

PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Newsletter

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As Advent begins, our minds are turned to the teaching of Christ's incarnation, that is, "The word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14). Many are ignorant of Christ's divinity and wrongly think of Him as a created being, but we as Christians are also liable to forget the vital importance of Christ's manhood in emphasizing His divinity.

Christ had to be a man in order to be the Mediator between us and God for four reasons: **1)** To perfect our nature; not coming as a glorious angel, but in vulnerable flesh, so sin and death could be conquered and our bodies might also be glorified; **2)** To obey God's law and suffer punishment on our behalf, as justice demands a like-for-like substitute; **3)** So He could have real empathy and sympathy for us, as one Who experienced our struggles; **4)** So, Christ being both God and man in one person, we may be adopted in Him as children, and confidently come to our Father's throne of grace at any time with our prayers.

This Christmas, while many of us feast on the delicious food God gives us, let us also feast on God's Word and the miracle of the incarnation.



With 2018 drawing to an end, we remembered Rachel and Jane.

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November Sale and Tree Planting

2018 saw another great sale day. Lots of happy faces, busy buying Christmas gifts, cards, and eating lots of food. For those that came, both old and new faces, a massive thank-you for supporting the work of The Lodge Trust.



I am thoroughly delighted how busy our teams were to produce such great items for sale. The new product designs created with resident involvement gives our regulars a reason to return year after year. I loved the variety of jams and chutneys created by our enterprise team, something new to try

over Christmas and perfect gift ideas. Our craft team have brought loads of new ideas at great prices, and woodwork: the birdhouses with slate roofs looked amazing. Well done, teams.

These events are only possible with help from our fabulous volunteers who help week after week and those who come and get involved with sale days. Thank you for the years of service and willingness to serve with whatever gets thrown at you.

And never forgetting our residents, who love our sale days; the November Sale is a highlight of their year, seeing friends and families come and purchase items they have worked on. They are the reason we host these days and it's testament to what they are achieving on a day-to-day basis.



Finally, to close the chapter of my time at the Lodge Trust, I want to thank everyone who has supported us at both our November Sale day and the May Family Fun Day. They are my highlights of the working year and I will miss the challenge and excitement of the day. —Kevin

The November Sale was followed by a gathering where friends and family planted trees in memory of Jane and Rachel. The trees are at the entrance to the Country Park for all to remember as they pass by and will grow into a beautiful display which reflects the character of these

individuals: Jane's tree should bear berries on her birthday and Rachel's acer is inspired by her fascination with Japanese culture.



Families Day *Julie*

The residents, families, friends, and trustees all enjoyed a very special Families Day in the summer this year. It had been postponed from March due to the severe weather conditions. In the morning the Residential Manager along with the trustees and management shared about The Lodge now and for the coming year, to keep the families and friends up to date with what is happening here and possible future plans and activities to come. The usual wonderful shared buffet kindly provided by all took place in the conservatory. There was a lovely hub of conversations and laughter as residents and their families shared time together with staff and management. This was followed in the afternoon by the very much anticipated awards ceremony which the residents look forward to with great excitement every year. They received their certificates for the ASDAN courses they had completed in the past year, of which they are always very proud. To the great delight and excitement of the residents, this year the Liz Allen Cheery Award was given to Jason and the Elizabeth Morton Award was given to Helen. The High Sheriff of Rutland was present to help hand out the certificates and to give a short explanation of her uniform she wears and the varied and interesting work she does in and around Rutland. This added to the importance of the occasion for the residents and gave them a real sense of recognition of their achievements. A very enjoyable day was had by all and it will be returning (weather allowing) to March in 2019.



Saying Goodbye

You may have guessed from our article on the November Sale, that we will sadly be saying goodbye to Kevin Armstrong this Christmas. Kevin has worked here for six years and has most recently served as our Work and Education Services Manager. We pray God would direct and prosper him in his new role with Torch Trust and wish him well.



Awards



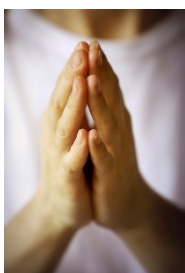
Richard was Runner Up for Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the Active Rutland Community Sports Awards held at Greetham Valley.

The Lodge Trust also made the final five in the "Best Christian Organisation Website" category at the Premier Digital Awards, which were hosted in central London.



My Dad's Special Birthday *Hannah*

On Thursday 25th October I made a rather special phone call to my Dad who was at home. He asked, "Would I like a visitor to celebrate his birthday", and my brother Simon came as well. Although I wasn't hungry, I still had a Diet Coke. I even had a piece of cake which I thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you for coming to see me. I hope you enjoyed *Spectre!* And the cake and the Indian!



Prayer Points

Christmas can often be a hard time for a lot of our staff and residents. Please pray that they will have a blessed time together.