



# IDEAL FOR ALL

## THE SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014



**LIGHTER, LONGER AND  
WARMER DAYS**



# Dear Members,



***Welcome to our spring newsletter! I hope, as I am, you are looking forward to lighter longer and warmer days!***

## **Ideal for All Update**

Staff and trustees have worked with Sandwell Council and I am pleased to inform you that in December we finalised the Independent Living Services Contract. As you are aware our funding is considerably less than in previous years and we have re-organised the charity. Inevitably this has led to a reduction in staff numbers. We know our remaining staff will work hard to ensure you still receive an excellent service. There will, in the future, be some changes to the Independent Living Centre and council services will be brought in to the centre. We believe they will be complementary to our own services and promote integrated service delivery.

## **Social Events**

The Social Events Group has put together the following programme of events for this year.



As some of the outings involve booking meals, rooms, etc, we would be pleased if you could return your bookings as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised with the providers of the services.

For the **day trips** we will require a **£5.00 deposit per person**, and a deposit for the **first drop in evening** being held at **Tipton Sports and Social Club**, after that you can pay further deposits for any other Drop In Evenings at Tipton at any time prior to the event. But as some of these Drop-Ins at Tipton Sports Academy will include meals, we do need to know if you intend going as we have to book meals etc. With regard to the **short overnight stay to Yorkshire**, the hotel has requested a **10% deposit of £7.50 pp** which we will have to pay to secure the rooms.

We will be playing Bingo, which will be for prize money rather than prizes as this is allowed there which we cannot do at the Centre.

On one of the evenings we may have a skittles night depending on numbers. We may also had an additional game of "Play your Cards Right", just to vary proceedings!



## Dates for Drop In Evenings at the Independent Living

### Centre:

Thursday 3rd April - Thursday 5th June - Thursday 7th August  
Thursday 4th September

**No bookings are necessary for these evenings**, just turn up, between 5.30 and 6pm, they finish at 8 pm.

## Dates for Drop in Evenings at the Tipton Sports & Social Club at Tipton Sport Academy:

Thursday 8th May - Thursday 10th July - Thursday 2nd October

Please book your place for these evenings as they include a supper and we need to book in advance. The choices and their costs are:

Fish & Chips £5.50 - Chicken & Chips £6.00 - Faggots & Peas £5.50



# Day Trips and Outings

## Overnight Trip to Yorkshire - Monday 16th/17th June 2014

Following the success of our short break to London last year, we decided to try somewhere we haven't been before, Yorkshire. We have settled on an overnight stay at the Bankfield Hall Hotel which is just outside Bradford. It has a lovely Gothic façade and set in countryside.

We will travel to Skipton on the first day for you to have a look around. There will be a market on in the town, there is an historic castle which is well worth a look, a canal that you can take a walk along (if you feel like it!) or just a look at all the shops. We will then return to the hotel for the night.

The next day Tuesday will be a mystery tour, who knows where we will end up. Then we will be returning home sometime during the afternoon. Times will be arranged nearer the date.

The hotel has four wheelchair accessible rooms, so it will be first come, first served basis only for these rooms. So please book as soon as possible if you require one of these rooms. Please accept our apologies now, if we have to disappoint you. But most hotels only have 3 to 4 disabled rooms available at any one time.

**The cost for the Hotel is £75 per person for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast;**

**The Coach cost is £39 per person return;**



## Day Trip to Moreton in Marsh and Scenic tour around the Cotswolds – Tuesday 19th August 2014

This is a day trip to Moreton in Marsh for the Market, with a scenic tour of the Cotswolds. We will end the day back at Fromebridge Mill for a meal before returning home. We have visited Fromebridge Mill a couple of times in the past. So far we have always enjoyed a warm welcome and a lovely meal. They do not have their summer menu in print at the moment and a copy of the menu will be sent to those booking when it is available.

**The meal costs will be as per menu choices. The coach cost is £17 per person return.**



## Annual Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 10th December 2014

Finally, our Annual Christmas Dinner for both Members and Staff will be held at Tipton Sports and Social Club, at Tipton Sports Academy along with our **Annual General Meeting**.

The cost for this is £16.50 per person for members and £17.50 pp for non members. A menu choice form along with details of times will be sent to those booking in due course.

## **Short Breaks on Offer from Endeavour Coaches**

We have several dates given to us by Endeavour Coaches for their short breaks, which are normally spaced out over 5 days, and include Half Board and 2 trips out. If you would like further details on these please feel free to call and we can give you what details we have, and a number for you to ring to book places. We will try and arrange with Endeavour for the pick-up point for these breaks to be at our centre on the Oldbury Road, Smethwick.

Briefly these are all short breaks at Warner's Hotels on a half board basis, which includes entertainment.

### **Monday 21st April – Friday 25th April at Warner's Lakeside Coastal Resort, Hayling Island**

**Cost £245 per person**

### **Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July 2014 at Gunton Hall Coast Resort, Lowestoft**

**Cost £320 per person**

### **Monday 8th September – 12th September at Bodelwyddan Castle, North Wales**

**Cost £385 per person**

**Another of their trips on offer is:**

**A Turkey and Tinsel Break in December (15th – 19th) at the Bembridge Coastal Hotel on the Isle of Wight at a cost of £280 person, half board.**





Ideal for All has been running a series of Coffee Mornings in Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Rowley Regis/ Cradley Heath and Oldbury. They have organised a couple of events for April and May 2014.

On 17th April we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade and will have a number of Easter Eggs to Raffle. We aim to start at 12.00 and finish at 2pm. Please feel free to come along have a cuppa and join in the fun.

19th May 2014 from 10a.m till 3p.m we will be hosting a Craft Faye at the Independent Living Centre. There will be a fabulous display of home made crafts including jewellery, home made cards, delicious home made Cake stalls, Bric a Brac stall and other various handicrafts. If you have free time we would love you to join us.

### **Peer Support Group –Direct Payment**

Back by popular demand is our Direct Payment Peer Support group meetings. A Direct Payment (DP) is a sum of money given to an individual to manage their own care needs following an assessment. You can meet other people on a direct payment and discuss your own experiences in an informal social setting and share solutions. Even if you are not receiving a DP and are interested in learning more about it then feel free to come along.

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The first meeting will take place on 3rd June from 11am till 13.00 with a light lunch provided. If you would like to attend, please contact the centre.

If you are interested in this trip please let us have your details, names and numbers and we will contact Endeavour on your behalf and book your places. We thought this may be popular with our members and hope to make a group up like we have in the past if it is possible. Otherwise, the same arrangements apply as for the above trips.

We will let you know what deposits are required once we have contacted Endeavour. But it is usually around £60 per person.

Finally, if you are interested in any of the trips and outings, please fill in and return the booking form as soon as possible.

**We hope to see you soon,  
Best wishes,  
Carol Goff**







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