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PLAZA PARTY FOR 2013

The Plaza Party was held on
Friday 31st May 2013
from 4.00 – 6.00pm at Cassia House

This event is MCA's annual acknowledgment
for Volunteers and Staff years of service.

Education achievements for staff.

Staff Service Award of the year.

There were 90 people in attendance at this year's Plaza Party. Manningham City Council was well represented with Joe Carbone and many Councillors in attendance. This allowed them the opportunity to see how many volunteers and staff members are acknowledged for their service years.

The food was delicious with plenty of variety, and the atmosphere in the Plaza was very relaxed and friendly.



Mary Wooldridge MP – Member for Doncaster, with Susan Vincent, MCA's recipient of this year's 'Staff Service Award'.

Congratulations Susan!!



Photo above right: Robert Cole – Chairman of Friends of Manningham Supporting Relatives addressed the group and handed over a cheque for \$3,000 to the centre.

Photo bottom left: David Meiklejohn AM and Ross Dawson proudly in receipt of the generous cheque for \$3,000 from the FOM Committee.



Photo bottom right: Robert Cole – Chairman of FOM and David Meiklejohn AM – Chairman of MCA. This was a fantastic result and we sincerely thank the FOM for their continued support.



Friends of Manningham Supporting Relatives Committee

SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE

An important role of the Friends of the Manningham Centre in supporting relatives is to provide a range of activities of interest to them.

Recently the Friends organised a presentation by Martin Craig of MJHC Legal on Wills and Estate Planning. This proved to be most informative and entertaining.

He covered and answered questions on:

- Why have a Will
- Consequences arising from intestacy (no Will)
- Tax effective Wills
- Wills for people with special needs.

Marks conclusion was "There is nothing more certain in life except death and taxes. No one can avoid the first. Proper planning can minimise the second."

If you would like more information about the Friends contact Wendy Harpham on 9848 8983.

Event feedback:

- Our enjoyable coach trip to **Box Stallion Winery** with Bluestone Jazz band playing – Saturday 17/8/2013 was once again a success.

Forthcoming events include:

- Our **monthly dinners** at restaurants in the Manningham area.
- Our Annual Fundraising **Trivia Night** – Saturday 19/10/2013.

Please contact:-

Wendy Harpham on 9848 8983

Robert Cole – Chairman - FOM



Friends of Manningham Supporting Relatives Committee

Back row – L-R: Ross Dawson, Barry Mernagh, Ray Barrington, Robert Cole, Jane Roberts, Shirley Morris

Front row – L-R: Betty Dellas, Wendy Harpham, Graeme Jarvis, John Treverton



MESSAGE FROM THE 'PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE':-

Hopefully soon we will be launching a very special project, which will connect the youth and older people of our community while directly benefiting MCA residents and clients. Watch out for how you might be able to assist with this Promotions initiative.

Lyn Sowersby – Convenor



Thank you to the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation

Due to the generosity of the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, who presented a cheque for \$7,000 to Manningham Centre on 18th June 2013, Cassia House has purchased two specific shower chairs, which will enhance quality of life for our residents with their daily use.



M.W.Bro. Vaughan Werner PGM on behalf of the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation presenting the cheque to Ross Dawson – CEO of MCA

Profile of Tanya Warms

– Volunteer Coordinator

I am married with two adult children. I have been managing volunteers for about 15 years. My last job was managing volunteers at the Jewish Museum in St Kilda and before then I had a role supervising volunteers at Villa Maria's Rehabilitation Centre at Wantirna.

I worked as a Speech Pathologist for many years so I have some background knowledge in mealtime assistance and communication. I am sure that will help me support the volunteers feel comfortable about their roles here.

I am a volunteer myself in my spare time at another organisation, so I know how it feels on the 'other side of the fence'.

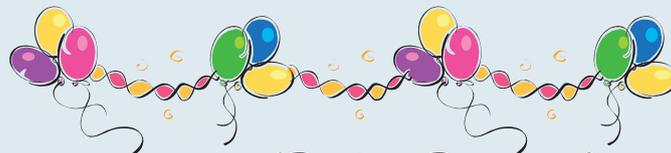
My hobbies include dancing, going to movies, walking and I am about to join a book club so if you have any advice on good books to read, please come and chat with me!



Accreditation at Doncaster Meleuca Lodge

The tri-annual visit by the Accreditation Agency took place on 16th & 17th April 2013. Their result was compliant with the required 44 out of 44 expected outcomes.

Congratulations to everyone involved.



Cassia House resident (Ruby Rogers) celebrates her 100th Birthday



L-R: Linda Gulli, (daughter) celebrating with her mum **Ruby Rogers**
Great lady of the day!!
Congratulations from all at Manningham Centre



L-R – Front row: Linda Gulli (daughter) and Ruby Rogers
L-R – Back row: Maria Bartoli and Irene Heymig
– both volunteers at Cassia House



*What great lengths some CEO's go to, just to get away from the desk!!
Ross Dawson on the Nepal Trek – showing Mt Everest top left hand corner.*

Donations

A donation envelope is available for use by our supporters. Donations are tax deductible and can be hand delivered to Manningham Centre or posted to 371 Manningham Road, Doncaster, 3108.

In lieu of flowers: a gift in memory

In response to the growing number of families who request an envelope for donations in lieu of flowers in funeral announcements, an envelope is now available for this special donation to Manningham Centre.

Memorial giving is a wonderful way to remember a loved one and help Manningham Centre to continue our

mission of assisting older people in the Manningham community. Donors may indicate if they would like a next-of-kin to be advised that a gift has been made. The gift is tax deductible for the donor. Manningham Centre will not disclose the amount of the individual gift to the bereaved family.

Please ring 9856 1201 to obtain these envelopes.

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