

# PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Monthly Newsletter

September 2017

We've had a great summer at The Lodge. As we now enter autumn, some of us may look ahead to winter with a little sadness for the warm weather left behind, the trees stripped bare, the long nights, and potential for difficult weather. Summer, like many things in life, is transient. There is no worldly thing in which we can put our trust or in which we can invest with no disappointment, yet we as a Christian community need not be sad or despair; in fact, we should be happy, since we trust, hope, and invest in the only thing which is not transient, which can never bring disappointment. Psalm 90:1-2 proclaims that God is our refuge in all generations, that He was God before anything had been made, and that He will always be the unchanging God. Not only this, but we can be fully confident that this unchanging God hears our prayers if we ask anything according to His will (1 John 5:14). So when we go through cold, dry, and fruitless seasons in our lives, we can fix our hopes on the One Who will deliver us safely. God has heard many of our recent prayers and has answered them, by blessing us with new workers and opening doors for our MK 2020 project, to give only two examples. Let us therefore be thankful and rejoice this autumn!



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# Our Holiday in Norfolk (4th-8th September)

We went to Bircham Newton, near King's Lynn in Norfolk. We stayed in 'The Big Workshop', which has a HUGE lounge/diner/kitchen area! Everything is on one level, which was nice, and there was a super view out of the window.



**Monday:** We stopped at Peckover House in Wisbech. David and Peter played croquet on the lawn.

**Tuesday:** We went to Sheringham on the North Norfolk Railway. We had fish and chips in the Sheringham Trawler.

Each evening we read the Bible together and prayed. Peter did a jigsaw puzzle and most of us watched a little TV.

**Wednesday:** We spent the day at Sandringham. We enjoyed the grounds, gardens, house, car museum, and we had a special meal in the restaurant. The food was very good, but we don't think the Queen eats there.



**Thursday:** We visited Holkham Hall, near Wells-next-the-Sea, which is the family home of the Earl of Leicester. David played *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* on the Steinway grand piano in the entrance hall.



**Friday:** On our way home, we stopped off at Church Farm in Stow Bardolph. We stroked some of the rare breeds of animals, especially a very friendly Swiss ram. Becky even tickled the tummies of the piglets!



## Canal Cruise Day Trip

On Monday 7th August, 10 Service Users and 5 staff went on a canal cruise from Loughborough to Sileby Mill. They took a very leisurely cruise along the canal to Sileby Mill where they stopped for lunch. On the way they saw lots of wildlife, including swans, herons, geese and ducks, as well as lots of horses and cows in the fields around. The canal is a busy place with many people living and holidaying on the water. The cruise boat was called "Symphony" and is one of 3 boats run by the Peter Le Marchant Trust. It is a charitable organisation running boat trips for disabled or seriously ill people. The Service Users had a lovely relaxing time. Some even got to work the lock gates.



## MK2020 Update

As many readers of our newsletter will already know, there is a high demand for Christian support in residential care. This is what we specialise in providing, as well as work and education opportunities which we believe together help maintain healthy residents—physically, mentally and spiritually. We are seeking a second site to extend this vital provision to more adults with learning disabilities.

In recent months we have been pursuing planning feedback for a potential development near Maulden in Bedfordshire. This location is close to Bedford, Ampthill, and Flitwick and has good public transport links, with more frequent buses than in Rutland. It also has a population density almost four times higher, so the number of potential staff and volunteers living nearby will be much greater.

During the first phase of the project, we aim to have 12 residents moved in by 2020 and we will begin to offer work and education opportunities. The initial cost will be in the region of £2.4 million.

We thank God for the landowner who is prepared to wait while we proceed through the planning process. Please pray for wisdom as we compile evidence from various experts and work on submitting a full planning application in the next few months.

## Prayer Points

As ever, we are grateful for your prayers.

This month, we ask that you would thank God for sending us several new members of staff, interns, and an apprentice, and to pray that they would settle in well. For those who have travelled away from home, pray also that they will find friendship and comfort here.

Please also pray for our upcoming November sale, for the team leaders preparing lots of products to sell, for the managers organising the event, that it is well attended, and for the residents that they would enjoy the occasion and not find the build-up too overwhelming.

## News

- Christmas cards are now available to order via our website as well as the order form enclosed. Get in quick, while stocks last! Just visit the shop page of our website ([www.lodgetrust.org.uk/shop](http://www.lodgetrust.org.uk/shop)).
- We have some Christmas stalls coming up, so plenty of chances to buy some of our fabulous products. We have our November sale on Saturday 4th November. We will be at St George's Church in Stamford on Friday 24th November with a stall at their coffee morning and craft event. We are also hoping to be at the Melton Victorian Christmas market on Saturday 2nd December (this is still to be confirmed). We hope that you can join us at one or all of these events. Please pray that they are a success.

Thank you for your continued support.

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