

# Camphill Devon

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### Summer is on the way

There is a distinctly summery feel to this edition with mention of holidays and our summer fair at Hapstead on Sunday 16 July. Before that, in June, there is the involvement of our workshops in the Contemporary Craft Fair in Bovey Tracey: modestly described as "the tourism event of the year". The sail boat illustration is a reminder of how close we are to the beautiful Devon coast and also that our involvement with Dart Sailability has started again. People will be involved in sailing on Tuesdays or Saturdays for the whole of the summer... only if they want to of course!

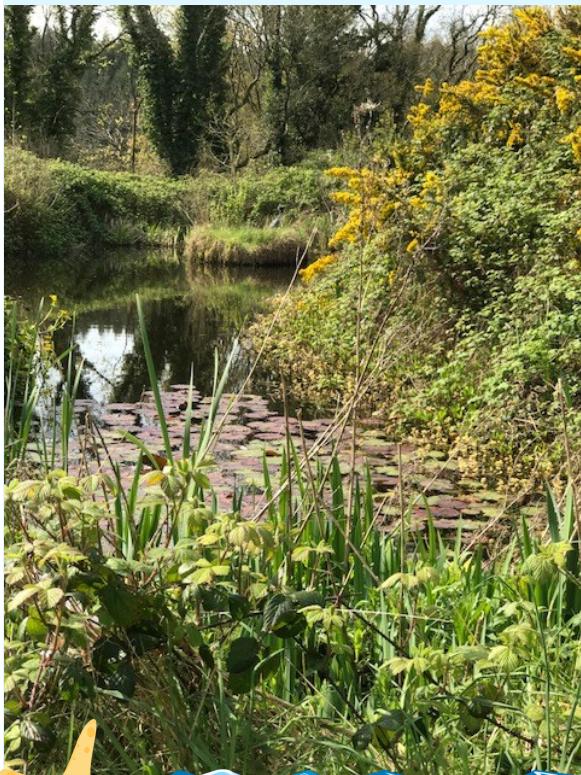
Those who come to the summer fair and have not been to Hapstead for a while will be amazed by the new building and other work such as paths and railings to make it easier for people to get around the site. By then most of the work will be finished and available for viewing: certainly from the outside and possibly inside as well.

It has been a busy time at Hapstead with all the building work going on and countless big vehicles arriving to deliver materials. The next arrival should be the windows, and then the new building really will look like the plans and illustrations that were on display a year ago. It is tempting to show a photograph of the building but instead the camera has been pointed in a more peaceful direction: the Hapstead ponds. Can you spot the heron, standing motionless and hoping for sight of one of our koi carp?

That question was tested on a one year old child, who took less than 5 seconds, and a five year old who said, "I am too busy!" without looking up from school homework. As for me, I am still looking!

Enjoy this issue

John



### Out of the woods

We have a beautiful woodland here at Hapstead. As well as being tranquil and habitat for many animals it is also a great resource, especially for our wood workshop. Here are some pens, propelling pencils, and a scoop that have been made recently. This picture shows the pens and pencils sitting on top of a piece of yew, that they have been made from. The scoop was made in a similar way, turned on the lathe by individuals in a woodwork session.



## A silver lining

We use a lot of recycled copper and other metals in our metal workshop here at Camphill Devon. Some of our pieces would benefit from us adding a little piece of sterling silver to give them a bit of 'bling.' As always we love to recycle and keep our material costs down where we can. Like other metals we can recycle silver in a process called smelting. This means that if you have an old broken chain, bracelet, or that one odd silver earring. You can donate them to us we can put all the little pieces together and turn something old and broken into something new and fabulous. Please get in touch if you have anything you could donate, or just post it or bring it in. Thank you



Here is a new piece made recently in our metal workshop. We are hoping to make the heart in the middle from silver to add that special touch.



Here is a lovely donations we have just received. Everything here will be used, whether it is added to, used as a pendant or melted.



## Funky Drama

Ben, who lives here at Camphill Devon, has been going down to the Funky Llama for Drama sessions. He gets a lift down but likes to go in independently, so we are all excited to see what he has been working on. Sometimes he will show us a little at our Monday Gatherings, where everyone has the opportunity to let us know their news. He has many friends there and really enjoys performing. Funky Llama Drama sessions are designed especially for people with disabilities and who feel they would benefit from additional support. Members explore drama and expressive movement in a fun and friendly environment. At the moment Ben and his friends are working towards a performance on Plymouth Hoe on the 10th June.



**Ben just hanging around**



**The group planning the show**



**Ben is learning many new skills**



## A Holiday with a difference

A couple of years ago one of our tenants in Supported living had an independent holiday at the Foxes Hotel. This is a very special place, situated on the seafront of the beautiful seaside town of Minehead. It is the UK's only training hotel for young people with learning disabilities. Nestled between the hills of Exmoor and the sea it is an ideal location for a holiday. There are many activities on the doorstep including the heritage West Somerset Steam Railway and the start of the South West Coastal Path. There are no support staff so individuals are assessed to go for a holiday on their own. There are some day trips organised as you can see below on the week plan. David has increased his 5 night holiday to a 7 night this year because he had such a great time. Minehead is a lovely town. Lots of the cafes and shops employ adults with learning disabilities so there is a lot of understanding around the town. As well as offering holidays Foxes trains individuals in catering, leisure and tourism. David said he had a great holiday and is looking forward to going back this summer. David particularly liked the trip to Lynton, Lynmouth and Exmoor looking at an old church. He also enjoyed a visit to a local rare breeds farm. He said all the food was lovely.



