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Phil our Manager on the left and Dean who has since moved in to his own flat - preparing for the Long Eaton 5 Mile Run

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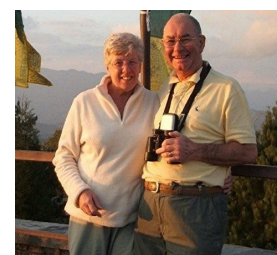
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### Thanks Beryl

After serving Canaan Trust in various voluntary capacities since we started, Beryl Tansley has relinquished her duties as Treasurer and we are indebted to her for her willing and devoted service over the many years. Beryl initially manned the offices prior to any employed staff and continued to support Managers in this role before taking on the role of Treasurer and for a period Trustee as well.

Beryl's skills were invaluable in helping us to set up sound financial book-keeping and management. There's much more to Beryl though - she was a regular on the soup run and was always there when there were jobs to be done from cleaning to manning stalls at fetes and carnivals. Without Beryl and husband Stuart together with a small band of other volunteers we would not have been able to complete our move into Jordan House - their dedication in giving their time decorating, cleaning and furnishing as well as their encouragement of Phil our Manager was amazing. Stuart is our volunteer gardener and is continuing this role at our Cranmer Street property. **You have both blessed us and you will be missed Beryl.**



We pray His richest blessings on Stuart and Beryl

# Canaan Trust News

## Open Day Success

We held a Coffee Morning here at Jordan House on 18th April and many visitors came along to see our Manna building. Many thanks to all who came along and to those who helped us to raise £302 for our work. We will be putting this towards a Wii games system for our residents.

Staff, residents and Trustees were all around on the day and we hope that all enjoyed their time with us. If you were unable to come but would like to visit - either by group or individually - then please contact the office to make arrangements. All will be made welcome.



Geraldine and Terri - Castle College's tutors came and supported us



Visitors enjoying refreshments in the Manna building

## Student Successes



Well done lads - great achievements



Justin receiving his award

These are just some of the students who have achieved with in-house college. Phil our Manager and Geraldine, Castle College's learner support who attends 4 days per week, are seen at the back of the group who attended the student presentation day.

It was amazing to hear the long list of achievers from Canaan Trust over the past year - many gaining qualifications that they would have not believed they could achieve. In addition to Numeracy and Literacy, the college deliver IT and Art - all at any level appropriate up to National Test Level 2 (equivalent to a 'C' grade pass at O'Level). All have different abilities and aspirations and whilst most are reluctant students initially it is rewarding to see how their self-esteem and confidence grow with achieving in their learning. This rubs off on others and new students are being recruited and encouraged by the existing ones with wonderful results. We have arranged one-to-one tuition and dyslexia screening where needed.

Dean and Justin were both awarded Student of the Year awards and medals for their attendance and application, both having attained good grades in Maths and English and both continuing to learn. College staff were full of praise for them and find it a pleasure to teach them. Well done lads, and thanks to Corinna, Terri and Geraldine from Castle College's Stepping Stones' Team.

Diary Date: **Sat. 14th November**  
Come and hear Sandiacre Male  
Voice Choir at Toton St Peter's  
Church 7.30 pm

Proceeds to Canaan Trust - contact  
the office for tickets £4.00 each.



## Extension Plans

Our building work at Jordan House seems to go on and on .... Plans have been submitted to Erewash Borough Council for an extension to the ground floor communal lounge area of Jordan House. This will give us the room we need for a lounge that will comfortably seat all our residents plus a dining area.

With the invaluable assistance of Brian Bennett (who also

drew up the main plans for Jordan House when we bought the property), we are confident that these plans will improve the service we provide in a significant way. The present lounge and the present dining area, within the slightly leaking conservatory end of the kitchen, seat 7 comfortably and we have 9 residents plus the 3 from Cranmer Street visiting most weeks for Sunday lunch.

Whilst we are somewhat daunted by the prospect of more building work - the existing kitchen roof will be replaced and walls will have to come down, we are very excited. We are trusting that the Lord will provide.

