

# MAYDAY TIMES



## Trustees Wanted!

Mayday Trust are looking to recruit additional Trustees to join our committed management team. (Ref MD 002)

The Trust are also keen to appoint a series of Associate Trustees to the Board. Representatives are needed in Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. Associate Trustees will offer local support to Mayday Projects and provide feedback to the Board. (Ref MD 003)

To request an information pack please contact our recruitment partner GMD People, quoting the position you are interested in. Tel. 0800 019 9828 or Email. [recruitment@gmdpeople.com](mailto:recruitment@gmdpeople.com)

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## Taking The Helm: Caroline Ward Describes Her First Month As Mayday's Chief Exec

I joined Mayday Trust as Chief Executive at the end of January. The past month has certainly been action packed and each day I have learnt something new about the Trust, the service we provide and the Charity Sector. I am on target to visit all of our Projects by early March.

The staff and Projects I have visited so far, have demonstrated a strong commitment to deliver a quality service in line with Mayday's ethos.

These are challenging times for Mayday, as well as other charities providing similar services but I believe we have an exciting future. Together, we can build on the Trust's successes and take it forward into a constantly changing environment.

I am working closely with the Board of Trustees to develop our business

strategy, business plan, infrastructure and governance models. These will enable the charity to develop and diversify. We hope to work closely with our stakeholders to develop a stronger understanding of their requirements and future plans.

Mayday is also keen to build partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and other organisations, that will demonstrate "value for money" as well as providing benefits to our clients.

There will in the future, be more cross sector working and Mayday Trust will be exploring any opportunities, in line with our mission and values.

I have every confidence that Mayday will go from strength to strength and feel privileged to be part of the Trust's journey. So much has already been achieved and there is more to follow!



## Future tracks' 'A Team' Win Bowling Competition

Mayday Trust's Annual Bowling Competition was held at Sixfields, Northampton, on Wednesday 7th February.

Residents and staff from eight Mayday Schemes took part in the highly contested event with over 20 teams battling for first place.

The eventual winners were the 'A Team', from *Future tracks* with Daventry's 'Mixed Nuts' claiming a well-deserved second place.



Champions: The 'A Team' Collect Their Trophy

## Everyclick Offers New Way To Raise Cash For Mayday

Mayday has signed up to everyclick.com an internet search engine which donates half its revenues to charity.

The Trust has raised £109.23 since signing up and you can help us raise even more. To join go to <http://www.everyclick.com/uk/maydaytrust> and use everyclick for all your internet searching.

Don't forget to add it to your favourites so you can find it again easily and make it your home page by clicking on the link in the top right hand corner of the site. It does not cost us, or you, a penny - so please use it - and pass the message on!



Why not become a corporate supporter like GMD People? The business and training consultancy became our first corporate supporter in December, helping to raise more funds for Mayday!

## Trust's 47th Art Exhibition Hailed A Huge Success

Mayday's 47th Art Exhibition took place at Wellingborough Library throughout February. The display showcased a variety of medias including silk painting, pottery, canvas prints and photography.



On Show: Chairman Chris Holman, Caroline Ward & Cllr Allebone with Philip, Sandra & Sue

Wellingborough Mayor, Councillor Tim Allebone, formally opened the Event on Monday 5th February.

Councillor Allebone said afterwards: "I enjoyed meeting residents and staff and was most impressed by the high standard of the exhibits."

**"Mayday Trust's progress, from a standing start in 1979, is a real credit to the organisation"**

**Tim Allebone, Mayor of Wellingborough**

## In Memoriam: Mrs Edith Turner

It is with regret that we must announce the death of Mrs Edna Turner. Edna, who's daughter Susan is a resident at Mayday Trust's *Future tracks* Scheme, passed away on Saturday 25 November 2006.

Mrs Turner generously bequeathed a sum of money from her estate, towards the cost of a group outing for

*Future tracks'* residents.

