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New bus named after Graham Banes

On 15th August we were delighted to have Mr and Mrs Banes join us at Compaid to unveil a new bus which has been named after their son Graham, who sadly passed away in January. Graham had been a client at Compaid since 1995 and his smiling face always lit up our Training Centre.



L - R Stephen Elsdon (Chief Executive), Brian Banes
Jim Scrimgeour (Transport Manager) Pat Banes.

Do keep an eye out for Graham's bus on its travels around the area.

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TRAINING CENTRE NEWS

Publishing success!

Jonathan Sargent (Training Centre Co-ordinator) is a man of multiple interests and talents, and he has recently had a book published! We asked him the following questions in a bid to find out more...



What's the title of your book?

"The Private Lives of Teddies (and what they get up to when they think you're not looking)".

The author is me - I've renamed myself J.P. Lawrence. I thought it sounded pretty flashy until I realised it's just because it sounds like D.H. Lawrence. Now I wish I'd picked something else."

What age range is it aimed at?



So far it seems to be anything from about 5 to 10, but younger children normally need it to be read to them. Perhaps I can quote from a (rather rude) book review written by an 8-year-old:

"I like it because it's very silly – at one point the rabbit has to wear a tutu in a shop window. I've met the author and he is very silly." (No comment! Editor)

What was your inspiration for the book?

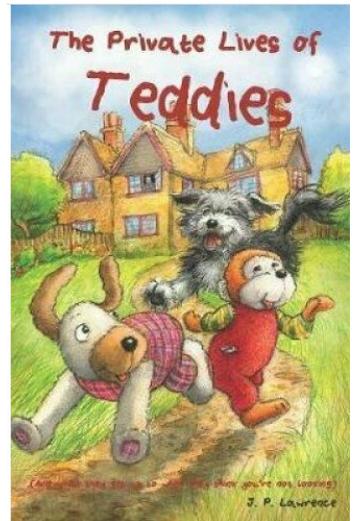
I'm sorry to say the inspiration for it is the games I used to play with my sister when I was a child. We imagined different personalities for our toy animals, and as time went on those personalities got more and more developed – and not always particularly nice! Arguably the main character is a large, dirty rabbit (the sort that people euphemistically call 'well-loved') who is rather overbearing and convinced of her own importance. Others include a tiny dog who invents a very unconvincing superhero alter-ego and a bear who is afraid of his own growl.

How much is it and where can we find it ?!

*It's £5, and the best place to buy it from is probably Barsleys in Paddock Wood. It is available on Amazon (please do leave a review!) but if people buy it from Barsleys they may stock it beyond Christmas. The fact that it's at Barsleys, and at the Hop Farm, is largely thanks to **Gina Stiles**, (Compaid client) who has written to various shops on my behalf to see if they would stock it, and also acts as pesterer-in-chief, asking me each week what progress I've made in getting my book 'out there'.*

I am also hoping to get it into some primary school libraries, so if any Compaid Voice readers are happy to make a gift of a copy to their local primary school, perhaps they could get in touch with me.

My website is at <https://2riversidecottages.co.uk>, and that is where the blog is where people can see what the teddies have been doing lately.



New “Soundcloud” account

SoundCloud is a free social music platform that anyone can use to share and listen to music and speech. Compaid now has a “Soundcloud” account where you can listen to content which has been created by Compaid clients. So far we have uploaded the first episode of our comedy series, **“Computers for the confused”**, entitled **“A bit of Chardonnay”**, voiced by Compaid clients **Josh, Susanna and Jim**.



You can also find a spooky short play by Stuart: **“Stuart’s Haunted House”**.

The website link is:

<https://soundcloud.com/compaid> Look (and listen!) out for more plays, music and interviews in the coming months.

Stuart



Lunchtime talks.

There is such a lot going on in the Compaid Training Centre that we decided to introduce a series of short talks to interested clients and volunteers on some of the activities we offer. **Rob Handley** (staff) started us off on Thursday with an introduction to coding using the Scratch program, and this will be repeated on other days for anyone who missed it! Future talks will include family history, art (using Corel Paint), comic strip creating, and how to create music tracks using the iMac.



