



Newsletter Summer 2018

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Farewell to Director, Andy Buckland



Dear club members, carers and colleagues; thank you for the privilege of spending seven years in your company. I have enjoyed meeting so many remarkable and inspiring people from each category. It has been so rewarding to work for Daybreak where you can see the

real help that the charity provides. All this whilst the local authority and NHS have been cutting back on dementia services and resources.

Daybreak has achieved a great deal in surviving since the County Council cancelled all its contracts. Our wonderful fundraisers have received some large sums recently and so there are grounds to be optimistic about Daybreak's financial future. We have applied for more large grants but will always need support from the public to keep providing this small but vital support to some of the neediest people in society. Well done to all the staff and trustees and long may the three brilliant clubs continue and develop.

I will miss you. All good wishes. Andy

Daybreak will miss Andy hugely. He has been our Director for seven years and brought a wealth of experience in dementia care.

The funding of Daybreak's services has changed with the withdrawal of the Oxfordshire County Council contract, so the charity's Trustees are reviewing the role to ensure our future. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

In the meantime, we would like to give Andy our best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement.

New Daybreak Trustee

Daybreak is pleased to welcome a new trustee, Stuart Skyte. We asked Stuart to tell us about his reasons for joining the trustees:

'When someone asks you a question, you're supposed to think before you give an answer. However, when I was asked to consider becoming a trustee for Daybreak, I didn't need to give it a moment's thought. I jumped at the opportunity. Why? Since taking early retirement from a career in public relations and communications, I've undertaken a wide range of voluntary activities; these include serving food to homeless people, befriending people at the end of their life, running a residents' association and being on several committees.

I began volunteering at Daybreak's Limes Club last year and I just knew this was for me. It's great fun and very worthwhile. Having cared for a number of family members with



dementia, I have some understanding of what it is (and is not), and the fact that every individual with the condition is unique. So I didn't need to think about becoming a Daybreak trustee for a second. I know that being able to help this wonderful organisation develop and thrive is going to

be exciting, and if I feel that way, perhaps you might too. Fancy becoming a trustee?'

New Blue Badge regulations

The Department of Transport have announced that people with non-physical or "hidden disabilities" will have an equal right to free parking from next year. "Hidden disabilities" include Dementia. Although the current rules do not explicitly exclude mental health problems, issuing a permit is dependent on the Council's interpretation of the current rules. Don't be put off applying for a Blue Badge permit if you need one, and do please get in touch with Daybreak or your Club Organiser if you need help filling in the application form.