



OXFORDSHIRE Christmas 2016 Newsletter



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Covering six areas of Oxfordshire, Lorna and Lucy have been very busy. Their challenge has been to raise our profile, recruit volunteers, and manage and grow the PA service which allows members to choose how they would like to be supported by Enrych. This is an important change as it will help secure our future as a charity.

This huge task has meant some changes in the way they use their time but if you need or would like to get in touch, they would love to hear from you - please call or email. We all hope you are enjoying your time spent with your wonderful volunteers, members and PAs!

Thank you.

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WORTH KNOWING

Oxford County Council are running the **Comet Bus service** for personal travel around Oxfordshire between 10.15am and 2.30pm. Cost is £3 to register then about £1/mile for shared travel. For details and to register or book a lift, call 01865 323201. If you use them, please tell us what you think!

NEWS & VIEWS

To keep in touch, we'll publish a newsletter like this every 3 - 4 months. Meanwhile please tell us if you are planning a social or fundraising event, and send anything you'd like included to Dave or Jayne (see below). Send us good news stories and photos, tips and ideas, jokes, concerns or worries - anything that may be of interest.



Page 2 of this newsletter can be folded twice to make a Christmas card illustrated by John Newton. We now have over 700 people on our mailing list and it will cost around £300 to post newsletters to people for whom we have no email address. We use email where possible to save money, so please provide your email address if you're happy for us to use it in future. Thank you.

SOCIAL LIFE AND FUNDRAISING

As well as services and partnerships, Enrych has always offered social events for its members and volunteers.

We now need volunteers (who may be members) to organise these in future, and thank you to all those who have organised events already, for example Janet Marshall has run lunchtime events in Bicester and Christine Townsend has organised monthly meals in East Oxfordshire. (Pictured)



If you'd like to do a pub meal, tea and cakes, theatre trip or day out, please contact Jayne or Dave (below). We can offer advice and publicise events. We can also make sure you're invited to events in your area, and help arrange transport.

Please note events organised between newsletters will be publicised by email. If you don't have email, perhaps a friend or relative could give us their address and print emails for you.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN -

Enrych Oxfordshire is very much alive; and our sterling Coordinators, Lucy Bowler and Lorna Fox, have been working hard across the county. They have been inundated with new referrals which, sadly, reflects on the current level of services available to disabled people. We are determined to continue and to expand the Branch's activities, as the demand for our help is so great.

However, our resources are limited at present and we do ask you to bear with us as we lay plans for the future. 2017 is undoubtedly going to be a better year for us than the year just gone and we will keep you informed about our plans and future activities.

We do need more volunteers, not just to partner with Members, but also to help with fundraising events, items for the Newsletter and pub lunches. So if you know people who would like to help, please get in touch with Lucy or Lorna.

A very Happy Christmas to you,
Philip Allan

Chair, Enrych Oxfordshire

SAVE THE DATE

Tue 13 Dec, 2pm at Wyvale Garden Centre, Bicester OX25 2NY (Janet Marshall)
Thu 15 Dec 12.00 Frankie and Bennies, Banbury (Lucy Bowler)
Thu 19 Jan, 12.30 Benson Waterfront Cafe OX10 6SJ (Lorna Fox)
Wed 25 Jan, 12.30 Red Lion, 14 Gloucester St, OX1 2BN (Stephanie Varela Christie)
Wed 8 Feb, 12.30 The Plough, Great Haseley (Christine: cp_townsend@hotmail.com)

Future event details will be emailed - please make sure we have your address!

And the trustees

Philip

Lucy Lorna

Merry Christmas
and a very
Happy New Year



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