

# PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Monthly Newsletter

May 2017

Happy 33rd birthday to The Lodge Trust! It was on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1984 that our first two residents arrived, but it is difficult now to imagine our humble beginnings. In a tenth anniversary booklet, founder Fred Hutton recounted huddling around the Aga cooker because there was not enough oil for heating, with little money left in the bank and no regular income before the residents came. He knew that he would need a great deal of help, but he found comfort in God's Word and trusted in Him to provide. In Fred's words, "The Lord did not disappoint us." By God's good providence, and by means of hard-working staff, volunteers, and trustees, as well as the generosity of our supporters, we have achieved wonderful things in the last three decades. Even in the last ten years we have refurbished several houses and developed our Café and Country Park extensively. Now, as we set our sights on our MK 2020 project, we know that as ever before we have a great challenge ahead of us and that we will need help. But we also know—and The Lodge Trust's success thus far is testament to the fact—that we have a gracious God who will provide, and the right people to make the dream a reality.



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# Family Fun Day 2017

This is always one of our favourite days of the year and this year was another great day (despite the massive amount of rain in the afternoon!)

We had all our usual and wonderful stalls selling everything from crafts, plants and woodwork to Christian books, second-hand goods and bikes.

The Special Olympics athletes had their own fundraising stall and made over £300 towards the costs of getting to the competition later in the year.



Everyone was so generous donating soft toys and second-hand goods for our 'prize every time teddy tombola' and new2u stall. The new2u stall made over £500 which will all go towards our Milton Keynes

We had the guys from Stride to Ride who had balance bike for all ages for people to try their hand at, with a little obstacle course to go round. They also had the bike you can see here which gave everyone a chance to experience the thrills of riding a two-wheeled bike without the need to balance.





# Family Fun Day 2017

As you can see from these photos, the name of the day totally captures what the day is all about, family and fun!



We love being part of The Lodge Trust family, and we love these days to get together, catch up and celebrate all that God has blessed us with.



Thank you to everyone who came and shared the day with us. Thanks to all of you, we raised over £8,000. We couldn't do it without you.

## Other Events

We have taken our stall to a couple of other smaller events this month.

We went to a village coffee morning in Greetham which was a lovely morning.

Everyone enjoyed looking at our products, we sold lots of things, had lots of great chats and of course some yummy cake, too!



We were also invited to a village breakfast in Arnesby. This meant a fairly early start on a Saturday, but it was a really great time. We had a stall where we sold lots of our products, as well as some craft activities for the villagers.

Everyone seemed to really enjoy it and the money made from the sale of the breakfasts was kindly donated to The Lodge Trust.



Thank you to everyone who invited us and if you would like us to come to one of your events, then please let us know.

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