

Valentine's Party 2020



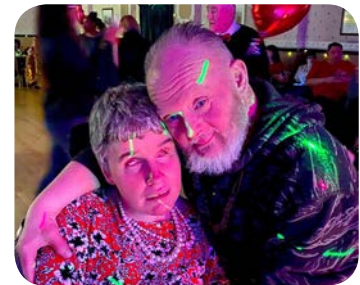
With over 90 tickets sold, our Voice for All's Valentine's Party was once again a huge hit with our Lancashire Services on Thursday 13th February. What a night everyone had, from entertainment provided by Tabu to a fantastic raffle and even some surprise announcements!

After tea was served and everyone had tucked in to their hotpot and butter pie, there were a few special announcements to be made to the party. Congratulations to Lianne and Shelly, who told everyone that they are now engaged! Andrew announced that he had just turned 50 and Robert also shared that it was his birthday, which was celebrated with a chorus of happy birthday from the crowd.

Thank you to all of our staff team and the people we support that made this Valentine's Day Party, it was a brilliant evening.



The band had everyone up dancing, with the dancefloor filled from start to finish. When the raffle winners were drawn, Chris was first to be called up to pick a prize and he happily walked away with his first choice from the selection; a bottle of Jack Daniels.



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Our Annual Christmas Party 2019

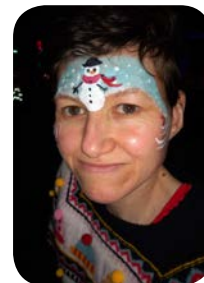
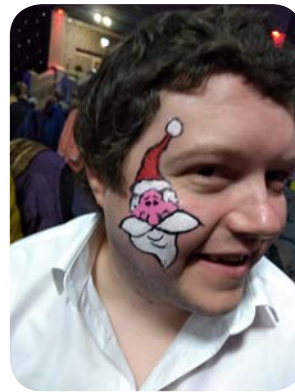
Our Lancashire Services held their annual clients Christmas Party on Thursday 12th December 2019 at the Park Hall Hotel in Chorley.

The people we support and staff dressed up in their best festive outfits ready to party the day away. Attendees started to arrive at 12pm and once everyone was seated, a delicious two course meal was served, including a turkey dinner and lemon cheesecake for dessert.

Once everyone had finished their festive food, it was time to party with a DJ playing a selection of pop and Christmas hits. The people we support and staff had a fantastic time on the dancefloor showing off their best dance moves.

We were lucky to have the very talented Creative Arts team at the party, who did a fantastic job doing festive face painting and Crafty Uniforms made some beautiful table decorations to set the room off.

A great afternoon was had by everyone who came along to the event. A big thank you to all of the staff that helped to organise the party to make it the success it was.



Dignity Action Day 2020

On 31st January 2020, our Lancashire Services celebrated Dignity Action Day to raise awareness of dignity in care.

Our Creative Arts team made an amazing Digni-tree for the people we support and staff to add their messages of what dignity means to them to. By the end of the day, the tree was

decorated with colourful hands displaying everyone's thoughtful words.

As well as discussing dignity, everyone who came along to the event enjoyed a slice of cake and a hot drink. The day gave us some time to focus on Dignity and the importance of choice in the lives of the people we support.



Christmas Card Competition 2019

The Brothers of Charity Services in England hold a Christmas Card Competition every year for the people we support to take part in. The winners' designs feature on the front of the yearly BOCS' corporate Christmas card.

This year's winners were chosen in November 2019 and we had so many amazing entries from everyone.

Congratulations to Rebecca Crosby from Creative Arts! Your fantastic wreath design is very creative and the colours caught our attention.

Also congratulations to Caroline McClelland from Creative Arts for your amazing design. Using a mixture of green card and tree images to create a Christmas tree is a fabulous idea!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Christmas card and to the support that was given to make them. The effort that has been put in to creating the designs was superb!