Refreshing and “Revitalising” Holidays!

Some of our clients have recently been to specialist holiday centres for disabled people and their carers.

Allison Cooper (pictured) has just come back from a very full week at Netley Waterside House (near Southampton), which is a “Revitalise” centre. She had a very busy & enjoyable time, going on outings to Marwell Zoo, Bournemouth and Southampton. There are also indoor activities such as arts and crafts, quizzes, bingo and for those guests who are not going out. Allison said that the food at Netley House was very good, and she was also given a packed lunch on the days she went out. Allison has also visited Jubilee Lodge in Chigwell, Essex.



Malcolm & Wendy Davis have also just returned from Netley, and Wendy commented that “*it was a very enjoyable break and a good place to go*”. Wendy and Malcolm visited Winchester, Chichester and Southampton, and were also full of praise for the evening entertainment provided at Netley, which included music and a magician. More information on Revitalise and



their holiday centres can be found at

<https://revitalise.org.uk>

In other news...

Malcolm Hill brightens up everyone’s Friday at the Training Centre with his jokes on any topic under the sun. He’s now produced “***The Compaid book of forgettable jokes, probably Vol 1***”, with the help of Volunteers John Eagles and Simone Prince. It contains a selection of Malcolm’s best jokes, and would make a handy Christmas stocking filler. Donations welcome—all proceeds to Compaid.



Compaid Social Committee Wii bowling night

On Saturday 28th September the newly formed Compaid Social Committee held our very first event, which was a Wii bowling night held at the Training Centre.

It was a fiercely fought knockout competition, and three players were left in the final: **Donna Winch** (staff), **David Walter** (Volunteer) and **Tony Bennett** (Volunteer).

It was a close call as David had been the dark horse of the night and had been playing brilliantly all evening, but the eventual winner was Donna with a score of 245, followed by Tony with 191 and third place went to David with 128. **Jackie Fahey** (Volunteer) was the winner of the wooden spoon for the lowest score of the night with 89 points . An enjoyable time was had by all, and we look forward to more events in the future!



The winners, L-R:
David (3rd) Donna (1st) and
Tony (2nd)



The final
score card !



Jackie proudly
holding her
wooden
spoon!

Jess's Weight Loss Journey so FAR...

I am Jess and I decided that I wanted to lose weight. Two years ago I weighed 15 stone. Today I weigh 11 stone 4 ¼ pounds. I ate the wrong sort of food and did not exercise.

This is my story.....

I began eating food that was more healthy . I took small helpings. I started eating salad and vegetables. My favourite salad has red pepper, cucumber, lettuce, and sweetcorn. I like mayonnaise but I use a low calorie one. My favourite vegetables are carrots, broccoli and peas. I also like fish, especially cod and salmon. I put them in the oven, as this is healthier. Sometimes I have a few chips.



***Tip *** If I need a snack I have fruit instead of chocolate or biscuits. I still drink fizzy drinks but only diet ones. On Monday I weigh myself and do my weekly meal plan.



Week Commencing	20th August 2019						
Day	Weight	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Dinner	Walking	Swimming
Monday	11st 02lb	Eggs	Eggs	Fruit	Chicken Salad		
Tuesday	11st 02lb	Eggs	Eggs	Fruit	Quorn salad		
Wednesday	11st 02lb	Eggs	Eggs	Fruit	Chicken Thighs		
Thursday	11st 02lb	Eggs	Eggs	Fruit	Chicken Gizz and salad		
Friday	11st 02lb	Eggs	Eggs	Fruit			
Saturday	11st 02lb	Eggs		Fruit	Chocolate		
Sunday	11st 02lb	Eggs			Quorn Dinner BBQ		



Exercise makes you feel good and it uses up extra food so you don't get fat. I like walking. Sometimes I go out on my own around Paddock Wood for some fresh air or to the shops.

