

Welcome to our first newsletter of this new decade!

*We hope you've had a very good start to this new decade and that you are still keeping those New Year's resolutions*



As you know The Rainbow Hill Centre opened at the end of last year so we held the Christmas Party there on the 14th December. We didn't go for the traditional Christmas Fayre – instead we had a delicious Hog Roast and hired in a mobile bar so

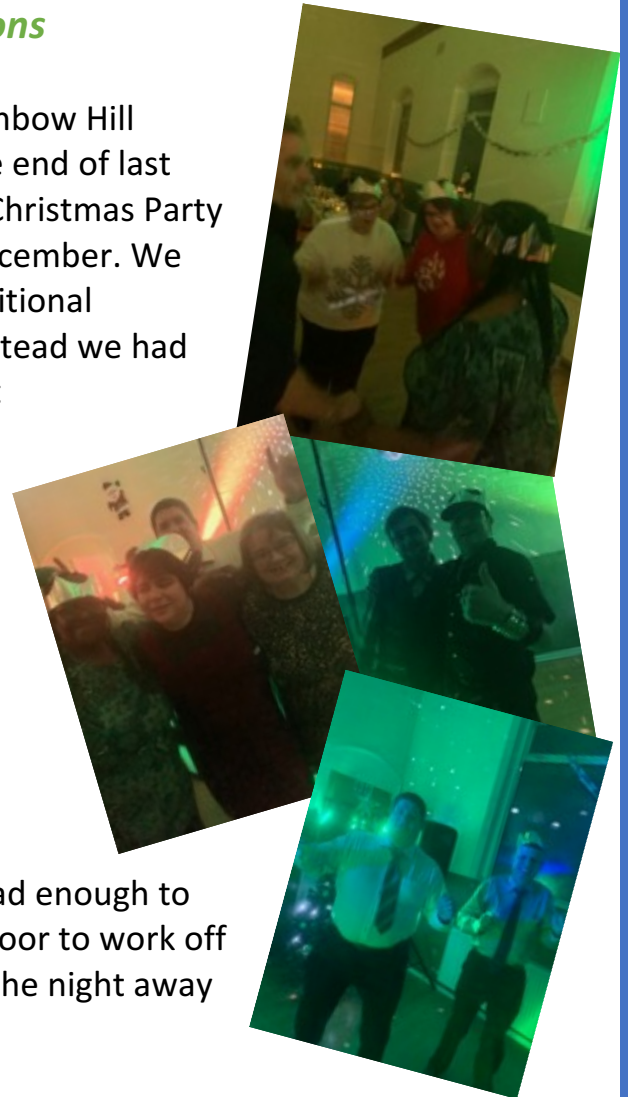
everyone had lots to eat and drink.



All of the Service Users had a great evening, they always enjoy a good party. Several trips were made to both the bar and the hog roast. A vegetarian option was also available. When everyone had enough to eat they took to the dance floor to work off the calories as they danced the night away

to some great music.

Josephine came along for the evening, one of her first tasks was to inspect the “Josephine Fowler Room” and do the official opening. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to take a photo of this. Josephine really enjoyed the evening, catching up with all of her ex colleagues and service users. Everyone was delighted to see her. There was also another guest who got a lot of attention Baby George, Emma Kelly's little boy particularly from Roma and the Broadbent boys as you can see from the photo.



## BATH ROAD

It's been a very busy time for us at Bath Road, particularly with all the celebrations in December and Kelly's birthday. Kevin invited the service users to his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Martin, Dan and Abby took them to the Party. They had a great evening enjoying lovely food and dancing to celebrate this special day with him.

### Kelly's Birthday

Kelly's Dad, Anne and Josephine came to see her to celebrate on the day. We hosted a lovely afternoon tea party, she was really made to feel special on the day and was showered with lots of lovely gifts. Her birthday coincided with the Christmas Fayre so Amy, Dan and Martin took all of the service users into town where they had a very nice meal at Ask to celebrate before going to see the Christmas lights and go on a couple of rides.



### Going Home for Christmas

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December all of the residents were getting very excited about Christmas, particularly Danny - he was up early and dressed smartly waiting for his mum to come to collect him. Dan made sure all of the service users looked their best, he took the time to ensure all of them had their hair washed and blow dried, so he was busy with the hair dryer for at least a couple of hours.