Christmas Carol Concert and Afterparty

Christmas cheer filled the room at our Lancashire Services' Carol Concert! Our dedicated group of carollers learnt to sign an impressive 6 Christmas carols for the service with help from Lynn Griffiths who kindly volunteered to teach them. The group performed at the front of St Joseph's alongside the Coppull Junior Brass Band.

Everyone had a lovely evening singing and getting in to the festive spirit, and afterwards they carried on the celebrations with a party at

St Joseph's Parish Centre, which was sold out! Everyone enjoyed live music from Tabu and tucking into delicious hot turkey and stuffing barm.

It was a brilliant night had by everyone who joined us, thank you to our staff team who made it such a huge success.





Supported Living



Happy 40th Birthday to Emma! To celebrate, Emma with her friends and family had not one, but two parties at Bamber Bridge Football Club and at home. We hope you had a lovely time!



Emily had a marvellous time during her messy play session!



Daniel, Andrew and Gemma had a blast at their Bowling day out.



Gemma usually likes to eat sat on the floor with staff supporting her, but over the past few weeks, with support from the staff team, Gemma has decided to sit at the dining table with other people that we support, and has fed herself. Our staff team have all worked together to make this happen!



Faranza, Lindsay and Sarah enjoyed a Burns Night celebration in January. They listened to Scottish bagpipe music, including the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, and tucked in to a Scottish inspired meal of haggis, neeps and tatties, with cranachan for pudding.

Becky and Dan's Interview with Meet 'n' Match



Becky and Dan from Voice for All visited the Meet 'N' Match office to film a short video about the relationship training they have been delivering to the people we support across our services.

Over the past few years, Becky and Dan have delivered training on a variety of topics, all focusing on the theme of relationships. This included the following courses:

Y B Safe - This course is all about how to keep people safe in relationships and covers topics such as; healthy and unhealthy relationships, consent, having people you trust and can talk to, how to say no, and much more!

How to Date - Educating people to understand how relationships progress. This course aims to get people to think about what they are looking for in a future partner and what is deemed as appropriate questions and topics when on a date.

Y Talk about Love Sex and Relationships - Highlighting all of the information given in the two previous training sessions, along with a full sex education workshop.

During the film, Becky spoke about how the training has helped with her growing relationship and also why she enjoys delivering the sessions so much. Dan then highlighted the impact the training has had on the people we support and the Brothers of Charity Services as a whole.



Voice for All had great news in January as they had a meeting at Barclays Bank in Preston where they were approved to open their very own bank account.

North West Supported Loving Conference

The regional Supported Loving Conference was on the 5th February 2020 at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool. Representatives from our Voice for All group and Our Voice Our Choice in Merseyside attended to represent the Brothers of Charity Services. It was the first regional Supported Loving event for the North West, enabling people from across the region to come together and share best practice and ideas about how best to support people with their relationships.



On 19th February, Dan and Becky went to deliver Learning Disability Awareness training to Lancashire's Sexual Health Service, as part of the Lancashire Friends and Relationships group. The training covered topics including how to make sexual health services accessible for adults with learning disabilities. They received fantastic feedback and had a great time delivering it.



Heaton Street

Heaton Street's Train Planters Roll in to Bamber Bridge Station

Our Heaton Street team were all on board for making two Steam Train planters for South Ribble Pensioners Association. The team designed

and built the raised planters which have been installed on the platform at Bamber Bridge train station and planted up with Lavender. The South Ribble Association were impressed with the hard work that had gone into the project, and they look forward to seeing the Lavender in bloom.



The Marina Cafe Update



Our team at made a selection of winter warmers for customers to enjoy over the festive season!



Keilan did a fantastic job making beef burgers as part of a special menu at The Marina and inspired the rest of the team to have a go as well!



Love was all around The Marina Café for Valentine's Day with beautiful decorations and a special Valentine's menu!

Valentine's Day at Roccoco

The team at Roccoco celebrated Valentine's Day with a special menu! Tom made some Red Velvet cupcakes and Michael, Andrew and Chris baked and decorated shortbread for the day.