Twice a week I go swimming in Tonbridge. Swimming is good exercise as it burns lots of fat and it is a nice outing.

Well done, Jess - we're proud of you!

Josie Singer

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden passing away of Josie, who had been a regular Thursday client for several years. Josie had a way with words, and a passion for creative writing. During her time at Compaid she wrote numerous stories, poems, her autobiography, and even a pantomime for the staff and residents of her care home. Even as Josie's health declined, she could easily complete the Guardian quick crossword or win a high-scoring game of Scrabble. Josie loved her menagerie of soft toy animals, with a different one brought into Compaid each time she attended. We will all miss her.



Need2Change

We were recently visited by **Katrina** and **Vicky** from the **Need2change** organisation. As a group of mums to children with disabilities, they are all personally affected by the lack of changing facilities for their children and are advocating on behalf of them and **every** disabled child or adult who has been let down by not having a safe and appropriate place to be changed.

Katrina and Vicky said ***“It was incredibly valuable to hear the experiences of disabled adults who are living in the community. We were particularly struck by the difficulty people have in getting out and about and we are in awe of their resilience. We can see why spending time at your Centre is so important. Seeing so many people socialising and accessing computers, and the independence that must bring, was lovely to see.*”**

It was incredibly useful to learn about how a condition such as multiple sclerosis affects people, and hear firsthand about how the condition can vary from day to day and the difficulties it poses. We learnt about the importance of rest areas and accessible counters; how uncomfortable it can feel to ask for help in cafes and how road and pavement surfaces can make such a difference to getting around”.

Need2 Change supports the “**Changing Places**” campaign that provides disabled people with a place that they can use to be changed no matter what their age, size or ability, allowing a greater integration in their communities and the freedom to leave their homes without worrying that they will need to go home again if they need to use a toilet or be changed.

Changing Places have a toilet, hoist and an adult sized, height adjustable, changing bench for anyone who cannot use a standard toilet.



The photograph is of a Changing Places in Bromley Vue Cinema.

Katrina and Vicky commented: ***“We are incredibly grateful for all the input we received at Compaid. Thank you so much for helping us. If anyone would like to follow how we get on, or contact us with ideas, we’d love to hear from you.”***

You can reach us at:

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@need2change_uk (Twitter or Instagram)





Christmas Celebrations at Compaid



Tunbridge Wells Mayor to join Christmas festivities at Compaid - 3rd December

Compaid 's Christmas celebrations will begin on Tuesday 3rd December with a visit from **Mayor Cllr James Scholes** and his wife **Jane**. Other local Mayors and invited guests will join us to enjoy musical entertainment provided by Mascalls School 6th Form student's band. An afternoon tea, raffle, Christmas gifts and presentation is planned to raise awareness of our work at Compaid. We hope that some of you will be able to join us for this enjoyable afternoon.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

This year, Compaid is taking part in the **Big Give Christmas Challenge**. This is an opportunity for charities to attract online donations which are then matched, pound for pound, by major donors and philanthropists.

We are hoping to raise **£4,000** towards the cost of running one of our minibuses. **£1,000** has been pledged to a matching fund by Chief Executive **Stephen Elsdon** and Compaid Trustee **Christopher Shawdon**, and a further **£1,000** has been pledged by Lake House Charitable Foundation.



The Christmas Challenge goes live on **Tuesday 3 December** and runs for just one week. During that period, every pound donated to Compaid on the Big Give website will be matched by a pound from the pledge fund.

Additionally, if you pay income tax, we can claim Gift Aid on the value of your donation. This means that for every £10 donated, as much as £22.50 could be coming to Compaid at the end of the campaign.

We hope that as many people as possible will support this campaign, so please do talk to your family and friends about it. Further reminders about the Big Give will be sent out nearer to Christmas.

Seasonal Star Awards

I'm excited to announce the launch of Compaid's new Seasonal Star awards. These are designed to recognise and celebrate staff and volunteers who go that extra mile for their colleagues and clients.