**David at the Tarr Steps**

Welcome to Foxes					
day	breakfast	morning	afternoon	dinner	evening
Friday 1 May 2015	N/A	N/A <b>Bar open till 10.00pm</b> Ramp Door locked 10.00pm-7.00am	WELCOME to Foxes ! Arrive after 2pm to check in, have a welcome 'cuppa', settle in and find your way round ! Watch out for the Hobby Horse....	3 course Dinner-served in our basement Dining room- 6pm	Evening drinks ie Hot Chocolate, at 9.30pm <b>8pm Bar-Icebreaker with - come and meet the others!</b> <b>9pm Quiz night</b>
Saturday 2 May	£10 	Breakfast in Main Dining Room 8.30-9.30am 	10-12- Coffee Morning Fundraiser for local Autistic Society in the Hotel Lounge	Afternoon tea available in the lounge 4.30pm	Dinner 6pm Main Dining Room Basement. Evening drinks ie tea available at 9.30pm- <b>8pm Bar- Music and laughter</b> <b>9pm Quiz night</b>
Sunday 3 May	£10 	Breakfast in Main Dining Room 8.30-9.30am 	Traditional Sunday Lunch In MAIN Dining Room at 1pm 	3pm Afternoon tea available in the Lounge today	Enjoy selection of sandwiches and a Somerset Cream Tea-Main Dining room- 6pm - evening drinks served 9.30pm <b>Games Session in the Bar from 8pm</b> <b>9pm Quiz night</b>
Monday 4 May	£10 	Breakfast in Main Dining Room 8.30-9.30am 	<b>Diesel Dave trip-</b> meet in bar at 10.00 - collect a picnic, and head off to explore West Somerset,	4.30 Afternoon tea available in the Lounge today	Dinner 6.00pm Mocktail Party Night- Music, quizzes, games in the Bar from 8pm <b>9pm on duty till 10.00pm</b>

**The weekly plan of David's last holiday**

## The sun and the calves are out !

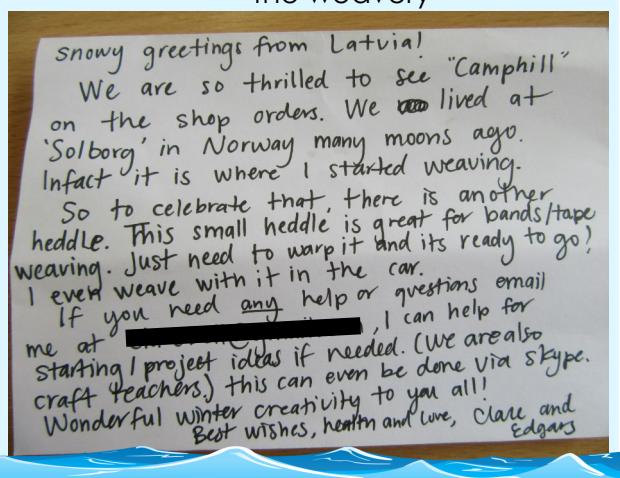


These 10 calves are now fully weened and out in the fresh grass

## A heart warming note



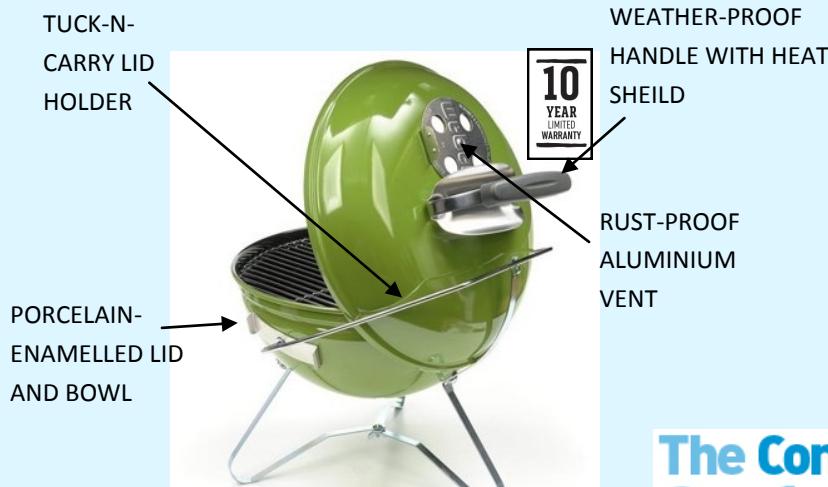
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## Raffle

We are looking forward to another lovely summer fair this year. It is always a great event with plenty to see and do. Great food, atmosphere and an opportunity for everyone to visit and see what we have been working on in the workshops here at Camphill Devon.

Our raffle this year has a star prize of a stylish Weber portable BBQ , complete with coals, picnic blanket, utensils and we are even throwing in some steaks from our farm and a fine bottle of red wine. A great win for those idyllic summer picnics whether you are visiting the beach, moors or woods.



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### Star Potter

Sylvia is developing her own unique style of pottery that we are looking forward to showing off, alongside other artists' work, at the Contemporary craft festival later this month in Bovey Tracey.

