

# DUDLEY CROSSROADS IN TOUCH



*Many apologies that it has been so long since the last newsletter. We have been really busy and time has run away with me! However, we have a new colleague in the office, Anna, who is now doing the wages, the invoicing and many other admin tasks and this will allow me to have some time to apply for funding and do more newsletters!*

*As we have so many photos to share with you from events, I have put some of them on a separate page.. If you see a photo you would like a copy of, let me know and I will sort it.*

*Spring is coming (hurray!) and hopefully we will be arranging a trip out in the not too distant future. If you have any ideas of places to go / things to do, please let us know in the office.*



*Julie Weeks,  
Manager*



## TRUSTEE NEWS

At our AGM in October our long standing Chair Hugh Norris stood down after many years on our board. He has recently moved to Oxfordshire and it is a bit far away to attend the meetings! We are so grateful to him for all the guidance, help and support he has given Dudley Crossroads over the years and hopefully we will stay in touch. Our newly elected chair is Janet Head (top left image), who has been on our board for the last three years and was our Company Secretary.

Jan has many years' experience in finance (she used to be a bank manager at HSBC bank) and also has caring responsibilities for her elderly parents, as well as two lovely grandsons.

Our other board members are Harry Friesner (Vice-Chair) Mike Carpenter (Hon. Treasurer) Bev Ingram (Secretary) Kath Shaw and Ashley Miller. Meetings are held in our office every 10-12 weeks, and we are always on the lookout for new board members if you know of anyone who would be interested.

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## Survey

You should all have received a survey to complete recently, and thank you so much to everyone who has returned it. As well as a check that you are happy with our service, the surveys are needed to prove our worth to the local health authority who fund some of our work, to quote from when applying for new funding, and also our regulating body, the Care Quality Commission.

## Fundraising

We are delighted that the granddaughter of one of our previous clients is running the Birmingham half marathon in May this year to raise funds for us!

Nearer the event we will be sharing her Just Giving page on social media and also sending a note out in the hope that you will be able to support her.

We have held a couple of raffles recently, a lovely hamper was raffled at Christmas which Kerry (one of our Care Workers) made for us. This raised £158. Small raffles and tombolas were also held at our social events and raised £482 in total. The money raised from raffles and tombolas goes into our social fund, which enables us to organise and subsidise events in the future.

## Donations

We have been blessed with quite a few donations since our last newsletter.

We received £500 from the Co-op, £500 from Woodroffe Benton, £1400 from

St James Place, £1,500 from the Edgar Wallace foundation, £2741 from the Dudley Masonic Lodge, £425 from St Andrews Church and Park evangelical Church and some personal and in memorial donations which we thank you for. Finances are tight for everyone at present, and we are very grateful for everything we receive - it all goes straight back into providing care.

## New Staff

We have had four lovely new staff join us since the last newsletter: Anna Wood who is in the office, Nicola Fellows, Helen Marriott and Bev Bradley.

We welcome them all and hope they will be very happy at Dudley Crossroads.



Anna Wood



Nicola Fellows



Helen Marriott



Bev Bradley

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## Thank goodness its Thursday!

On two Thursdays a month we run coffee mornings for carers and ex carers along with Sharon the Carers Coordinator from Dudley CVS and Healthwatch Dudley. We meet at either the White Horse pub next to Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge or at the café in Himley Hall. We sometimes have a walk as well depending on the weather. Its a lovely friendly bunch, and if you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring at the office and I will give you more details.



(Above) Carers' coffee morning

(Top and bottom image) Walks in Himley

## Social Events

In September last year we celebrated our 40th Anniversary! This is a big achievement of which we are very proud. Quite a few of you joined us for Afternoon tea and music at The Lodge in Dudley. The Mayor of Dudley joined us as well as some local MPs and a good time was had by all. In January, we returned to The Lodge for a delicious carvery meal which was very enjoyable. Photos of both these events and more are on the following page.

Some memories from  
Dudley Crossroads...

Bronya at Lye cemetery on a bench she  
helped raise money for



Mrs waters enjoying  
a trip to the garden  
centre with Helen

NCS  
Students  
fundraising  
for us



January meal  
at The Lodge



Our 40th  
Anniversary!

January meal  
at The Lodge



The Trustees

Staff Christmas  
party

