

We have all been so very busy this last couple of months!

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ACCESS NEWSLETTER

November & December 2016

It seems like such a long time ago but back on the 26th November four students who are working towards their gateway award visited Thorrington Scout camp for a day of outdoor activities. Lauren, Sammy, Johnny and Iain participated in rifle shooting, archery, climbing the climbing wall, and various other team building activities - it was definitely a day to remember and the students loved every minute of it.



POTTERY COURSE



Some of our students, Wayne, Julian and Nicky have been attending pottery classes at Wilson Marriage College supported by the staff from Access, they have loved making different objects and getting to paint and glaze them, above is an example of what they made one week in November.



MALDON PROM

One of our favourite places to visit on our outings with the students is Maldon Prom. This photo was taken in November - just look how beautiful it is!



DICK WHITTINGTON

Elm group decided that they would like to go to see the pantomime at the Mercury theatre this year instead of going for a Christmas meal and everybody had a

wonderful afternoon - oh no they didn't - oh yes they did!! (sorry)



It is with great sadness we share the news that Stephen Wells, who had lived at Essex Care Consortium for 38 years and attended Access Day Centre for most of that time, unfortunately died of natural causes on Tuesday 13th December 2016. Gill Oliver has written a beautiful poem

in memory of Stephen. Anyone wishing to attend Stephens funeral please let us know and we will inform you of all arrangements once they have been finalised.

If you had time to say goodbye today

I wonder what you would have to say

Would you tell us you stood six foot tall

Amongst your friends and loved them all

If we had time to say goodbye today

This is what we'd have to say

We'd tell you that our hearts are sore

And you'll be missed a whole lot more

We would tell about the good times you had

On the rollercoasters to the moon and back

We'd tell you, hold tight on this new ride

Blow you kisses and wave from the side

Would you tell us before you went away
That life wasn't easy to find your way
Would you tell us you'll miss us and life was too short
The cards dealt were not the ones we'd thought

So sweet man it's time to be elsewhere
And take with you that we really did care
We hold your memories close to our hearts
Goodbye our friend, here's to your new start

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

We have had an extremely productive time in December with the students making numerous Christmas decorations and gifts, and the glorious smell of sausage rolls and mince pies and other

canapés has been coming from the kitchen daily! Below are some examples of what the students have been baking and making.



STUDENT CHRISTMAS DISCO

On Monday 19th December we held our annual student Christmas disco. It was one of the best nights of the year and everyone danced, sang, ate mince pies and crisps and had a go on the raffle. We had about 20 different raffle prizes and some very lucky winners!



ACCESS MAKING MUSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT



After five months of hard work and dedication, rehearsing every week the Making Music Group performed to a crowded hall on Tuesday 20th December - and they completely brought the house down!! It was a truly wonderful, heart warming and

lifting experience with the whole audience joining in with 'I wish it could be Christmas'
for the finale!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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