The awards will be made in each season of the year, beginning with the Winter Star award. Nominations will be invited by email from mid-November, with shortlisting in early December by a small panel comprising the Chairman, John Ashelford, myself as Chief Executive, our HR administrator Judith Williams, Training Centre volunteer Bill Burford and Transport Team Leader Mike James. The final shortlisted nominees will then be voted for by staff and volunteers via an email poll, with the winner announced in early January.

Shortlisted nominees for the Winter Star will be featured in the January 2020 issue of **Compaid Voice**, along with details of the winner.

Stephen Elsdon, Compaid Chief Executive



Compaid Charity Christmas Cards

All original artwork by current and former Compaid Clients



"Poinsettia"

Pack of 6 small cards = £2.50

15 x 10.5 cm

No. of packs
required



"Badger"

Pack of 6 square cards = £4.80

13.5 x 13.5 cm

No. of packs
required

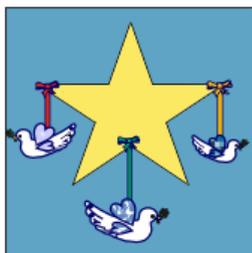


"Owl"

Pack of 6 small cards = £2.50

10 x 10 cm

No. of packs
required



"Doves"

Pack of 6 small cards = £2.50

10 x 10 cm

No. of packs
required



“Santa”

No. of packs required

Pack of 6 small cards = £2.50

15 x 10.5 cm



“Oast”,

No. of packs required

Pack of 6 small cards = £2.50

15 x 10.5 cm

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Email: admin@compaid.org.uk Tel: 01892 834539

Postage and Packaging

1 - 4 packs £2.50 5 - 10 packs £4.00 10 -15 packs £6.50

Total amount

Total amount inc. p & p

Name

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FUNDRAISING NEWS



Proud to be the Tunbridge Wells Mayor's
Charity of the Year
2019/20

Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Civic Dinner

Tunbridge Wells Mayor **James Scholes** and his wife **Jane** welcomed over 100 people to their Civic Dinner which took place at the High Rocks in Tunbridge Wells on Saturday 21 September. Guests included the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Medway, the Chairman and Lady of Thanet, representatives from Thanet District Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Town and Country Housing Group. Compaaid was represented by the Chief Executive, **Stephen Elsdén**, (who made a speech during the dinner), Chairman of Trustees **John Ashelford** and Trustee **Barry Jenkins OBE**.

We are delighted to report that over **£3,300** was raised at the dinner to help support Compaaid and our work across Kent. Guests enjoyed a lovely three course meal followed by an auction and raffle. The evening's entertainment was provided by Richie Soul who kept guests dancing and singing to an array of his popular songs.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following who kindly donated prizes for the raffle and auction – Barry Jenkins OBE, Bill's Restaurant, Handpicked Hotels, Leeds Castle, Lynne Wetherley, Mercure

Hotels, Nevill Golf Club, Pashley Manor, Poacher & Partridge, Rodney Fletcher Vintners, Shepherd Neame, Spa Hotel, Toshiba and Copier King Office Solutions and Woodchurch Vineyards. In addition we would like to thank our sponsors Lambert and Foster, Lindeyer Francis Ferguson, Paddock Wood Business Association and Hofmeister Helles whose support made this **event such a success.**

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming events in the Mayoral calendar to look forward to are the **Bridge afternoon on 2nd November** and **Quiz Night on 7th February.** We look forward to reporting on these events in future newsletters.



Matthew and Fiona Condron celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday 21 September our Trustee Fiona Condron and her husband Matthew celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a barn dance party for family and friends. The couple set up an online donation page and asked guests to make a donation to Compaid rather than buying them gifts. To add a little interest Fiona set a target of £500 agreeing that if it was reached she would take to the floor in her wedding dress!



We are delighted to say that the target was not only reached but surpassed all expectations which resulted in Fiona having to keep her promise..... A great evening was had by all and over **£1,300** was raised. A huge thank you to Fiona and Matthew and all their family and friends for their amazing generosity.