**Please pray for the plans to be well received and approved and for the finances to flow in for this project.**

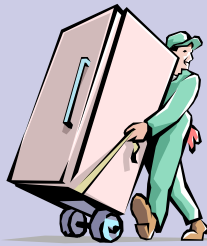
## Wanted

Could this be you?

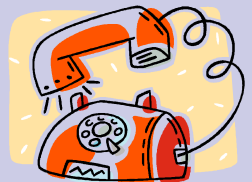


**Volunteer Caretaker / Handyperson**  
to assist the team in decorating and minor repairs

Or  
could this be you?



**Volunteer with transport**  
to assist with occasional furniture moving and tip runs



**Time on your hands?**  
Please give us a call  
Thanks



Office refurbishments



## Meet the Trustee - Dianna Ross

"Hello, I am Dianna Ross - and no I am not black and am not about to break into song!

I live next door to Clive and Susan Lee who have been Trustees since the change to Canaan Trust so have learned a fair amount about it from them over the years. It is largely their fault that I now find myself as a trustee - and not only that but Treasurer too.

My husband of 36 years died three and a half years ago and they waited patiently while I wound up the computer consultancy we ran for 27 years, sold the office and began to adjust to my new life and enjoy the benefits of being a bus pass holder. They decided the

time was right to ask me a few months ago - even more so as Beryl had thought it time to hang up her treasurer's hat after 10 years. She has done the job really well for so long and I hope I am able to live up to her standard, particularly as I am having to learn the ins and outs of a new accounting package.

We moved to Stapleford 15 years ago and a few years later God answered my youngest daughter's prayer (she was then 12) I would find a good friend living close by. Clive and Susan moved next door to be good friends and neighbours!

I am also kept busy by my three daughters and families,

none of whom live close. The oldest with husband and three sons aged 9, 7 and 5 lives in Essex. The next lives in Chichester and is currently working for her commercial pilot's license. The youngest lives with her husband in Newcastle and is about to produce grandchild number four! They all like to make sure my car doesn't sit idle for too long, or that I lose any skills I may have acquired over the years looking after them, their children and their animals!

Having said all that, I am enjoying my new task so far and trust that I will continue to do so for some years to come."

*Dianna*

## My new role in Canaan Trust ...

"My name is Michelle, I am 27 years old. I'm from Mid Sussex where I grew up with my parents and one older brother. My interests include hill walking and narrow boating. I'm hoping to live aboard soon!

My background is a bit of a mixed bag. I completed a degree in Psychology in 2003 then went onto train as a nurse. I moved to Nottingham in early 2007 to work as a nurse at QMC. I enjoyed this time but more recently have felt my interests taking a different direction.

I had done some volunteer

work with Framework (another supported housing charity in Nottingham) when I first moved here in 2007 and felt drawn to this area of work. So when the opportunity arose with Canaan Trust, I applied. I couldn't believe it when Phil phoned to offer me the position. I have to admit I was very excited at getting the job.

Since starting in June 2009 I have been made very welcome by the rest of the team and have settled into my role as support worker very well. I have enjoyed getting to know the residents and encouraging them in their daily lives and

feel I am gaining a greater understanding of the complex issues surrounding homelessness.

There has been a lot for me to learn about supported housing which has been a challenge and I am hoping to continue my learning through training courses and looking at starting an NVQ in supported housing.

I would like to thank the trust for their ongoing support and the team for making me feel welcome and taking the time to explain things to me."

*Michelle*

## Successes and News

Since the last newsletter in March we have continued to **Pursue Excellence**. Our decorating of both properties has continued and new carpets have been fitted throughout our Cranmer Street property and over half our bedrooms at Jordan House. New furniture has been ordered and this is no cheap 'flat pack stuff'. TV aerial points have been installed at Jordan House and

each of our bedrooms now has this provision. New curtains have been hung and our storage has improved - the whole project seems much tidier and more organised. Of course, we still have a way to go and will continue to strive for excellence in all areas of our work.

Unfortunately, as with any improvements, there is a cost and we have seen a reduction in our income and sponsorship

combined with an increase in the need to spend on certain resources. Whilst we continue to be greatly blessed through the generosity of others for which we are truly grateful some of the improvements have taken longer than we would have liked.

