

TASC NEWS

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Christmas Competition

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Foreword

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“So here it is, Merry Xmas” as Slade famously sang. At TASC, everybody is always having fun and this Christmas even more so, with lots of activities such as the Members’ Christmas Party on 19th December at the Acklam Green Centre, the Carol Concert on the 12th December and the Christmas Fete on 14th December, which includes a raffle draw at 2pm. As usual, everyone’s welcome.



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SPECIAL Event

14 Dec: Christmas Fete
 19 Dec: Christmas Party
 21 Dec (pm) to 1 Jan (inc): Centre closed



The Newsletter Team
 Andrei, Bruce, Dave, Karen,
 Heather & Trevor



Thank you to everybody who has helped us on this issue. We need your ideas and articles.

In a 2007 interview with the Daily Mail, Noddy Holder spoke about the song's creation: "We'd decided to write a Christmas song and I wanted to make it reflect a British family Christmas". May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Board, to thank all our Members, carers, families, volunteers, Staff and everyone else who supports us, for being part of the TASC family.

Personally I will be keeping away from those pesky, meddling fairies. Merry Christmas to you all and remember; "Look to the future now, it's only just begun".

Malcolm Turley,
General Manager, Day Services

Notice Board

Members and Staff Comings and Goings

We have had a few Staff changes since our last edition of the newsletter. Michael and Julie S left for health reasons, whilst Amanda and Dawn have moved on to new opportunities outside of TASC. As usual, we have also had a number of changes in our Members. In particular, we have said a sad goodbye to Christine, a popular, long term Member, who has moved on so she can work more hours at her placement in the care sector, but on the catering side. A massive good luck to all of them; we hope their futures are happy and bright.

Fortunately, we have been able to find new faces to restore our Staff levels, so we can give a big welcome to new support staff Kerry, Chris and Lisa A, and to Lisa C who is already hard at work in the kitchen. We would also like to congratulate Kath H and Justin, who have taken up new positions as Senior Support (Lakeside) and Physio respectively. We hope they will enjoy their new roles and responsibilities.



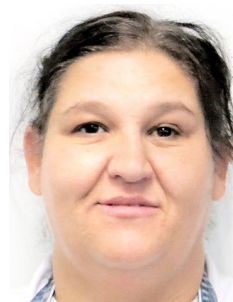
Kerry



Chris



Lisa A



Lisa C

Karen

Fundraising

Wanted For Bric-a-brac and Tombola Stalls

Reduce clutter, create wardrobe space and help TASC.



Donate any of these items to the TASC Fundraising Team:

Clean clothes in good condition
(no underwear thanks),

Shoes, handbags, belts,

Toys (no cuddly ones thanks),
unused toiletries and other
unwanted gifts

For Sale: Hydrotherapy Pool Gift Tokens



Various Values Available, from £5
Donate at any TASC site (see back page)
Or contact Lesley, on 01642 818854

Brave the Shave

Julie's husband, Andy, was noticing that his hair was receding quite quickly, so he decided it was time to "brave the shave". He wanted to do it for charity, so he chose TASC and asked his family and friends to sponsor him for the event.

Andy came to the Centre to have his head shaved by his wife Julie, so all the Members could watch. Julie started and managed to shave half of his hair, but what do you know; the shaver broke! Great roars of laughter were bellowing out in the hall; even Andy found it funny.



Justin came to the rescue half an hour later, when he produced another shaver from his car boot; heaven knows what else he keeps in there!

The event raised over £200 and helped Andy to overcome his fear of gradually becoming bald.

Andrei

Bag Packing at B&M

On Thursday, November 15th, a small group of around six Members and Staff packed themselves off to the opening day of B&M's new store in Eston. They arrived at about eleven to find the car park busy and the shop bursting at the seams with customers. You would have thought that the shop was giving away stuff for free, but it was just people being people when something new opens.

We positioned ourselves at a few of the checkouts and proceeded to pack customers' bags and thank them when they threw any change into our buckets. It was a very busy few hours, but the time flew by and it was soon two o'clock.

