

Style Acre

Supporting people with learning disabilities



STORIES SPRING 2018

T2's new kitchen up and running



Following T2's move to Trident Park, the new large kitchen is well and truly up and running. To keep our Tea Room well supplied, baking sessions take place twice a week, with extra baking for the freezer. As well as ensuring the Tea Room is well provided for, T2 runs a non-Tea Room Baking Group and here's Catering Manager Jo (left) with Donna and Eve, during a session to make Portuguese biscuits. Staff team member João helped and advised in the making of these. Shop, Cook, Eat sessions also run once a week, providing fresh lunches to be enjoyed in house. Here are Kate J and Kate O, right, busy with the preparation.



Award for Andrej



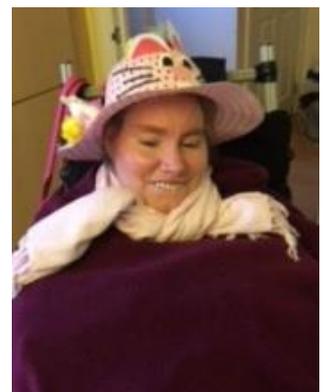
Many congratulations to Style Acre Support Manager Andrej who recently won an award in recognition of the great support he's provided since joining Style Acre.

Andrej won in the *Oxfordshire Hero* category at the **Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers awards**. Andrej can be seen here, with his award. Well done, Andrej, this recognition is well deserved.

Easter Bonnets



Witney tenants Sally and Sonia entered an Easter bonnet competition, and here's a picture of Sally (left) and Sonia looking very fetching in their hats. Congratulations go to Sonia, whose pink hat was proclaimed the winner. Both ladies have recently started a new activity - wheelchair dancing sessions at **Witney Leisure Centre** which are great fun, with a number of different dances and moves to learn.



Men's Group activities

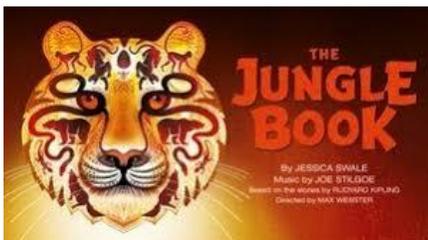
Williams Formula 1

A fantastic day was had by all when the Men's Group visited local F1 team **Williams** on 8th February. Members of the group were given a tour of the factory in Grove, near Wantage, and there was also a museum on site with a great many racing cars to see. There was even a section dedicated to crash helmets valued as high as £10,000 each. No wonder these particular items were held behind glass! The Williams staff were very helpful and attentive, even treating the group to tea and biscuits during their visit.



Fares, please!

From Formula 1 to a more humble mode of transport, as the next Men's Group trip was to **Oxford Bus Museum** on 15th February. The museum specialises in collecting, restoring and running buses & coaches that spent most of their working lives in Oxford or serving the public of Oxfordshire, and the oldest bus on show was built in 1913.



Jungle Book

22nd February saw members taking in a show at the **Swan Theatre, High Wycombe**, where they enjoyed a stage production of *The Jungle Book*.

Windsor Castle

The trip on 8th March was a visit to **Windsor**, to watch the changing of the guard. They snapped this photo of the Queen's Guard soldiers marching the streets of Windsor in their distinctive uniforms and bearskin hats.



Steam trains and aeroplanes

Men's Group outings in April have included a trip to **Gloucester & Warwickshire Steam Railway**, members took a 26 mile round trip from Toddington to Cheltenham. Chris and Martin are pictured with the engine, below left. To the right, Ryan and James are pictured with a Harvard training plane whilst visiting the **RAF museum at Hendon**. With 85 aircraft on show there was plenty to see, including a Lancaster bomber.



Easter goodies from Anup

Wallingford Tenant Anup is a very keen baker, regularly working in her kitchen to produce lots of home baked goods. Invited to lunch with her friends at Chalmore Cottage on Easter Day, Anup provided a sweet treat for afterwards. She took along her latest creation - this glorious chocolatey Easter cake, complete with nest, eggs and many fluffy yellow chicks!



Star Group says hello



Members of the Star Group are always happy to welcome visitors to their regular Tuesday sessions and in March, new Turnstyle staff member Mark popped in to say hello and to enjoy a cup of tea with them. He's pictured here with Anne, Christina, Lisa and Nicola. Also in March was the Star Group Easter egg hunt. Held indoors due to the inclement Easter weather, but great fun nonetheless.

News from our Job Coach

James at work



I visited **the Abbey**, a retreat and conference centre at Sutton Courtenay, and they said they were very happy with what James does for them. His regular gathering up of sticks means they always have kindling, which they find particularly helpful. Support Worker Curt accompanies James each week and he works for about an hour, right through the year in all kinds of weather. He is very focussed on his work and looks forward to the sessions which he has been carrying out since February 2014. Well done, James.