**To all our supporters and sponsors: a Huge Thank You**  
**May He reward you richly.**

## Acknowledgements and Praise



We're delighted to give praise to the Lord for his provision once again and to thank those who have responded to His work. The generosity is remarkable and we are truly blessed. In these difficult times we know that giving cannot be a priority and yet we know that He will continue to provide and honour those who are doing His will. We pray

that we will continue to seek the Lord's guidance in all that we do and declare that Canaan Trust is God's work.

We acknowledge and thank all who have contributed their support, finances, materials, time and prayer. We pray that you will be rewarded.

We thank all our sponsors particularly plus ...

**Ellis-Fermor & Negus** - £161 from their wills promotion

**The Manor House Trust** - £800 towards TV aerial points

**Men's Fellowship Castle Donington Methodist Church** £30

**Long Eaton United Reformed Church** £50

LandAid Trust for £8200 towards furniture, carpets and decorating inc. fire escape

**St Mary's Sawley** for £100

**TOC H** for £25

**Creda House Group** (Toton St Peter's) £90

**LED USA** £25

**John Clifford Primary School** for £350 from sponsored run

**Ernie and Avril Carver** £235 raised at their Open Garden

**Trinity Methodist Church** £100

... plus many other individuals for their gifts.

**Thank you.**

**You make such a difference.**

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guidance in all that we do and declare that Canaan Trust is God's work."

**Book us now for a speaking engagement with your group - help us to share our work**

**Coppers 4 Canaan jars**  
Total raised £107.07  
**Order your jar today and help us to save those pennies**

## A Resident's Perspective - Justin writes ...

"Hi - I'm Justin and I've been at Jordan House for 7 months now. I like it here and really enjoy the college - the tutors are really encouraging and I've passed Levels 1 and 2 in both Maths and English. I enjoy quizzes, Karaoke and watching films. Pete the Night Worker has taken me to his archery club a couple of times and I've loved this - shooting in the woods is great fun, I feel like Robin Hood. (See photo below)

I'm hoping to move down to



Justin singing Amazing Grace at the student presentation day

the Cranmer Street property soon and hope that this will help me in getting my own place again. I'm volunteering one day per week at the Headway Charity shop in town and have met some great people there.

I've seen a few changes at Jordan House and get on well with the other lads and the staff. This is the best place I've lived in ages."

*Justin*

## Team Update

Michelle has joined the team as Temporary Support Worker covering for Nikki who has given birth to a baby girl, Annabelle Lucy. We pray for Nikki, Mike, Maisie and Annabelle and trust that the Lord will keep them safe and bless them. Dianna Ross has joined the Board of Trustees and brings with her some business acumen which will equip her as she takes on the position of Treasurer vacated by Beryl.



**We welcome Michelle and Dianna to our team and pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless them both as they do His work.**

## Some Facts and Figures

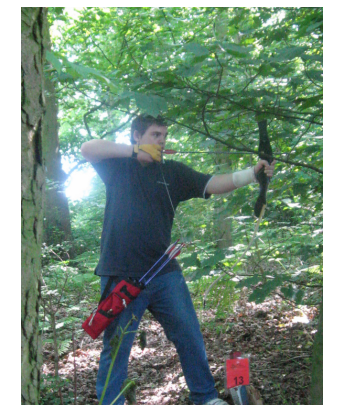
Did you know? ... we provide 24/7 staff cover, a Sunday lunch every week - BBQ's on occasion, provide welcome packs of food and toiletries to all new residents, buy gym & swim sessions for our lads to use free of charge, allow internet use, volunteers take our lads to quiz nights and archery clubs, our Board are all volunteers, we have been accredited as a Good Landlord, we have a storage container for



donated furniture to pass on to our leavers, we rely on sponsors, donations and fundraising to meet our costs?

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The  
number of food parcels given out to people calling at our door between 3rd April and 26th August (21 weeks)  
... at least one every week.

We need more stocks so that we can continue to bless new residents and visitors.



Richard, our very own Robin Hood