We packed up our buckets, thanked the B&M staff for their support and went for a late lunch next door at Subway. After lunch, we returned to TASC to count up the money we had collected and found it came to a grand total of £140; how nice. A big thank you to B&M and all their staff and here's wishing them a successful time with the new shop.

Dave



TASC Activities

TASC Summer Fete

In late July, we had our annual fete at the Centre. It was a beautiful, warm day, so we had our disco out on the grass, with a Zumba class going on in front of the main doors.

Further over, we had got the stocks out and put some of the management into them, so the public (and Members) could throw cold, wet sponges at them.



If you wanted something warm to eat, the BBQ was on the go in one corner of the car park, and our yearly flower stall with Derek and Alan was at the entrance gate.

Indoors, the Candy Bar was open for drinks and snacks, and lots of stalls, from bric-a-brac to tombola, were spread across the rest of the Centre. This year, we had a special raffle with a gold nugget for the first prize and lots of tickets were sold for that. When the raffle was drawn, it was won by Christine Smith's brother, Donald; congratulations to him.





The whole day went well as usual and we would like to send a big THANK YOU to all those who came along and volunteered, and also to all who came along and donated their hard-earned money by taking part in the events on the day.

A fantastic £870 was made on the day with an extra £660 from the gold nugget raffle. Again, a big thank you to all and we're looking forward to next year's event. Don't forget, if you have bric-a-brac to spare at any time during the year, we're very happy to have it.



Bruce & Heather



Halloween Club Night

As always, we had our Halloween special club night. We had a buffet this year, because our friend, DJ James, had a disco/karaoke in our physio area, which we had decorated with scary, creepy stuff.

Tea, coffee and juice were the drinks available and, for those who don't like discos, we had a tombola stall. Loads of dancing and singing was done, with lots of people in scary outfits. Later on that evening, the costumes were judged and



prizes were awarded. In 3rd place came Tom C, 2nd was Malvina and the overall winner was Denise; here she is, looking scary, scary, scary.

Thanks to everyone who came along; we hope you had a lovely time and look forward to seeing you again next year. The night raised almost £400.

Dave & Heather



'Locomotion' Railway Museum at Shildon

This is a popular visiting place for our Members and we have had two visits recently. It's a lovely 35 minute drive to a mainly indoor display of steam trains, together with carriages and trucks. You are able to see the huge size of these impressive machines and to access the driver's cab, whilst a man tells you all about the engine. There is also a Royal Train, where you can look through the windows, to see the magnificently opulent interior.



Then there is a variety of interactive displays, where you can try your hand at shunting, or do some brass rubbings. You can also look at different

model railways, including one of Thomas the Tank Engine. There's lots of old station fittings scattered around, such as timetables, clocks and ticket machines. If you're even vaguely interested in historic railways, there's plenty to see and photograph, so be sure to take a camera or phone.



There's a large shop selling all sorts of gifts, including toy trains and scale models. Then, when you get hungry, there's a café selling a wide selection of sandwiches, paninis, toasties, pastries, cakes, and hot and cold drinks. You can even take your own packed lunch if you prefer.



Best of all, it's still free to get in; no wonder it's so popular!

Kerry & Bruce

Tweddle Farm

It was a bright sunny day and not too cold. Eight of us went, with Staff, to visit Tweddle Farm in County Durham. When we got there, we paid our entry money at the shop and said hello to some of the staff that work there.



First of all, we went to see some rabbits; there were baby ones with their mums and dads. We got to hold one of the baby rabbits for a while; it was very soft. After the rabbits, we went to see some cows and some



sheep; there was a baby cow and some black and white sheep. One of the sheep pinched a bag of food from one of the staff and ate it all, including the bag! We also saw a baby llama, who was very cheeky.

We then had our dinner in the café. It was a nice day, so we sat outside and the staff brought a donkey over for us to see. After our lunch, we got to brush the donkey; it was very well behaved and kept still for us.



