

The Pershore Volunteer

Pershore Volunteer Centre puts volunteering at the heart of the community
to reduce rural and social isolation for local people.

January - February 2020

Happy New Year
2020

It may seem a little late, but we send our best wishes to you all for the New Year!
We're very glad to report that the Festive Season lived up to its name as far as the Centre is concerned as you will see below.

Christmas Lunch Club

The final Lunch Club of the year took place on Wednesday 18th December at St Andrews Parish Centre and 37 guests sat down for lunch which was funded by a splendid donation from Pershore Old People's Forum. They seem to have enjoyed themselves!



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I'd award it a
"Michelin Star"

Said one diner...



Of course, an event such as this doesn't just happen! Much work goes on behind and in front in order to make sure that our guests have the very best time. Our thanks go to our entertainer, Chris Beard, whose playlist was beautifully judged and really set the mood from the start. But many of you were also helping. Our thanks in no particular order, go to: Jo Wood, Jenny Wood, Lynn Wherton, Sue Wathen, Nicole Kougl, Caroline Douglas, Barbara Smith, Olive Hall, Jean Cottam, Sylvia Hammond, Jo Lines and Andy Walton. Many of our guests relied on transport provided by: Trevor/Hazel Hunt, Derek Potter, Ted Williams, Michael Porteus, Ian Downey and Rob Alexander. And a special mention for Donna whose cheerful presence and organisation ensured that everything went very well!

Volunteers' Coffee Morning

A Festive Coffee Morning for volunteers was organised by Angi on Friday 29th November. Some of those who came claimed that it was the occasion of their first mince pie of the season! It was a very jolly occasion, made more special by the donations from Pershore Old People's Forum which you will have seen in the last newsletter. Thanks to all who supported it and to Angi for the mince pies.



Pershore Plum Plodders Donation

The Centre was once again the fortunate recipient of another splendid donation of £500 from the Plum Plodders. Our photograph shows Jeanette Smith receiving the donation on behalf of the Centre from Pete Dunderdale.

This magnificent club helps support a number of local organisations as a result of its sponsored runs throughout the year. Thank you once again, Plodders and may your runs this year be not too hot, not too cold, not too wet and not too muddy!



Donation from U3A BandAge

Pershore U3A have made a very generous donation of £255 to the Volunteer Centre. They have formed a band, delightfully named BandAge (!) and the band has produced and recorded a CD which they sold in the weeks before Christmas. How splendid is that! Our photo shows Pete May presenting the cheque to Donna.



Thank You and Goodbye!

December saw the departure of Kath Lowe. Many of our drivers will have recognised Kath's voice as she was the calm presence of organisation at the Transport Desk on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Thank you, Kath, for all you have done for our clients. Your cheerful and helpful presence at the Transport Desk was much appreciated.



Hello and Welcome!

We're delighted to extend a very warm welcome to Pam Pike and Marc Henry who will both be operating the Transport desk during the week. Thank you for joining us and we wish you both a happy and rewarding time volunteering with us.

Happy Birthday

We send our very best wishes to those volunteers who have celebrated their birthdays recently or will shortly do so.

January

Rob Alexander	David Bridgewater	Peter Collier	Tim Dixon
Hazel Hunt	John Rees	Sue Wathen	Lynn Wherton

February

Malcolm Colmer	Nicole Kougl	Bob Singleton
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Congratulations!

Here are the winners of our monthly draw for December

- £20 Jean Austen
- £15 Harold Wilson
- £5 Ian Buckley
- £5 David Day
- £5 Rosemary Swift

Sort Out Those Stamps!

Sue Nutting, who keeps an eye on our finances, also helps raise money by collecting used stamps. Sue hopes to send off her latest collection very soon and asks you all to scour your recent mail and bring down the stamps - intact please but without the entire envelope - as soon as possible. If Sue is not here, please give them to whoever's in the office. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

We are planning to hold an Easter Coffee morning on Thursday 9 April 10.30pm - 12.00pm. We will be organising a 'chocolate raffle' to be drawn at this event.

Next Newsletter

The next edition of this newsletter will be published on Monday 30th March. The last day for items for inclusion is Monday 23rd March