Ronnie's Race Night – take 2!



On Saturday 31st August the Mitchell family held their second Ronnie's Race Night in memory of Compaid client **Ronnie Mitchell**. Sue, his wife and his daughters Emily and Charlotte had such success with the first race night in 2017 that they decided to have a re-run!

The Mitchells were joined by family and friends for a fun evening at Eridge Village Hall which also included a raffle - once again it proved a great success raising an amazing **£1,027!** Many thanks to all who attended and to the Mitchell family for their continuing support of Compaid. We have recently taken delivery of a new vehicle which will have Ronnie's name inscribed across the bonnet so do keep a look out as it travels around the local area! (See Transport News on Page 26)

Would you consider holding a fundraising event?

As you can see from the two events above holding a fundraising event can be great fun and provide an ideal opportunity to celebrate a special occasion. There are many ways that you could support our charity – take on a personal challenge (like the bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats which was undertaken by staff member **Jo Montgomery** and her partner last year), have a coffee morning with your neighbours, or it could simply be a great excuse to have a fun evening with family and friends! We are always amazed by the amount that these events manage to raise and the fun had by those attending! If this is something that you would like to consider then please let us know – such events can be a great way of raising awareness of Compaid to a wider audience.

Fundraising Day

On Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August, the staff at McColl's branch in York Parade, Tonbridge held a Cowboys and Indians themed fun day in aid of Compaid. The day included the chance to “gunk” members of staff as well as cake sales, a raffle, temporary tattoos and more... The event was a great way to raise awareness of our work and our thanks go to all the staff and customers for making it such a success, raising over **£160**. We look forward to hearing about more fun days in the future !



Local Support

In addition to McColl's branches across the area we continue to receive support from collection tins at local businesses including the Co-Op petrol station on Branbridges Estate, Purple Pixie fabric shop at the Paddock Wood Hop Farm, Paddock Wood Chemist, Tesco Paddock Wood, Paddock Wood Bowls Club, Lynne's Organic Farm shop, The Hop Pole in Wateringbury and the Constitutional Club in Tunbridge Wells. Our thanks to all those who have agreed to support Compaid by displaying our boxes – every penny donated makes a difference!

If you know of any businesses, shops, restaurants or other places which may be willing to take a collection box please contact **Diane Bradley**

(dianebradley@compaid.org.uk) or **Nicky Buckwell**

(nickybuckwell@compaid.org.uk) and we would be

happy to contact them and arrange for a box to be delivered.



Support received

We are extremely grateful to all the Trusts, Foundations, local businesses, organisations and individuals who currently support Compaid, but we need to encourage more supporters to reach our target. To maintain our current support to disabled, elderly and vulnerable people we need to raise **£200,000** by the end of March 2020 and even more to fund our planned future developments.

Since our last newsletter we have been delighted to receive grants from a number of new Trusts and others who have been supporting Compaid for many years. These include: Ian Askew Charitable Trust, Sobell Foundation, Pennycress Trust, Morrisons Foundation and Thomas J Horne. The grants received have ranged between £200 to £10,000.

These Trust grants are essential in enabling us to continue supporting the many hundreds of disabled, elderly and vulnerable people who are in need of our services. In addition particular grants have also contributed towards the replacement costs of a new minibus, new iPad and an iMac computer for the Training Centre .

In this competitive funding market we are always keen to hear from businesses or individuals who may feel they could sponsor or support us in some way. So if you, or anyone you know, would like further information about how to support Compaid please contact Diane Bradley, Fundraising Manager (dianebradley@compaid.org.uk or call 01892 834539) for an informal chat.



How you could help....

Making regular donations

At Compaid, we are very grateful to the Charitable Trusts, local groups, businesses and individuals who regularly support our work. However, to meet the needs of those requiring our services we need to encourage more people to consider making a regular donation towards our work.

