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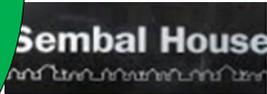
We have been busy bees over the past few months and have a packed issue for you to feast your eyes on!

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On Wednesday 3rd Jan Laura Phillips (Development Officer) and I took the group to see the new Star Wars movie in IMAX 3D at the Odeon in Leisure World. It was clear that they all enjoyed it as you could have heard a pin drop, they were all so in to it. Our cinema group runs every 6 weeks and is very popular as they really enjoy an evening out together. A great evening!

Easter
As usual we are closed on Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday for Easter. We are also closed on the 3rd of May for polling.



Cinema Group:
STAR WARS The Last Jedi
By Paul Smith

Service User Spotlight *Neale Hudson*

January saw Neale Hudson, with support by Paul Smith, jet off to Pila in Italy for a weeks training on the slopes in preparation for the next Winter Special Olympics in 2 years time.

Neale trained very hard every day, working particularly on perfecting his turns.

Neale has no fear up the mountain and can snow plough his way down anything! His instructor Sam was very pleased with his progress.

He enjoyed every minute and cannot wait to go again.

Well done Neale!



With Southampton Junior Wardens for Remembrance Sunday

We joined forces with Southampton's Junior Wardens to make Poppies and wreaths. The junior wardens have been putting their skills to use all across the city, and came to us here at Woolston Community Centre to support this session in honour of Remembrance Sunday, and our Service Users really enjoyed it.

We then met up again at Watts Park Cenotaph on the day to share our pieces of work and pay our respects.

Head of the scheme Ian Mitchell said 'It was a great session and the first time the wardens had ever worked with adults with learning difficulties. Thank you to the junior wardens for coming and sharing this project with us, it was very much enjoyed by all.

This was also featured in The Echo on the 23rd November, 2017.



'Santa's Little Trolls' at The Berry Theatre

By Lisa Wolf & Abby Grant

Everyone really enjoyed the show, and all got to meet the puppets and the actors afterwards and have their pictures taken. They found the whole experience very funny and especially enjoyed the ending when it snowed! It was a very lovely theatre adjoined to Wildern School. It was also great learning experience for the children to get to meet our service users.

If anyone knows of any similar, local productions happening please do let us know as the service users really enjoyed this and we would like to give them the opportunity to visit other community theatres.

Thank you to all at The Berry Theatre for making us feel welcome.

Community Church Group

By Sarah Parsons

I love going to the Methodist Church on a Thursday for lunch when it is my turn to go. I enjoy the chats with the staff and some of the people there. It makes my day.



SDS Art Gallery Exhibition

By Simon Crago

On Tuesday 20th February a group of our Artists and Photographers gathered at The City Art Gallery to meet the Sheriff of Southampton, Cllr Stephen Barnes-Andrews and his wife to celebrate the Art and Photography work in our very own exhibition. The Sheriff and his wife mingled and chatted to individuals about their personal pieces of work on display and were very interested in the work.



It was a great opportunity for individuals to be very proud of the work that they have put in at Sembal and Woolston in the Art/craft and Photography sessions and also to the staff - Lin, Karen, Carol, Jane and Becky who have worked hard with the individuals. The exhibition does look really fabulous and colourful and is well worth a visit if you can make it. A big thank you to all the individuals who supported the event and to all for their input in the sessions. Six pieces of work have sold so far by Maura Marani, Jon Fan, Neale Hudson, Tracy Baker, Sakhi Yawari and Debbie Marsh, well done to them. There is still time for more paintings to sell!

Valentines Disco

By Lin Sherman



Wow what a wonderful experience this was. Everyone had such a good time from the clients to the volunteers.

The Saints Pub was a great venue and we thank all the staff there for helping to make it such a memorable occasion. It was really good to see our clients having such fun. The room looked fantastic with all of the decorations that were made by our brilliant art groups. Special thanks to our DJ Nick for the great music, he had the dancefloor crowded all evening. Also a big thank you to our Zumba instructor Pauline for coming and giving us a little taster of her Zumba sessions held at Freemantle Community Centre every Tuesday evening.

On top of all the fun and laughter we were able to raise a whopping £424 for OTARS. Well done team!



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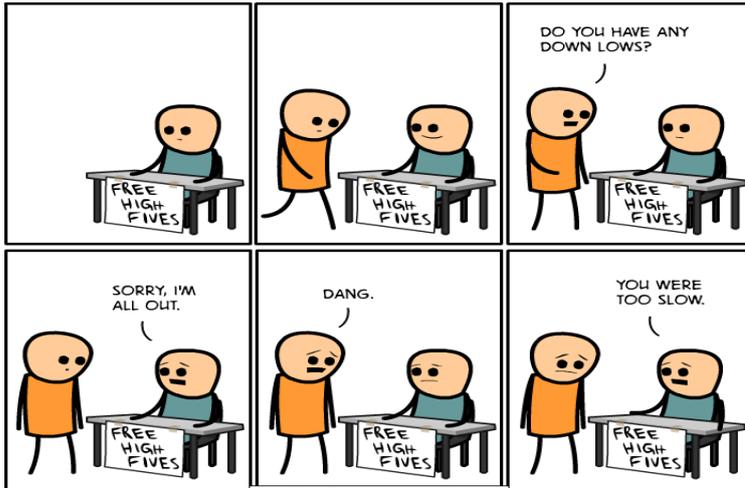
Who Is This..?

Can anyone guess who this Service User is?



Bex's Fun Fact

On Jupiter and Saturn it rains diamonds!



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