

Curriers Enterprises

Jan-Feb Newsletter

2009

The catering enterprise, **Curriers Pantry** has now opened to the public. We have been serving customers since Monday 9th February!

A variety of drinks, hot and cold sandwiches, jacket potatoes, soup and various other specials including chick pea curry are on offer.

This is going to be an exciting time for everyone who has worked in the kitchen at Curriers Enterprises, so if you get the chance, come down to Curriers Pantry and try out the food for yourself!



The woodcraft enterprise has been busy lately and has some bird boxes ready to sell. They offer three types of bird box:

- 32mm hole
- 25mm hole
- Open fronted for birds such as robins and blackbirds

These bird boxes are available from £9.99 without preservative or £10.99 with preservative (in either rustic gold or forest red colour).

They can also make planters and bird tables to order, from as little as £7.99.

If you think you are interested then please call Curriers Enterprises on 024 7678 6831, and ask for Alastair.



STARS OF THE MONTH

Bradley Tiernan -
For passing his Grade 3
Food Safety
course!



Roman Syzmko -
For his hard work in his
new cleaning job
at Curriers!



Maria Watkins -
For her consistent
hard work in the
textiles
enterprise!

The Herons Table Café at Coombe Abbey

As most of you are aware after reading the previous newsletter, together with Brandon Wood Farm Curriers are supporting the running of the café at Coombe Abbey. *Casual staff* and *volunteers* are required to support people with learning disabilities in the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and general cleaning duties.

**If you are interested then please call
Nicholas Arnold on: 024 76450454**

Adult Education

Presently at Curriers there are three different courses that adult education runs throughout the week.

On a Wednesday a group of people gather in the craft room ready for their day ahead hairdressing. They have learnt all sorts of skills since the start of the course including; brushing hair, washing hair, putting products onto hair, styling hair, blow drying hair and how to use curlers. They talk about how to do different tasks such as; how to put rollers in, what products to use on different types of hair and how to 'tongue' hair. *Lyn* said "I love it...its helpful with Rachael (the instructor) because she helps us."



Thursdays provide an opportunity for those who are involved in the work skills course to meet up and develop their interview, communication and team work skills along with visiting potential work places and attending work placement schemes. The group learn about customer service, health and hygiene and rights and responsibilities.

The computer course that runs on a Friday is currently working on building up the website for Curriers. People work together to add information, pictures and format different aspects of the website. *Eric (one of the group)* said "Been quite a good course with Andy (the instructor) and he explains to us about computers and the website."



The PM visits Coventry!

As some of you may be aware, Gordon Brown visited Coventry on Friday 13th February. Some people from Curriers and TESS were lucky enough to get invited along to this meeting. Some people from Curriers had a chance to meet Gordon and ask him questions.

Peter H describes what happened in the day for us: "We had a drink and cake. Then took our seats (*very near the front*) and heard him (*Gordon Brown*) talk about jobs...I didn't ask any questions. Then we left and we shook his hand after. He was alright."

One of the other attendees, Peter S, stood up to ask Gordon a question. Peter asked "What are you doing in the current climate to get disabled people into work?"

After the official conference had finished, staff and service users from Curriers and TESS were fortunate enough to see Gordon outside and got a few minutes to shake his hand and have a quick informal chat to him. Helen stretched out an invitation for Gordon to visit Curriers Enterprises and see first hand what everyone does here. We will just have to wait and see if he takes her up on this offer!!!

Overall, everyone really enjoyed meeting the PM and it proved to be a good opportunity for people from Curriers to get their views across. With Gerard's view of Gordon being a positive one "He is a good prime minister, he's ok."

Managers Corner

Happy New Year!

We have started the New Year on a really positive note with people enjoying new challenges and opportunities here at Curriers and in the community.

'Curriers Pantry' being open to the public has provided a new outlet for people to further develop their skills in customer service, presentation and team working.

Well done to everyone for continuing to provide an excellent service during the recent spell of bad weather.

Looking ahead, Curriers will be holding an open day on 2nd April 09 between 11.00 – 1.00pm. Please come along and see our exciting new developments. Look forward to seeing you.

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