When the families arrived there was some food ready for them to enjoy. Everyone had a chance to catch up which was lovely. Kelly stayed at Bath Road and went to stay with Amy on Christmas Eve. She had a lovely time watching a film and on Christmas day enjoyed a lovely dinner with Amy and her family before going to stay with the Broadbent family on Christmas night.

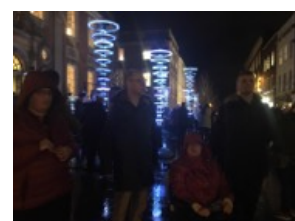
### Various Outings



Amy, Abby and Kay took everyone out to the Swan Theatre to see Snow White. As always an excellent production - they thoroughly enjoyed it. They also went to the Cathedral to see Snowman and Snowdog, whilst they were there they went to have a look at the Christmas tree display and were delighted to see the Wotahoot tree all lit up. It really looked fantastic and a credit to Kirsty and Rachel for organising it.



To beat the January blues they attended the Light Festival where the High Street became home to a number of light sculptures, digital projections and dance performances. They really enjoyed the event, there was a great atmosphere.



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### Angela's Great Niece

Angela was absolutely delighted to meet the youngest member of her family for the first time. Her niece Sophie gave birth to a lovely baby girl Felicity on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Felicity certainly has brought a lot of excitement to the family. Angela is overjoyed, she absolutely adores her and has been to visit her twice since she was born. As you can see from the photo Angela is very proud Great Aunt.

### Night at the Fleece Inn



To dispel the winter blues Annabel and Craig enjoyed an evening at the Fleece Inn annual Wassail. Wassailing is a Pagan tradition of waking the trees to encourage a good harvest in preparation for next year's cider crop.

From dusk the apple orchard became alive with cider, singing and Morris men. There were men there with traditional guns. It was an interactive event and the

crowd were encouraged to participate. The main highlight for Craig in particular was when he was given the opportunity to hold one of the traditional guns. Annabel didn't want to be left out so she took the opportunity to hold a gun as well.



### Day Out



Craig wanted to visit Merry Hill for some time so we arranged this after Christmas, he invited Sam to come along as well. They took time out to enjoy some coffee at Starbucks as they were exhausted shopping. Before heading home they took time out to enjoy a Five Guys meal.



## WOTAHOOT

### Calendar of Events

We have a lot going on at Wotahoot to keep all of our customers, service users and volunteers busy. Rachel and Kirsty plan activities for the month, keeping the activities seasonal. In February they held workshops around the Valentines theme, creating Heart Shaped Scrubbies and Crochet Hearts in a Pot. Following the success of our first fashion show last year we have decided to showcase another one. It will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> March so why not save the date and come along. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest news.



### Christmas Tree



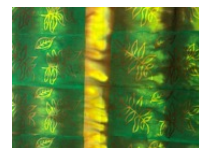
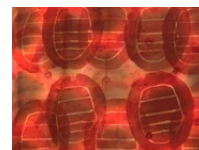
This year we joined 89 other local business and community groups as we entered a Christmas tree with a difference in the hugely popular Christmas Tree Festival in the medieval cloister at Worcester Cathedral. The event was opened by Worcester's Mayor, Allah Ditta. They are also encouraging participants to take part for 2020, so we will have to get our thinking caps on to come up with another creative theme for December.

As you can see the tree was made from a huge selection of colourful crochet granny squares. Kirsty said "We are so grateful for all the time and support from service users, customers and volunteer that helped to make a dream come true, I'd been planning to do it for a while and we did it" We are recycling the tree and making the squares into blankets for the homeless. Overall a very worthwhile and enjoyable project.

### Amazing Creations



The hugely popular Tantalising Textiles workshops are continuing for 2020 and we have moved the class to the Rainbow Hill Centre. The venue really lends itself to hosting this and many of our service users really enjoy the workshop. Weekly they are continuing to improve and develop their skills and produce beautiful handcrafted items.



They are working towards exhibiting and selling some of the items with the proceeds going towards funding educational trips and learning more about the business side of retailing crafts. You can see a selection of some of the wonderful prints they have created.

### Visit to Tudor House

The service users took a trip to Tudor House in Friar Street to do a workshop on embroidery where they were taught by a professional textile artist how to stitch a beautiful keepsake to take home with them.