We then went on a tractor ride, around the whole farm. We saw more cows and sheep, some pigs, ducks and horses, and some swans on a pond. After that, we had a look around the gift shop and we all got a postcard about the farm. Then it was time to head back to TASC, just in time for a nice hot drink.

Satellite News



Manor Hub: The Manor Hub Members have been focusing on making craft items for the Christmas Fete. They are currently making hanging decorations and Tracy Green is making a snowman wreath to raffle. We are also making the table numbers for the Christmas party, with penguins and Rudolf as the theme.

Manor Hub Team



Lakeside: Hello from Lakeside. We would like to tell you all about our new staff members!

We now have Kath Hutchinson as our Senior Support Worker, who joined us in September. Also, we have Kevin George, Support Worker, who joined us in October.

The Lakeside team has been very busy with new activities and ideas. We now have a new Smart TV, which is great for providing us with access to lots of visual and musical sensory apps, creating sessions which are great for our Members. We can also do visual Karaoke, which is lots of fun too. A new light and sound tent for relaxation has just arrived as well!

We now have our video, pictorial activity board, enabling our Members to see planned activities, lunch menus and much more!

Halloween was great fun this year, making arts and crafts in preparation for our parties at the Manor Hub and the main centre, which were fantastic.

After a visit to Strikes garden centre to see the Christmas displays, our Members and Staff came up with lots of ideas for Christmas arts and crafts designs to prepare for our TASC annual Christmas fete.

Lakeside Team



Chatterbox

Artist in the Making

My name is Andrei and I love doing art - mainly painting. I worked on some “arty” props at the Middlesbrough Theatre at the beginning of the year, for the production of Calamity Jane and have been painting and designing ever since.

My sister Sam was so impressed with my art that she asked me to do one for her and one for my nephew, who is also called Andrei. My sister has got her painting and I have designed one for my nephew; I hope he enjoys looking at it. I have also coated it with a layer of PVC to help protect it and make it shine.

Andrei



My, not so secret, Visit to Bletchley Park

For many years after World War Two, few people who hadn't worked there knew about Bletchley Park, because its activities were still on the secret list. It was only in the mid-70s that the information was declassified and Bletchley's role was revealed; in shortening the war by an estimated two years and saving countless thousands of lives. Nowadays, names such as Enigma, one of the German code machines, and Alan Turing, the most famous of the Park's codebreakers, are familiar to most people and as a result the Park had over 250,000 visitors in 2016. In May, this year, I visited Bletchley to see what it was all about.



Graham, the driver of the coach, parked up in the grounds and passed out our tickets and maps for Bletchley. There were eighteen huts with displays in, but not all were open because some displays were being updated.

We were offered headsets at the beginning of the visit, so we could listen to the commentary in each hut. I did use them a bit, but it was hard juggling a headset and my camera. I liked the code breaking machine and doing the little quiz as we went around, even though I got more wrong than right. I had a lovely day and found it all very interesting.

At the end, I bought some presents for my father from the visitor shop. He really appreciated the jam and fudge, even though it didn't have much to do with code-breaking!

Bruce



The Nearly Great Escape

I have three budgies at home, one is very old and called Bluey. He lives in a cage by himself; he is no bother. On the other side of the room, live Billy and Milly. They are very happy together, even though Billy does bully Milly sometimes.



One day, the front door was left open but unknown to me till it was too late. Billy and Milly's cage door was open too and, when I looked round, Milly had gone. I looked out of the front, but she was nowhere to be seen. Billy started to fret, squawking loudly and looking towards the doorway. I felt awful for him and her, and thought she must be gone for good.



My thoughts turned to how to pacify Billy and I decided to get him a plastic budgie as soon as possible. I went off to work that morning and we got him his plastic budgie, but that was not the end of the story.

Billy still didn't settle; he was squawking at the kitchen cupboard. Suddenly we heard something squawk back; it was Milly. We took the cupboard off the wall and out she popped, head first, right as rain. We put her back into the cage with Billy and they hugged and kissed for ages.

