



WEST SUFFOLK HEADWAY

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▶ THE MOVE

By the end of April we will have been in our new premises at 53 Abbot Road for five weeks.

We are very pleased that we were able to continue the service without a break. Inevitably, there were some early disruptions but thankfully nothing too serious. None of this would have been possible without the combined efforts of all our staff, volunteers and members. A big thank you to everybody.

The new venue is not suitable for woodwork and we are having to adapt the pottery activity particularly whilst we are waiting access to the kiln at the West Suffolk College.

As with any change, new opportunities present themselves and I am pleased to report that as well as some members finding the new environment invigorating, we have also started some new ventures like rag-rug making, I.T. classes and regularly visiting the Southgate Centre.

It will take up some time to adapt to our new venue but with the positive attitude being shown by everybody I am sure that West Suffolk Headway will continue to go from strength to strength.



Members enjoy a game of Yahtzee at our new centre - this game helps with the use of numerical and interaction skills.

▶ SGR OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

We are pleased to confirm that we have been successful in our appeal to SGR Operation Santa Claus.

We have been awarded a grant of £500 which will fund the purchase of 'zoned' screens to use in the main hall.



SAYING GOODBYE - Friends on our last day at the Croft

▶ GOODBYE TO HEADWAY HOUSE

Saturday 24 March saw our old Headway House bursting at the seams with over 80 members, staff, families, supporters and friends.

We were delighted to be joined by our patron, actor Bill Treacher, who came to help us mark the occasion of our move to temporary premises in Abbot Road. Bill picked the winning ticket for our Spring Raffle and the lucky winner of the weekend trip to Paris was Ted Lawrence, a volunteer at Headway for many years - congratulations to Ted!

The second prize winner of a 15" flat screen television was from Northcourt. This ticket was picked out by Vicky Charlesworth from Unity House, Sudbury, which is the 16+ unit of the Ryes School. Vicky is leading a fundraising drive in support of West Suffolk Headway this year, which includes a Summer Ball in Sudbury Town Hall in July. Vicky sold over 100 tickets for our raffle, the last £10 worth being sold to Bill Treacher himself!

▶ MG OWNERS CLUB

The MG Owners club are supporting West Suffolk Headway this year at the annual Boadicea Run - which is their major event with about 100 participants and it takes place on Sunday 20th May. They are starting at about 7.30 am and covering about 100 miles.

They are due back at Elveden Estates at about 3.30 pm. Judy (fundraiser) will be going along to take photographs and thank them for their support. If any of you fancy coming along, it is apparently a lovely venue with some really nice quality shops etc. It would be great if we could have a few members and supporters there.