Molly at the Park Gym

Molly has been working at the **Park Gym, Milton** for a year now. Molly's job is to monitor the toilets and other gym areas to ensure all is safe, clean and tidy. She also checks the gym equipment. Molly has become very good at her role and to celebrate this, and completion of a year's work, they have presented her with a certificate of proficiency in checking the gym equipment and facility audit. Molly has also been kitted out in the gym uniform, and is seen here, receiving her certificate.

Molly has grown in confidence since working at the gym and she is interested in new challenges, so I am currently arranging a work placement at **Monument Park Head Office**, very close to where she lives. Molly and her family are very pleased and excited about the new placement, which is due to start shortly.



Philippa Rallings, Job Coach

London attractions

Bitter weather and snow flurries could not dampen the spirits of Slade Road Tenants & staff when they had day out in London. They travelled by train and tube, visited the **London Eye** followed by a lunch stop at Pizza Express. In the afternoon they had tickets for **Shrek's Adventure**. Everyone had a brilliant time and here they are, pictured with Shrek.



Going the extra mile



Our Go the extra mile award for this edition goes to

Chris Woodley



A massive thank you to Chris, who has been nominated by a number of people. People said Chris is thoughtful, generous, positive and extremely hard-working. He is also very modest! He goes out of his way to find new things for people to try, and to offer people new opportunities. He is an extremely valued member of the team, popular with everyone.

A huge thanks goes to Chris for all his hard work with the T2 move, his excellent DIY skills have been invaluable! Nothing is ever too much to ask of him and all with a smile on his face. Everyone is envious of the Men's group. They always seem to be visiting places that are not only educational and really interesting, but fun as well. Chris puts lots of meticulous planning and effort into finding different things for the Social Group to do. At Christmas the group went bowling, Chris went the extra mile by asking for a spare bowling pin from the venue, which was turned into a trophy by one of his T2 colleagues and presented to the highest scorer. Thanks Chris!

Please remember to send your nominations!

We want to celebrate achievements, excellence and innovation within Style Acre. We recognise that individuals often go the extra mile and we want to thank and share with others, the outstanding contributions these individuals make. Nominees could be anyone within Style Acre who you feel has gone the extra mile! Nominations should include a short description about what the nominee has done that has made an outstanding contribution. Please also include:

Name of Nominee
Nominated by (optional)
House/Service
Date

Send nominations to Bev Segesdy: bsegedy@styleacre.org.uk or by post to Bev Segesdy at T2, Unit 2C Trident Business Park, Basil Hill Rd, Didcot, Oxon, OX117HJ

GDPR >>

Ollie, Harry, Nigel and David giving consent and one person choosing to say no!



GDPR

General Data Protection



GDPR Workshops

Thanks everyone who made it to the GDPR workshops. These were really informative, fun sessions. We talked about your personal information and keeping yourself safe, knowing what information Style Acre holds about you and giving your consent.

Everyone needs to complete a consent form. If you need help completing this please speak to a Manager or Support Worker. Any Queries about GDPR please contact Hannah Pritchard-Hawkes on 01491 827587.

David completing his form with HR Manager Catherine



Here are Janice, Amanda, Rachel and Eve giving their consent to having their picture taken. One person chose to say no and you will see they are not in the picture.

Keep a look out for more hot topic sessions!

Fundraising & Community news

An important message for those of you keeping in touch via email

Changes to Data Protection law means that after 25th May, we won't be able to email you our newsletters or new/events updates UNLESS we have your consent. To ensure you continue to receive these emails, please add or update – see below:

- For news, event information and both ***Out There!*** and ***Style Acre Stories*** newsletters, click on <https://styleacre.org.uk/contact-us/preferences/>, email community@styleacre.org.uk or call Philippa on 01491 827591.

Help raise cash for Style Acre, with the Big Clearout!



Tuesday 22 May, 11am-2pm

Behind Howbery Manor restaurant, Howbery Park, Benson Lane, Wallingford, OX10 8BA

Donate your unwanted stuff, which we can recycle for cash!

CLOTHES. SHOES. BOOKS, CDs. PAINTINGS. ORNAMENTS. COINS & BANKNOTES (even out of circulation). **MOBILE PHONES. LAPTOPS & TABLETS. JEWELLERY & WATCHES** (including broken, costume). **CAMERAS** (film, digital, video). **GADGETS** (Sat-Navs, iPods, MP3 players, games consoles, games & accessories). **STAMPS** (Loose, single, albums, first day covers, presentation packs, collections, postcard collections)

Contact community@styleacre.org.uk for enquiries and information, or call Philippa on 01491 827591.

Style Acre Summer Party – 12th July

This year we are combining our annual **BBQ** and **Summer Party** into one event, to be held at the home of our Trustee Sarah Nye. This event is for people we support & their support staff.



The day will start at 11am and continue until 2.30pm with lots of outdoor games and activities planned. People are invited to bring a picnic if they'd prefer not to have a BBQ.

Please let Julie know if you would like to come. Tel: 01491 827580 or email julieevans@styleacre.org.uk