stall at Oving Scarecrow Day on 15th May and sold £211 of plants, cakes and preserves. Eight volunteers in a rota ran the stall and this was greatly appreciated. The day was well supported and the whole village was involved with scarecrows in gardens, so a real community event.

Ruth Heelan

Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally at Oving
 Photo courtesy Bognor Regis Observer

Chris Honeywood - a tribute

There couldn't have been a more enthusiastic supporter of Apuldram than Chris Honeywood. So say friends and family of the centre's much-missed director who died in February, aged 66, after a long battle with cancer.

Chris, born and bred in Selsey, joined the board in 1997, having had experience as a parent here, with his daughter Catrina attending the centre. And he threw himself into the role over 13 years, lending financial expertise, and always a cheery smile at fund-raising and social events alongside his wife Wendy. Wendy's father was involved in Apuldram when it first started up, and her sister attended the centre, so it was a real family affair. "He wanted to do the best he could for Apuldram as he knew how important it was, not just to his own daughter, but to all the others here too," said Wendy.

Alan Doick, Apuldram's assistant manager, worked with Chris, but was also a good friend. "Even when he was ill, and I remember thinking how thin he had got, he was bright and bubbly and enthusiastic. He was really supportive of the centre, and just a nice, chatty, generous man," he said.

Chris was very well-known in the area, one of his interests the Selsey Bill Sub-Aqua Club, and his popularity was reflected at his funeral when the church was packed out with over 350 people. "He was very, very well loved, and never gave up," said Wendy. "A lot of people didn't even know he was ill as he just carried on as normal, with his humour keeping him going."

Interviews & Report by Susan Gilson

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Welcome!

Rosie Ehrenzeller recently joined the staff at the Centre, in a newly-created post. She came to us with a wealth of experience in many fields and has been working in the office as well as most of the other projects at the Centre. Here is a brief summary of her first week or so:

"I've always considered myself a Jack of All Trades and the job of General Assistant is just that, so I was really excited when I got the news that it was mine (sorry Jane for screeching down the phone!).

"Everyone at Apuldram has been so welcoming and they are all such fun to be around. I have already had the experience of working with the adults in most areas of the Centre and have been present at the official opening of Common Lodge. I did have an exciting first week – being chased by a chicken, bitten by a duck and witnessing a chick hatching out of its egg. I can't wait to see what other exciting things will be in store!"

A Different Sort of Training

Jane Kilby reports:

We have commenced a new project with all other daycare centres in West Sussex in partnership with Southern Railways, to water and dead-head all hanging baskets and planters at main line stations in the County; we have responsibility for Chichester and Barnham on a Wednesday.



The team is led by **Sheena Heels**, one of our support workers who has been a temporary Instructor at the Centre covering a long term sickness post. She takes two or three service users to Chichester where all the equipment is kept; the service users have been given free train passes they can use for personal travel in addition to watering duty days, all wear high viz jackets and have been introduced to all station staff.

After Chichester, the team travel to Barnham, where they have three platforms and a large entrance to water. The round trip takes the team around three hours; the service users taking part are enjoying the project and have been given great assistance by railway staff

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From the Potting Shed/Craft Room

Amanda writes: "I am still collecting old jewellery and greeting cards, but please NO more Christmas cards. Actually, I would also like lots of shells from the beach if people are heading down there this summer. Maybe they could pick up a handful or two....

"Actually, I'd like to say a special Thank you to **Geinor** for all the extra hard work she has put in over the last couple of months with fêtes, and 'talks' that she has done? Not to mention the new volunteers we have gained from Geinor's talks.... Welcome to **Sheila, Heather, Linda** and **Alan**. Sheila(Tuesdays) and Alan(Wednesdays) are now volunteering in the kitchen, while Heather(Tuesdays) and Linda(Wednesdays) are helping me out with Gardening and crafts."

[There are other new volunteers, too, including **Susan** (Kitchen, Fridays). Welcome All! Paul]



- Q1 What was John Wayne's last movie?
- Q2 What country did the Romans call Hibernia?
- Q3 How many helicopters landed during the opening credits of M.A.S.H.?
- Q4 What continent has the most people per square mile?
- Q5 Where does the word Aphrodisiac come from?
- Q6 What is the name of the chief muscle used for breathing?
- Q7 What does ICBM stand for?
- Q8 In which book does Squire Trelawney appear?
- Q9 In which year did Hitler invade Russia?
- Q10 Name one of the two British cities which have stations called Central and Queen Street?

Answers:

- Q1 The Shootist
- Q2 Ireland
- Q3 Two
- Q4 Europe
- Q5 From Aphrodite, The Goddess of Love
- Q6 Diaphragm
- Q7 Inter Continental Ballistic Missile
- Q8 Treasure Island
- Q9 1941
- Q10 Glasgow/Cardiff



Lisa
collecting
raspberries
for our jam,
Friday 24th
June - Good
camouflage,
Lisa!



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