

# HEADLINES

THE HEADWAY THAMES VALLEY NEWSLETTER Christmas Bulletin 2012

Headway Thames Valley, Brunner Hall, 84b Greys Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 1TF

## 65's Club October 2012

A keeley	£65
S Irons	£35
D Dorrington	£20
P Barnett	£15
J Littlejohn	£10
J Bajada	£10
V Chipperfield	£5
F McKechnie	£5

## 65's Club November 2012

B Newport	£65
K Landau	£35
B Tomlin	£20
J Littlejohn	£15
L Tarrant	£10
D Armstrong	£10
A Keeley	£5
C Tarrant	£5

## 65's Club December 2012

S Brooks	£65
J Smith	£35
V Chipperfield	£20
K Landau	£15
D Dorrington	£10
D Horton	£10
C Kelly	£5
L Tarrant	£5

Thank you to all 65's club members for their support.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
OUR CLIENTS, CARERS,  
VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS  
AND DONORS!!!**



We have had a very full and successful year at Headway Thames Valley. With some highs and lows – One of the highs was definitely our holiday in Devon

### Group Holiday to Devon



In May, 5 staff and 11 clients went on a 4 day trip to Devon in our new bus. They enjoyed bowling, archery and crafts at The Manor House Hotel in Okehampton and also took a day trip to the Eden Project. The holiday had a dramatic ending when the bus broke down (yes really!) on the way home resulting in a delayed return home – some not getting in until the small hours.

Many thanks to all staff and carers for making the holiday a success!

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### Christmas Carol Concert



Mayor of Henley, Councillor Liz Hodgkin attended our annual Christmas concert on Friday. She is seen here listening with Pat Barnett (left) Anne Jones from Phyllis Court and Keith Butterfield to her right. The concert included songs and carols from the choir, solos, readings and pieces from guests Mike Rowbottom and Eddie Winship.

Dr Trevor Powell, Chairman of Headway Thames Valley welcomed everyone and took the opportunity to announce the very welcome news that Sharon Warnes is continuing as our music therapist – starting a 1 year contract in January. Members of Henley Festival Trust were also there and he thanked them for their many years of funding the therapy - due to the heavy demands on that charity's funds, this has now come to an end and Headway is therefore actively seeking a new sponsor, funding the post itself in the meantime.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed mulled punch and mince pies and there was a chance to thank Anne Jones for the efforts of Phyllis Court who raised money towards a standing frame for Brunner Hall.

The club held fundraising rowing and Olympic dinners throughout the year and contributed £3,694 towards the equipment which is vital when attendees

at the centre are beginning rehabilitation.

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Other donors included Caversham Round Table and The Head Partnership, Henley.



*Pictured front row l-r are David, Jane, Anne Jones, Pat Barnett and back row l-r Trustee Keith Butterfield, Alan, Wendy Carlson and Trevor Powell*

### BENEFITS CHANGES

There have been changes during 2012 to Incapacity Benefit and changes to Employment and Support Allowance. As part of this change the government initiated face to face assessments which are being conducted by ATOS, a private company. They have specific targets to move those who were deemed as long term sick back towards employment. Headway Thames Valley has been exploring how we might help our clients negotiate this process and support them in the interviews. In the new year, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will change to Personal Independence Payment (PIP), this will be similar to DLA but, again, clients may have to have face assessments before receiving this new benefit.

These are significant changes to benefits and Headway Thames Valley seeks to support any of our clients or their carers, so please contact us if you have any queries.

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### REMINDERS

**The last day we are open before Christmas is:**

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**We will open again on:**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

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