Postscript: Unfortunately, the happy ending didn't last too long. We are sad to report that, only a few weeks after Milly was rescued, first Bluey and then Billy passed away. Milly was quite distraught at first, but is settling now. We've decided that we won't be getting any more budgies (at least for now).

Dave & Martin

My Catholic Fellowship Holiday

The night before my holiday, my brother Gerard and niece Stella came to take mum to Southport. On Saturday, I went to Whitby; I was with my friend Jean.

When we got there, we unpacked and I always take a photograph with me of my mum and dad. I also found a photo of my nana; it made my day. On the night, we went to the pub, but it was too little and crowded for my chair.



On Sunday morning, we went to a village, where we got a cup of tea and an ice-cream from the café. On the afternoon, Father Ryan came to say mass. We all love to see him when we go for days out to Whitby, York or Scarborough, where we all have great fun.

On the Tuesday night, we did a show; it was called the Fellowship's Got Talent. Claire, Jean, Gemma and I were Abba. On Wednesday night, some people who play the music for Lourdes came to play for us, where we had a dance and a sing-a-long. On Thursday, we had a great disco; we got dressed up as something out of the film 'The Greatest Showman', so Theresa, Marie, Jean and I went as bearded ladies. At the end of the evening, we played the record 'Sweet Caroline', which is a great tune. We also went to see 'The Blues Brothers' during our holiday; they were marvellous!

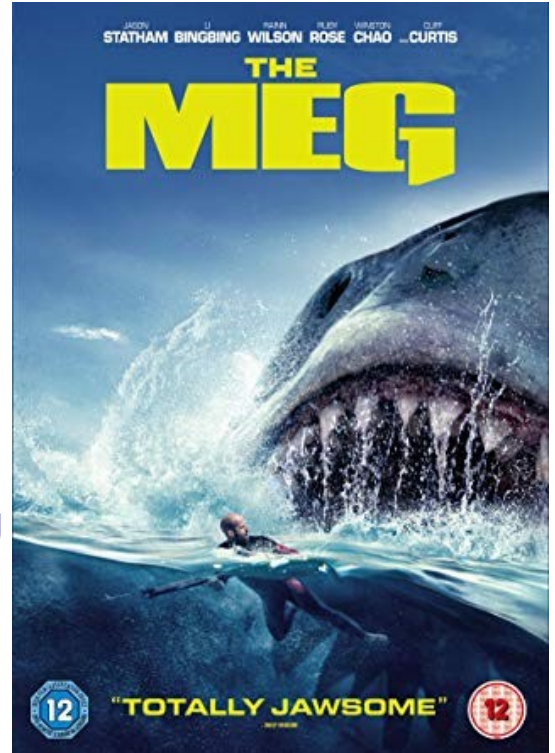
All the helpers are amazing, because they give their own personal time for us; it warms my heart to think how loyal they are to the Fellowship and that makes us more like a big, happy family.

Karen



Review of 'The Meg' Movie

The movie's storyline is based on a deep sea submersible which has been attacked by a massive creature, previously thought to be extinct. The sub and its crew are left trapped at the bottom of the deepest trench in the Pacific and time is running out. Off to the rescue goes Jonas Taylor, played by the ever-reliable Jason Statham, the star of many previous action movies. His mission; to save the crew and ocean from the sea creature, which turns out to be a 75 foot long shark, known as the MEGALODON.



'The Meg' is a perfectly acceptable monster film for the family. It delivers fun, exciting action, with some good special effects, and fans of Jason Statham are unlikely to be disappointed. However, 'The Meg' is obviously going to be compared with 'Jaws' and, given the 30 years between them, we were expecting a lot more from 'The Meg' than it delivers. Another case when bigger doesn't automatically mean better. Still, it's interesting to think that there really were sharks that big once and to be grateful that they're no longer around (as far as we know!).