As mentioned previously, this will be an extremely challenging year for Compaid - To give an example of how easy it is to help - if 130 people set up a regular monthly donation of £10, that would raise (including Gift Aid) **£19,500** in 12 months. This is nearly 10% of what we need to raise in 2019/20.

The easiest way to set up a regular donation is with a Standing Order to your bank – if you use online banking this can be done from your computer, but if you'd prefer your local branch can help. You specify how much you would like to donate and how often you wish to make a donation. And you can easily amend or cancel your standing order at any time.

You will need Compaid's bank details which are as follows:

Account Name: Compaid Trust

Account number: 50260096

Sort Code: 20-88-13

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If you are a UK taxpayer you can also complete a Gift Aid declaration which means that HMRC will pay Compaid the tax that you paid on the value of your donation which increases the value of your charity donations by 25%. This means a donation of £10 is actually worth £12.50 for Compaid!

If you would like more information about how to make a regular donation

Support from Asda, Tunbridge Wells



We are delighted to announce that we have recently forged a partnership with Asda in Tunbridge Wells. The company has already kindly donated a number of items for use in our Training Centre including glasses, straws and mugs. They also donated items for our goody bags for our Compaid runners who raced in the Tonbridge Half Marathon on 6th October.

We are very grateful for their generosity and look forward to working with them in future.



Clients **Josh, Ros** and **Steffon** with some of the donated mugs and cups



Tonbridge Half Marathon 2019
Sunday 6th October at 10:00
UKA UNITED KINGDOM ATHLETICS



On Sunday 6th October the day started with torrential rain but fortunately by the time the Half Marathon was due to start the rain had passed, and the sun even managed to come out! Congratulations to **Kim Cross, Nichola Evans** and **Penny Pilbeam** who all completed the course in aid of Compaid. Another three athletes – **Granzia Manzotti, Jacqui O'Reilly** and **Carl Streeter** – had also signed up to run but were unfortunately unable to take part on the day. In total all these wonderful people and their supporters have raised nearly **£1,000** in sponsorship and the total continues to rise.

We would also like to thank our volunteers – **Jonathan Sargant** and **Andy Wythes** who were marshalling around the course, **Jenny Wythes** who was handing out medals and drinks to the runners and **Nicky Buckwell** who was manning the Compaid stand. **Diane Bradley** was present once again as Course Manager.



Kim Cross



Diane Bradley, Course Manager



Jenny Wythes at her water station



Penny Pilbeam (left) and Nichola Evans (right)

Volunteer News

By Judith Williams, H R Administrator

New Faces

Since the last edition of Compaid Voice we have been joined by some new volunteers in our Centre.



Chris Edwards - Born locally in Pembury, Chris worked for 15 years at Talking Newspapers, a small charity based in Heathfield.

Although Chris has no formal IT training his first role was working with the text service in the IT department. Being thrown in at the deep end, he quickly learnt many skills and as often happened in small charities he was asked to take on more than one role.

Having been made redundant and taking some time out of work, Chris decided that he would like to use his IT knowledge in a positive way and decided to apply for a voluntary role with Compaid.

Armed with a basic knowledge of coding (programming) and able to use software such as Scratch and Python, he was welcomed with open arms by a couple of our Wednesday clients. In his leisure time, Chris is a keen wildlife photographer and enjoys walking in the local area.

Sue Hunt — Having a background in support work with KCC, Housing Associations and the Probation Service, Sue has worked with a variety of client groups during her career, but due to ill health she had to stop work 3 years ago.



Originally from Tunbridge Wells, and now living in Yalding, Sue regularly uses our Maidstone Dial-a Ride service so was already aware of Compaid. Whilst chatting to one of the drivers, it was suggested that she could volunteer in our Training Centre, which she now does every Friday.

In 2001 Sue took herself off to Tamil Nadu in Southern India and Kathmandu in Nepal where she spent the total of a year as a volunteer teaching English to both adults and children.

She has a keen interest in many crafts such as making candles, soap, and clocks to name but a few. She also swims every week even though (in her own words) she looks like a drunk otter!

