

Thanks for Your Support

SHAID would like to thank KP Snacks at Tanfield Lea for their generous donation of crisps and snacks.



Our clients and those at PACT House enjoyed their tasty treats.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You

SHAID Wishes Colleagues Every Success

Unfortunately SHAID will be saying goodbye to two of its workers in the new year.

Amy Robinson and Lin Camsell who work for SHAID as part of Home Group's sub contracted training programme will be transferring over to Home Group's offices in Belmont.

The transfer, which will take place at the beginning of January has come about due to cuts in Home Groups funding.

SHAID's Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers would like to wish both Amy and Lin every success for the future.

They will be sorely missed by all at SHAID.



An Audience with Horrible Histories' Terry Deary

SHAID are pleased to announce that Terry Deary, Author and TV Personality has agreed to give an inspirational talk on his life from his humble beginning as a butchers boy to a writer of 288 fiction and non-fiction books which have sold in excess of 27 million copies in 40 countries.

The event which is to be held 6pm on the 16th January at PACT House is open to all, if you would be interested in attending please contact Audrey on 07534 984831 to reserve a space.



A Funding Success Story

SHAID are pleased to announce that they have secured a grant for £1,100 from Stanley Town Councillors through the Members Initiative Fund.

The funding was sort to enable us to further develop the Freedom Zone, a support group for members of the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, aged 16 to 25.

The group currently meet fortnightly within the Stanley area and are supported by SHAID and DISC. If you would like to find out more about the service please contact SHAID on 01207 238241 or would be interested in joining please contact Jo Dixon DISC's LGBT Support Worker on 01325 731160.

Support Services 3rd Quarter report

Pre Tenancy Support

We've had a busy quarter with **28** young people either self referring or being referred by partner organisations. Of these:

- 14** Have been successfully rehoused
- 2** Are currently viewing properties
- 12** Have remained at home

Floating Support

SHAID are currently supporting **29** young people on our Floating Support service

SHAID's management would like to thank the support workers for their hard work during this quarter.

Well Done Terry

SHAID would like to congratulate it's Patron Author Terry Deary on a cracking performance on BBC's Celebrity Mastermind.

Terry, who's specialist subject was GK Chesterton's Father Brown Stories won the competition with a score of 19 points.

Terry kindly donated his appearance fee to SHAID.

Thanks Terry and well done.



Canny Cooks Cook Up A Festive Feast

This year was the first Christmas meal arranged and cooked by SHAID's Canny Cooks. The group, who meet weekly, were originally brought together by SHAID's Social Isolation Navigator, Christine Fairley, with the aim of reducing isolation and promoting social inclusion for individuals within the Stanley area. The group has proved to be a great success with firm friendships forged amongst members.

The group wished to express their thanks to SHAID, Stanley AAP and local councillors for helping them out with funding and support, to this end they decided to host a Christmas lunch.

The group devised the menu and prepared the meal which consisted of;

Starter

Watermelon and Feta Salad or Prawn Cocktail

Main Course

Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings and a choice of Turkey and/or Ham

Dessert

The Canny Cooks Raspberry Cheese Cake Surprise or Christmas Pudding

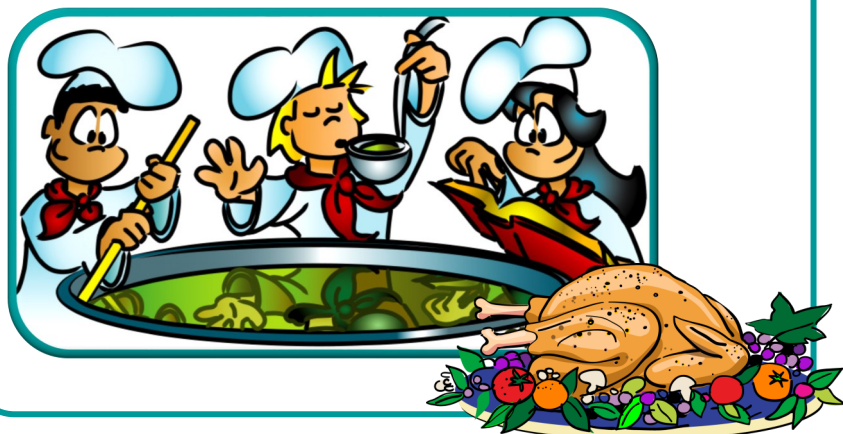
After Dinner

Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies

The group and invitees thoroughly enjoyed the day with a total of 20 people sitting down to the Christmas Meal.

Thanks to the success of the lunch the group have plans to host a similar event at Easter.

A big well done to everyone involved.



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