Camphill Devon's Monthly Newsletter October 2022

A Happy Ending

Everyone worked so hard on sculptures for this year's T.R.A.I.L exhibition. We even had outside help from volunteers and past employees. However, once constructed on the sea front or display was destroyed by vandals. This was a very sad event, but we quickly came up with an idea and made a flower wreath to put in its place. I am happy to say that despite the sad beginning our sculpture was still recognised and won a prize from a local business for it's use of recycling. Lauren came with me to collect the award from Amy one of the organisers of the exhibition. 'The Environmental Award' which is a lovely recycled trophy, and a financial gift, a great recognition of everyone's hard work.

Advent Fair

Our fair this year will be on Sunday 27th November from 1-4pm.

We look forward to welcoming people onsite to join in some festive fun. Everyone involved in our craft and garden activities have been working hard, making items to sell. There will be a raffle and some festive crafts, food and games.

If you are interested in having a stall or would like to donate a raffle prize please get in touch with Liz lizwcave@camphilldevon.org.uk

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Learning new skills

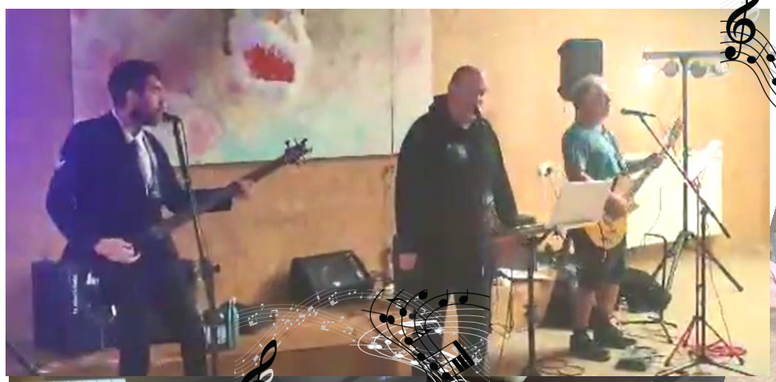
Collette has been learning needle felting and is making some lovely textured pieces.

Lauren has sewn a leather bracelet which she is very proud of.

Simon has been drilling golf balls and then adding screws, to make some lovely recycled flowers.

Sandra from Salty's in Ashburton came up to show Jo and the painting group how to screen print. They used some old screen to practice and are looking forward to coming up with some new designs.

Harvest celebrations



This year's Harvest celebration rocked! Frustratingly we haven't been able to hold any gathering of the Community for the last two years due to Covid, so this year, we thought it was important to make it a real occasion. Everybody had so much fun which was a joy to see.

All the houses contributed homemade soup and bread, with some of the soup ingredients coming straight from the land. In the near future, we will be fundraising to build a 'garden kitchen' within our barn so that food can be brought directly from the land and cooked for such an occasion.

It was lovely seeing house staff, office staff and the people we support, from our Day service, supported living service and our residential service, all sitting round and breaking bread together, telling stories, catching up, and in some cases meeting for the first time. It was lovely to see old friendships rekindled and new friendships being forged.

This year, for our entertainment, we invited 'The Rockeries' to come and play. They are a unique and talented rock band made up of two people with learning disabilities and their Support Worker.

Aaron on the bass, used to come to Camphill Devon for day activities until he moved to Dawlish Garden Trust, which is where they all met. Hence the name 'The Rockeries'. Dave was brilliant on the vocals and Adrian on lead guitar. They played some covers as well as some songs they have written and composed themselves. It was a great gig and everyone really enjoyed dancing; Toby even showed off his break-dancing skills.

We are all very much looking forward to the next community event and are already planning a party for Halloween.