Learner Awards and Achievements



Paul has been attending Horticap for nearly 35 years. This year he won an Alan Titchmarsh Trophy in recognition of his work for the charity. Well done, Paul!



Chrissie shared her recent achievements with Gateway Football Club and trophies she has won. The football boot trophy celebrates the fact that Chrissie has scored a lot of goals. The other trophy is for taking part. "I played really well and was Man of the Match." She said proudly. Well done Chrissie!

A night at the Oscars!

Volunteers Jamie, Sandra and Jess were all nominated for Volunteer Oscars at a glittering award ceremony on the 1st November. Congratulations to Jamie who won a "Highly Commended" in the New Volunteer category. Here he is with his certificate. A huge thanks to all our fabulous volunteers for all you do for us. We couldn't manage without your help.







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It's that spooky time of year again! Thank you Hannah for your fabulous pumpkin drawing to start our autumn edition. Hope you all had a happy Halloween.

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Having your say about HS4LC



Our craft rooms have been tidied

70 students had their say about coming to the HS4LC when they filled in our annual Client Survey in March. Most of you are very happy with the staff, courses and building. You like the staff, calling them "helpful", "kind" and "friendly". Most of you like the building and think that we have enough space. Comments about the courses include "It's good and interesting" and "if I couldn't come here I would stay at home and get bored".

There are also some things you would like us to improve. Here are some of the things we are doing as a result of your comments:

- Staff will try harder to listen to you.
- Staff will challenge jokes and banter if we find they are upsetting someone.
- The crafts rooms have been tidied up over the summer.
- We are putting a disabled access lift in so everyone can use the gym. The building work will also give us more space.
- Martin the handyman will redecorate the centre.
- We have a new "chill out" class on Thursday mornings for people who find our other classes too noisy.



We will try harder to listen to you

Thank you to everyone who filled in our survey. This is your centre and we need your suggestions to make sure your time at HS4LC is happy and fulfilling.

Skills News

HS4LC goes back to the Junction

Learners who have been at HS4LC for a long time had a blast from the past when we moved to 2 Mornington Terrace for sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in late October. The move is only temporary, to allow the builders to complete our new basement more quickly. HS4LC, then called The Junction was based at Mornington Terrace until June 2011 when we moved to 9 North Park Road. Here are some 'then' photos, taken many years ago and 'now' photos taken recently. Do <u>you</u> have memories of being at The Junction?



Then...
The Junction at Mornington Terrace





Now...
HS4LC at
Mornington
Terrace



The world came to Harrogate

Our Believe and Achieve reporters were so excited about the recent UCI Cycling event in Harrogate that they wanted to share their experiences in the newsletter. Paul and Chrissie both went out to cheer the cyclists. Paul stood outside Horticap with his friends waving flags. "It was exciting when the police beeped their horns" he said. Chrissie went to see the race with her sister Jackie. "The Fanzone was



fantastic" she said. She showed us a key fob she bought there. What are <u>your</u> memories of the races?

Oh we <u>did</u> like to be beside the seaside! Scarborough and Bridlington trips. Summer 2019.

















Sunshine and singing; bingo and burgers. Fun at the fabulous Brackenley BBQ, 20 July 2019.













Sad "Goodbyes" and Happy "Hellos"

Barnaby Evershed

We are sorry to report that Barnaby, who was a member of our Dancing Hands class on Tuesday afternoons, passed away in September. Tutor Chris Holmes said "He really enjoyed fast music." Fellow learner Mandy remembers that "he was happy." "Most days he would come in with a smile on his face" agrees Chris. Readers of Believe and Achieve may remember that we did an article on Barnaby a couple of years ago when he shared his love of watching wrestling



matches. Everyone at HS4LC sends our condolences to Barnaby's friends and family at this sad time.

Happy retirement, Nash



We are sad to announce that black Labrador Nash is retiring from his job as a Pets as Therapy (PAT) Dog. Nash has regularly visited Skills on a Friday morning for 5 years and our learners have loved making a fuss of him. Nash is now 11 and suffers from arthritis so it is time for him to hang up his PAT collar. We are sorry to say goodbye to Nash and his human companion Carol. We wish Nash a long and happy retirement.

Welcome to the Newsletter Group, Paula

The Newsletter Group welcomed new member Paula in September. We asked her to tell us a bit about herself. "I like coming here", she said. "I like cooking, knitting and doing massage with Juliette". Paula lives at Brackenley and her favourite film is 'Mamma Mia'.



Congratulations to Chris a

Congratulations to Chris and Sophie Pierce on the birth of Martha Rey. Martha was born weighing 8lb 3oz. She arrived at 11.05am on Saturday 26th October "just after the rugby finished!" said Chris. Here is a picture of Martha with her big brother George.

Welcome to the world, Martha Pierce













We were pleased to be able to offe for our fantastic Summer Program For most outdoor activities we has some of the things you got up to temporary base in Community House











