

Twin Rivers fundraises for Day Service's sensory garden

After attending a Preloved Sale at Day Services Twin Rivers Women's Institute learnt more about Day Service and their sensory garden. After a vote by members Day Service was selected as their Charity of the Year. Twin Rivers joined us at our Summer Fair and held a stall selling cakes, fruit and veg, held a raffle and guess the sweets in the jar competition.

On Friday 8th September Coleshill Town Hall was packed with eager quizzers, with the team 'A Little Bit of Glitz' being crowned overall winners. Karen and Libby from Father Hudson's spoke about the sensory garden, folded thousands of raffle tickets and picked up a fish and chip supper for the sold out quiz. With their Summer Fair stall raising over £170 and the Quiz over £1000, we're very grateful to Twin Rivers WI for their enthusiastic support.



Twin Rivers stall



Cakes



A Little Bit of Glitz



Coleshill Town Hall

Return of Walk a Mile

Walk a Mile is being relaunched this year. Aimed at secondary schools, it encourages students to 'Walk a Mile in their shoes' and empathise with those who have different life experiences. The Most Reverend Archbishop Bernard Longley appears in a brief introduction as part of the relaunch, watch it by scanning the QR code with a smartphone camera. Contact kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk to get involved.

In the shoes of the other, we have to have a great capacity for understanding, for getting to know difficult situations
Pope Francis



Summer Fair and Dog Show

On Saturday 2nd September our rearranged Summer Fair and Dog Show took place. St Joseph's Care Home garden was buzzing with activity. Roger sang while Dejan provided delicious food with cakes by Wendy. Eva and Daisy, daughters of Laura and Annie from St Joseph's, helped the catering team and sold handmade loom bands. Coleshill Town Mayor, Tony Battle came along. He spoke with staff, residents and trustees and even posed with our Dog Show stars.

We had stalls near St Catherine's Bungalows to browse, with ice cream for sale, jewellery and books to buy along with the chance to learn more about working for Father Hudson's. Joining us were Queen Bee selling wax melts, Charlie & Co selling pet food and Twin Rivers Women's Institute sharing more about their activities and fundraising for Day Service. Our first ever Dog Show took place, with Bentley the black Labrador claiming the 'Best in Show' rosette. Kelly from 101 Paws Dog Grooming kindly agreed to be our judge.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to set up the event, those who attended and Pauline Fisher for taking wonderful photos. Overall over £1000 was raised and many happy memories made.



CECA Midlands transforms Tabor Living's outside space



CECA Midlands Region chose to support Tabor Living as their Charity of the Year. Across June and July the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Midlands have been working hard to transform the outside space at Tabor Living.

Their members have laid new tarmac, repaired and repainted the walls and cleared vegetation. Railings and garage doors were replaced. Timber was donated and turned into planters and an outdoor shelter.

The outside space was opened by Bob Sleight, Deputy Mayor in an evening celebration with CECA members. The total cost of renovations was over £65,000, which was provided at no cost to Tabor Living.



CECA Awards Dinner



CECA's support continued at their Awards Dinner in September where generous members raised £1932 before Gift Aid for Tabor Living.

Sharon, Tabor Living's project manager, and Kevin Hateley, Head of Fundraising, Communications and Marketing gave speeches. Toyah Willcox was the after dinner speaker and Kevin was lucky enough to get a photo with her. How? It's a mystery...



Brushstrokes wins BBC Make a Difference Award

On Monday 18th September some of the team from Brushstrokes excitedly headed to Birmingham Hippodrome to hear the winners of the Make a Difference Awards announced. Earlier in the year they had been nominated in the Community Group category and were one of four finalists.

On the night they expressed that whatever the outcome they were happy that their work had been recognised as making a difference. They were delighted to hear they had won. The following day Dave Newall, Project Manager, emailed the following to Brushstrokes staff, "I'm delighted to be able to say that Brushstrokes won the Make a Difference Community Group award last night. You should all be immensely proud of all you do. Thanks for being part of such a great project." Congratulations Brushstrokes!



The final word - a message from our Chief Executive Officer

Looking out my window onto the short road that leads to our Care home and St Catherine's bungalows it had become more noticeable how many van and car drivers were in such a hurry to get to where they were going that the elderly pedestrians and our residents with complex needs became invisible to them. Such was our concern for their safety that it became necessary in the last few months to put down a number of speed bumps to create a safe corridor. I have to thank the Christy Lambe Foundation for providing the funding and overseeing the work to make this road safer. Over the last year M Lambe construction and Friel construction have helped in other parts of our wide reaching charity - putting in fire doors at a new project with the parish of St Mary's in Willenhall, covering the costs of several services at Tabor House, and indeed encouraging their staff to volunteer there too.

Sometimes I think that Father Hudson's mission is like these road bumps - slowing us all down to notice those who may have become invisible to us in our busy life. It is only through your support that we are able to do this. Thank you



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