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tell us what you have been up to in your scheme*

Net Gain Awards

On 26th June 2008, Eddie and Martin (pictured below) along with Glyn (Helping Hands) and Lesli (Doods Road) attended the Net Gain awards ceremony at Guildford Cathedral refectory.

The Net Gain awards were to acknowledge individuals' 'small steps' targets / goals which had been achieved with the support of identified staff.

Eddie accepted certificates of achievements on behalf of Prospect Housing and Support Services for all those who had participated.



We were then treated to an excellent lunch, and had a quick look around the Cathedral before leaving.

Well done to all those who achieved their awards and many thanks to the staff who supported them through the process.

Isle of Wight 1940s Weekend by Matthew Ward



On Saturday 5th July, 7 people got the train from Redhill station to Portsmouth. We got on a fast Catamaran over to the Isle of Wight. We then got a train to Haven Street where the 1940s weekend was being held.

There were lots of people there and we had tea and food. There were lots of wartime vehicles, cars, vans and tents on show.



We left at 4 pm and got a train and Catamaran back to Portsmouth. We got back to Redhill at 6 pm.

Everybody had a nice day and hope to go to the Isle of Wight again next year.

An Eventful Summers Day at 72 Doods Road, Reigate

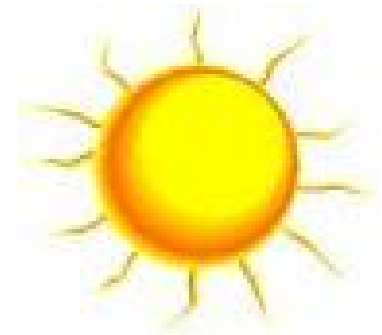
Another year, another party at Doods Road. The preparation for our party began a month ago. Organising our theme for this year (last year was Spring into the Nations) was called Summer Sunshine Party with a sporting feel to it.

So paints, pastels out from our Arts Corner and loads of paper. Eddie made fresh baked buns (cheese and onion) and tea while we painted.

To cut our story short, Mario was our main artist and the walls of Doods dining room came to life – Picasso would have been proud. David and Eddie who already have experience in painting from their workshop did an excellent job with the guidance of Mary (Van Gough eat your heart out).

When we listened to the radio and the presenter said it was going to be a wet weekend we were gutted, however Mary changed the channel and we listened to light music to take the gloom away.

The 13th July started with the sun shining and it remained kind to us until the end. Bunting and balloons were out and our visiting guests enjoyed the day. Games were played in the back garden.



The centre of attraction was Mario's art work and we received positive feedback to all who appreciated art.

A diverse choice of foods presented the tables; strawberry flans and cream and fruit kebabs went very quickly. Doods Road was full of life in all the downstairs rooms. The living room was for the golf lovers, dining room for food, drink and the art work, the kitchen for tea making and chatting, the conservatory for chilling out and in the back garden games played by the youth of East Surrey Carers.

Eddie was showing off his garden patch of potatoes, runner beans, beetroot, spring onions and tomatoes and John was taking pictures amongst the apple trees.



It was not a wet day – it was an Eventful day. Deborah, our Chief Executive was taxiing other to and fro and our Line Manager, Rick put a hand out with the messy bits of the party; washing and hovering with supervision.

We are keeping Mario's art work in the dining room as his work is valued here at Doods by all the service users and staff.

Thank you to all who came to our party. We hope you had an eventful day.

Love from Doods Service Users and Staff

National Business Awards Regional Finals 2008 South East of England

The finals of the National Business Awards were held on 22nd July 2008 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London. Prospect Housing and Support Services was nominated for the City & Guilds Employer of the Year Award.

Although we didn't make the final, Prospect was rewarded with the 'Highly Commended Employer of the Year' award.

We are very proud of this as the National Business Awards is an extremely prestigious event.

These pictures are of Matthew Ward with Snow White the hamster and Dylan the rabbit.





Work 4 All



The Work 4 All scheme is a scheme that is working in partnership with Raven Housing Trust. Raven will be giving us jobs to do which we will be offering as paid work to our service users and Helping Hands volunteers. We have already done several jobs including painting garage doors, painting sheds and fences, clearing footpaths and tidying communal gardens.

We currently have six people going through the recruitment process. One Helping Hands volunteer who has signed up for Work 4 All spent three hours working and was delighted as it was the first paid job that he has ever had!





Happy 50th Birthday Tony



On Saturday 26th July 2008, a birthday party was held at 129 London Road to celebrate Tony Smithers' 50th birthday.



Thanks to everyone who came.
The weather was good and a buffet and refreshments was enjoyed by all with music and dancing to mainly Abba and Queen's greatest hits!

Adam's Joke: Q: When is a car not a car?
 A: When it turns into a garage.



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