A collection, held in lieu of flowers, has also been donated towards residents' activities at the Scheme.

Mayday Trust graciously acknowledges these kind donations and would like to extend our condolences to Susan and her family.

## Rename Bassetts Court: £50 Of Vouchers Up For Grabs

As Mayday's Wellingborough Project nears the end of their Major Refurbishment, we've decided its time for a change.

To mark the handover, and celebrate our 21st Anniversary in Wellingborough, we're offering you the chance to come up with an exciting new name.

A shortlist of three will be presented

to Bassetts Court residents' and will be decided by a vote. We're offering £30 for the winning suggestion and two £10 vouchers for the runners-up.

Send your suggestion, complete with name and address, to: 'Rename Bassetts Court', Mayday Trust, 75 Albert St, Rugby, CV21 2SN by Monday 16th April.

## Sayla Wins Mayday Christmas Card Competition

Budding artist Sayla Maule, couldn't believe her eyes when she saw her picture on a Christmas Card. Sayla, nine, entered the competition after her mum Helen (a Project Worker at Mayday's Daventry Project) suggested she gave it a go.

Sayla was speechless when she realised she had won: "I was handed an envelope and when I opened it I saw my design on the card." Sayla won £35 of vouchers with two £5 Highly Commended awards going to Kay Diack and Hibo O'Dahir.



Christmas Cracker: Sayla, shows off her design

**"I'm so  
excited!  
I still can't  
believe I won"**

**Sayla, nine**

## Mayday Finally Joins The World Wide Web

We are proud to announce that Mayday Trust is finally getting its own website.

The site [www.maydaytrust.org.uk](http://www.maydaytrust.org.uk) which is currently under construction, is scheduled to go live during May 2007.

Once the website is in place, work will start on a Intranet system, allowing staff to keep up to date on Trust procedures, training opportunities and events.

Watch this space for more information!

## Wellingborough And Daventry Visited By Politicians



Goal: Manager Sheila Line referees, with help from June & Matthew

Councillor Pam Betts, Chairman of Daventry District Council, visited Mayday's Daventry Project on Tuesday 10th October. Mrs Betts chatted with staff and residents before taking a tour of the Scheme.

Wellingborough followed suit on 23rd February, when local MP Peter Bone joined Mayor and Mayoress Tim and Barbara Allebone for a sneak preview of the redeveloped Scheme. After meeting staff and residents, the visitors found time for a quick game of table football!

# What Is Mayday Trust?

Mayday Trust provides specialised support, accommodation and life-skills training for vulnerable adults.

The Trust manages nine Housing Projects across Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. Mayday supports anyone who needs more than just a roof over their heads: people who find it difficult to manage with day-to-day living.

Training and leisure opportunities are provided for all residents. Key Workers and specialist sessional workers support on a one-to-one basis and with small groups of residents, to improve literacy, money management, cooking, art and sporting skills. Through social-skills training and confidence-building programmes, Mayday prepares clients for a successful move into mainstream, independent accommodation.

## News In Brief

- Mayday Trust joined forces with the Benn Partnership Centre in Rugby, to hold a Ladies Indulgence Day. The event, held in November, attracted over 100 visitors.
- Daventry are commissioning a local artist to create a mural in their new Garden Room. Residents will work with the artist to create the piece.
- Residents from *Future tracks* and The Rugby Project have secured funding from Warwickshire County Council to run a year-long art project, in conjunction with Rugby Art Gallery and Museum.
- Four chickens recently arrived at The Post House in Daventry. Residents are taking it in turn to tend the hens and collect the eggs.
- Stage One of Northampton's Major Refurbishment will begin in April.
- Leighton Buzzard MP Andrew Selous will join Kilgour Court residents at their weekly lunch club on 18th September.
- Thanks to Greggs Distribution Centre, Kettering, and Helix Lighting Limited, Wellingborough, for their recent gifts of catering and lighting equipment contributing towards Wellingborough's Major Refurbishment Appeal.

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