I would like to extend a warm welcome and a heartfelt thank you to them both.

Liz moves to Fridays

Training Centre Volunteer **Liz Scott-Ham** has been with Compaid since April 2015, kindly giving one morning a week out of her busy schedule to support our clients in improving their IT skills.

Originally volunteering on a Monday, Liz was asked a few months ago if she would be able to swap her day as more help was needed at the end of the week. After a couple of taster sessions Liz decided that Friday would suit her better, as she found that her own background in IT training really came into its own with the clients that she supports on that day.



So thank you Liz for being so accommodating and for continuing to volunteer. The support that you and our other volunteers give is worth its weight in gold!

Goodbye & Good Luck

We are sorry to say goodbye to our Arts and Crafts Volunteer, **Lydia Shacklock**, who is returning to her studies. She is keen to combine art and education and eventually have a career as a curator of an art gallery or museum.

A big thank you goes to Lydia for giving her free time. I for one will not forget the sight of clients marbling paper using shaving foam and food colouring!

Lydia will be missed by our Friday clients, staff and volunteers and we all send her our best wishes for the future.



Volunteers Needed

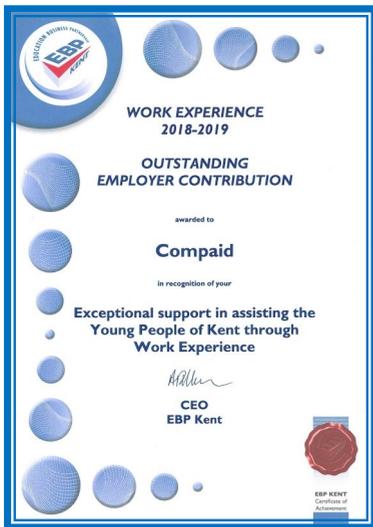
As always, we are in need of new volunteers to support our work in the Training Centre, with driving our vehicles and with Outreach.

I have placed a few ads in local parish and community magazines and my thanks to those who have agreed to include these free of charge. However if you know of anyone who can help, please do ask them to get in touch.

Work Experience Award

Each year for two weeks during the Summer term we host work experience students from local secondary and grammar schools arranged through Education Business Partnership Kent (EBP).

These students are placed in our Training Centre alongside experienced staff and volunteers supporting our clients to learn a variety of digital skills. They also gain a wider understanding of how various conditions affect people.



I am delighted to say that Compaid has been awarded a certificate from EBP for Outstanding Employer Contribution for 2018—2019, which is now proudly displayed in our foyer.

The letter accompanying the certificate reported some extremely pleasing feedback regarding the scheme. EBP said that overall 98.5% of young people placed in work experience have had positive experiences and that they often return to school with renewed motivation.

Well done to all staff and volunteers who have supported the work experience students, giving them such a positive experience and helping this initiative to be a success.

Judith



As reported in July's edition of **Compaid Voice** we have taken delivery of two brand new mini-buses that will be going into daily service from the beginning of October 2019. The last of the yellow buses which served Compaid clients well for over 8 years have now been disposed of.



Driver Mark Barton with the new bus named after former Compaid client Jeannette Kent



The new bus named after Ronnie Mitchell

Compaid Transport is delighted to welcome two new members of staff to its ranks. **Peter Micklewright** joined the driving team at the end of September in the important role of relief driver, and **Tara Hill** at the beginning of October in the role of passenger assistant at our Dartford based out station. We wish them every success for the future.

Jim Scrimgeour.

Transport Services Manager.

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Forthcoming articles.

Compaid Voice is for **you**—If there is anything you would like to see covered in Compaid Voice, please let us know. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding Compaid Voice, please contact Jonathan (Training Centre Co-ordinator) jonathansargant@compaid.org.uk or Jenny (Training Centre staff member). jennywythes@compaid.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!



Don't forget—we are also on Facebook and Twitter, where you can find the latest tweets on what clients have been up to.



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