Bruce & Heather





Christmas Fun Page



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Find the hidden words

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- SHIVER**
- NUTCRACKER**
- DISNEY**
- CAVALIER**
- CLARA**
- MOUSEKING**
- LOUISE**
- BENJAMIN**
- DROSSELMAYER**
- HARLEQUIN**
- PRINCESS**

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?



CHRISTMAS GIGGLES

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?



What kind of music do elves listen to at work?



What do you call an old snowman?



ANSWERS
 Can you smell carrot?
 They always drop their needles!
 Wrap.
 Water.

Christmas Competition

The winner of last issue's competition was Theresa. As promised, this time we're reusing last Christmas's competition, because we didn't get **ANY** entries. Simply identify the famous Santas, then fill in your name at the bottom and put the page into the Suggestions Box near the signing-in desk. Like Theresa, you could be the lucky winner of a £5 voucher, selected in January and remember, unless it's more popular than last year, you could win with only one correct answer!



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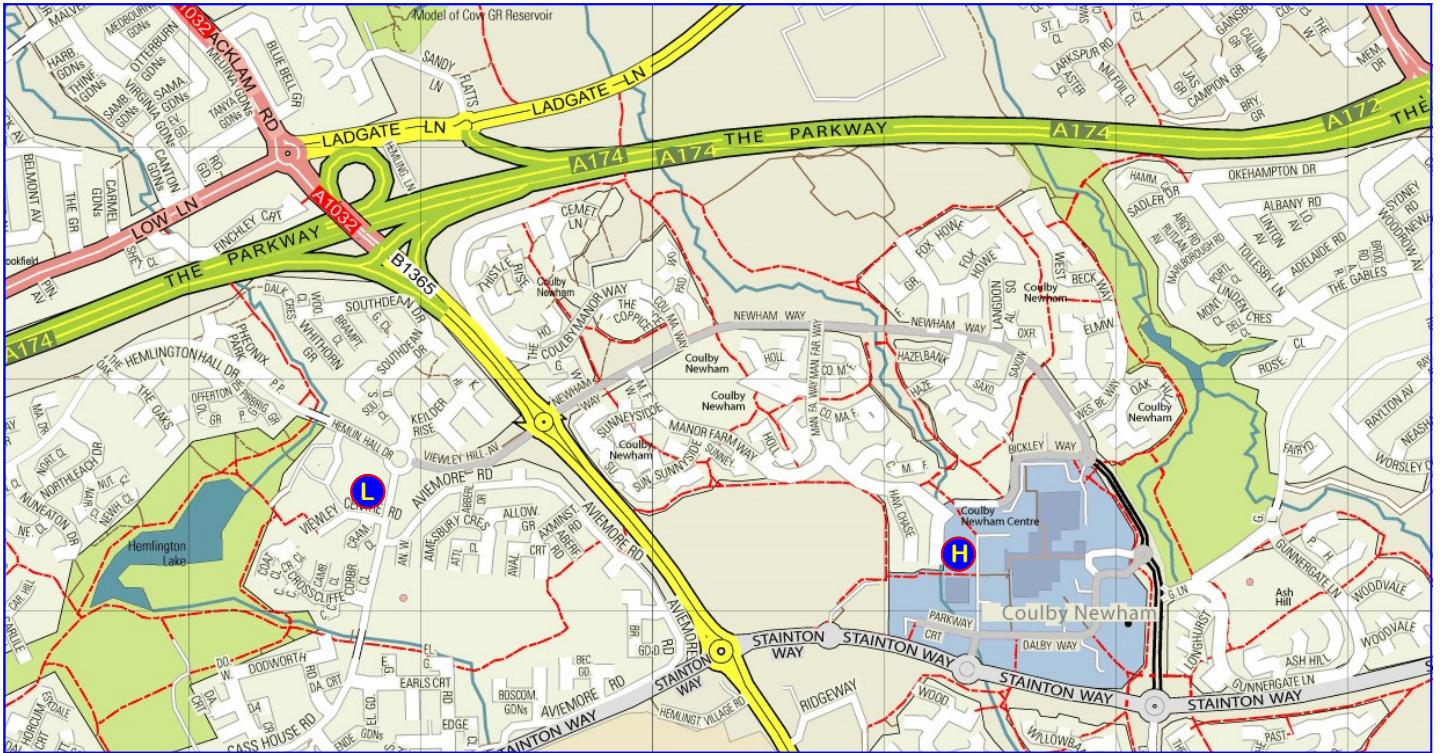
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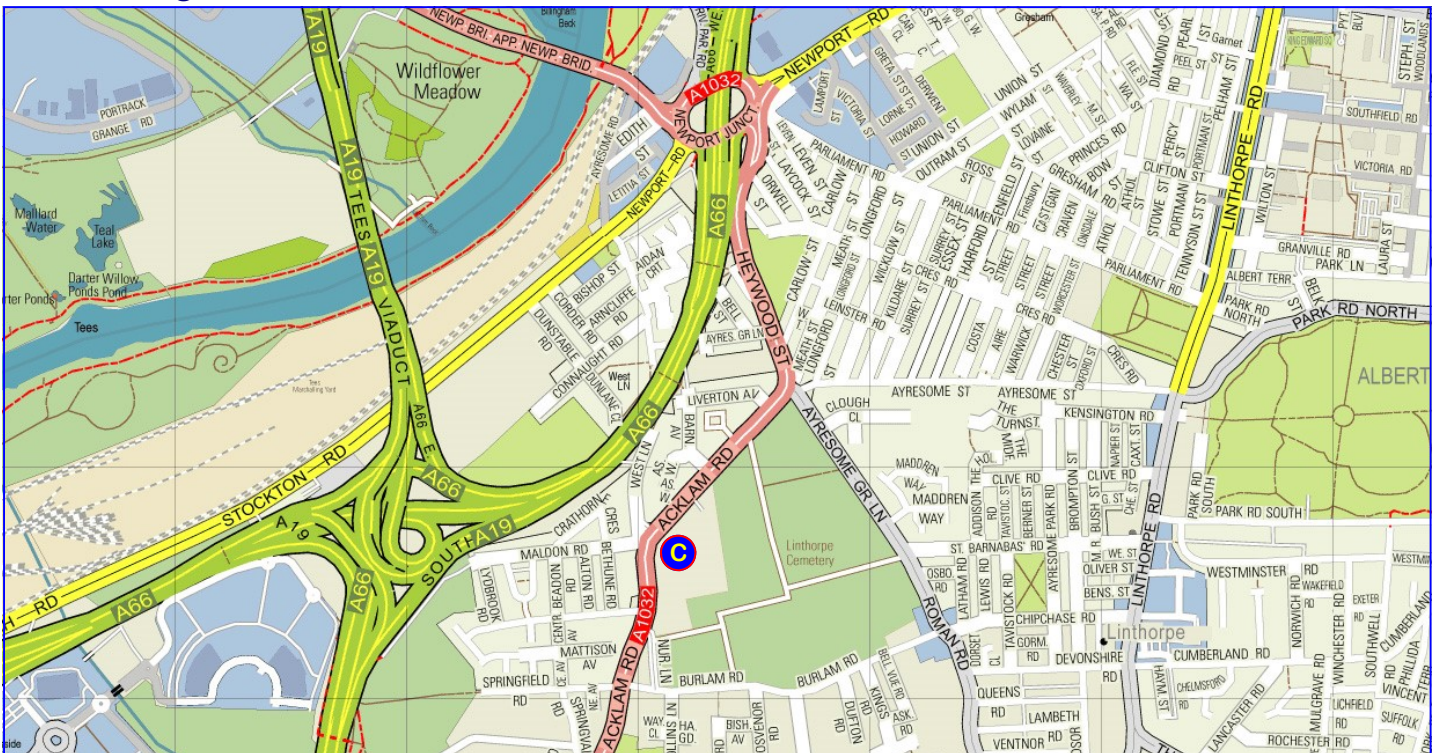
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