Chris making Australia's national dish, Lamington cake, for Australia Day.



Our team were feeling very festive in the lead up to BOCS' Christmas party! Here is Rebecca, Matthew, Chris and James making Rocky Road cake.



Jamie baked a Lemon and Ginger cake which was a huge hit with customers.



David with his raspberry pies that he baked in January.



David and Michael decided to make something new for their customers to try; a Tunisian Orange Cake.

Creative Arts

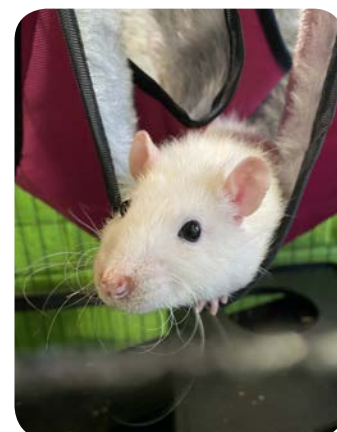
Our Creative Arts team in Lancashire had a fabulous time over Christmas making decorations.



How beautiful is the Nativity Scene handmade by our Creative Arts Team! We absolutely love it and are very proud of the team for the huge amount of work that has gone in to making it.

Pets' Corner Update

In January, Pets' Corner had a visit from Pinewood vets who gave their animals a health MOT. All of our resident pets have been given a clean bill of health which is fantastic news!

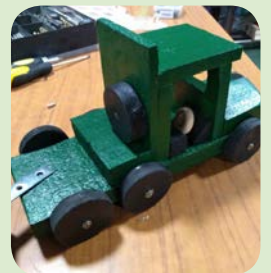


The Walled Garden Update



Santa's elves at The Walled Garden were busy in their workshop making Christmas wreaths in December. Stuart did a fantastic job adding the final touches to one of them!

Ian and The Walled Garden's scarecrow posing together.



Ulrich has been helping Les, one of our volunteers at The Walled Garden, to construct a wooden truck for a customer. A lot of hard work went in to and the customer was made up when Ulrich presented her with it.



Here is Michael adding the finishing touches to a custom-made traditional fruit drying box, constructed for a customer.



The Walled Garden team have put in a lot of hard work digging in manure in to their borders, giving the soil time to flourish before Spring.

Crafty Uniforms' Update



The team had a fantastic choice of crafty materials for Valentine's Day!



Everyone had a lovely time getting in the festive spirit over Christmas, decorating the shop as well as making their own decorations.

Brothers of Charity Services in England

Open Day at the Anderton Centre



Join us on Sunday 29th March between 11am to 3pm for the Open Day at the Anderton Centre (PR6 9HG).



Have a go at a variety of outdoor activities including canoeing, stand up paddleboarding, tree climbing and archery.

Minimum age to participate is 8 years, no maximum age.



Cost is £1 per person and will include tea /coffee /juice. Places must be booked in advance.

Everyone is welcome to join us from across our services, including staff and families of the people we support.

For more information and to book your place, please contact:

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For more information about The Anderton Centre visit www.andertoncentre.co.uk



Brothers of Charity Services in Lancashire

Mencap Round the World Challenge Launch Day



In partnership with Sport England and the National Lottery, Mencap have launched the 'Round the World Challenge' to support people with learning disabilities to get out and get active.

Our Lancashire Services are taking part with a series of challenges including;

- 6th May - 8 Week Canoeing Course
- April (After Easter) - Walking group on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday early evenings
- 24th April - 5 week Sailing course

For more information about the courses and to sign up please contact:

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Closing Date for the Next Edition of VoiceBOCS

The closing date for submission of articles for the next edition of VoiceBOCS is 31st July 2020. Are you going holiday, having a day out, celebrating a birthday or would like to tell us about a hobby? Let us know about it!

Please email your articles and photographs to marketing@brothersofcharity.org.uk.

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