

PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Monthly Newsletter

July & August 2017

On Monday 7th August Richard and Carolyn departed for the Special Olympics in Sheffield. During Tuesday daytime they both practised their routines on their horses.

On Wednesday the competition got started. Carolyn competed in Dressage and came 2nd. Richard competed in the higher group category. He has been riding at this level for only 14 months.

On Thursday morning a group of residents travelled to Sheffield so we could watch them compete and show our support. Richard started in the morning—he competed in the working trials and came 6th in his group. In the afternoon Richard competed in his dressage competition and came 7th overall. Carolyn took part in her working trials and came 2nd again, meaning she won two silver medals.

Friday evening was full of excitement as they both went to the closing ceremony.

Both residents have achieved above and beyond and would like to thank everyone who has supported them to help achieve their dream of competing at the Special Olympics.



Article by Sarah



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More SO 2017 Results

Edward competed in the second East Midlands basketball team, which came 5th. The East Midlands also claimed the 3rd and 4th spots, as well as the gold medal in the women's 3v3. Congratulations to all involved!



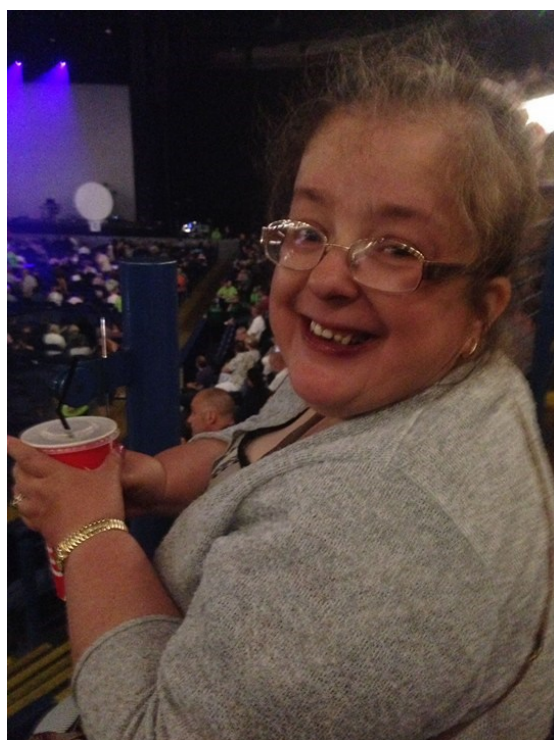
Golf Day

In July our Tuesday sports group went to the driving range to test out their golfing skills. Inspired by the US Golfing Open, they all had a go at seeing how far they could hit it, and although no one will be lifting any trophies yet, they all had great fun trying it out.



Pet Shop Boys

On the evening of June 22nd I had the privilege of supporting Lisa to achieve one of her dreams in life. We went to the Pet Shop Boys concert at Nottingham Ice Arena. Lisa had always dreamt of seeing them in concert and never believed that it would be possible. It was quite possibly one of the happiest moments in her life, she was so excited. When we arrived she spoke to the incredibly helpful staff at the venue, having a laugh and a joke; nothing was too much trouble for them. Lisa spent the night dancing along to the music, singing, screaming with delight and clapping, having the time of her life. After two and a half hours she could barely speak, but was so humbly grateful. It was an honour to be able to share such a special time with Lisa and help facilitate her dream to come true. *Julie (Staff Member)*



West Lodge Farm Day Trip by Jonathan



On Thursday 3rd August, we went to the West Lodge Farm. We saw lots of animals there. We saw pigs, rabbits, ponies, chickens and some very cheeky goats. They tried to pinch the food out of my bag when I was feeding him. David and Josie bottle-fed some lambs. We had a pack-up lunch and were waiting for the

pig racing to start – Wonky Donkey won the race to have his dinner.

After we watched the pig racing, we had a drive around the farm on a tractor ride. Then, we went for a walk around the site and discovered a troll bridge and a witch's house. We all had a fantastic time.



Calke Abbey Day Trip

A group from The Lodge went to visit Calke Abbey on Friday 4th August.

The staff in the house were very welcoming, informative and helpful towards the residents. The disabled facilities were very good and the large picnic area was clean with plenty of seating, including an undercover area.



Jason says he enjoyed walking round the gardens and hiding behind the trees.

Jonathan says he had a brilliant time; everything was fantastic.

Richard says he had a nice day. He especially enjoyed the cake!

All in all, everybody loved the gardens and enjoyed the picnic.



Thanksgiving

Reflecting on everything that has happened in the last two months, there is much for which we can give thanks to God (and far more than could be written down on one page).

We give thanks for the individual talents He gives to each one of us, whereby we may glorify Him. In this we recall especially the great skill and sportsmanship demonstrated by our Special Olympians in equestrian events and basketball.

We give thanks for the times of rest God has given us and the opportunity to enjoy His creation in all of our outdoor summer activities.

We give thanks for the occasion our staff have had to come together to seek Him in prayer and fasting.

And last but not least, we give thanks generally for the continued goodness of God's providence towards us: for funding to supply the needs of our Service Users; for their wellbeing as well as that of our staff; for the flourishing of our site, land to work, and customers to serve; and for the dedication and kindness of our staff and supporters.

MK2020 Update

In July, our Pre-planning Application was submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council. We are considering locating our second site in Maulden, a large Bedfordshire village which is well connected with the road network and public transport services.

We welcome your prayers that the planning officers would come back to us with a positive response.

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