

**“The times they are a’changin’”?**

So wrote and sang Bob Dylan and for many people the last 18 months has been just that, with different ways of working, people moving areas and many changing their attitude to life. We are also seeing changes at the Basement, with our CEO, Jackie, retiring in the Autumn and a new CEO due to join us soon, a new kitchen/dining area at Hanover House, our work with AXIS ending and our Senior Support Worker Marina getting married. More on these in this and the next edition of our newsletter.



**CONGRATULATIONS MARINA & PETE**

Our Senior Support Worker Marina married Pete Keegan on 12<sup>th</sup> July in Cheltenham registry office with a church blessing at St Paul's church, Shurdington on 17<sup>th</sup> July followed by a reception at The Storyteller in Cheltenham. Marina and Pete were at school together and did go out for a short while but then went their separate ways only to meet again almost 5 years ago when love blossomed!



*Above: Marina with her son, Sonny, and the Basement team.*



AXIS closed at the end of July after 5 years supporting young people in crisis in the Kidderminster/Wyre Forest area. This was a partnership project led by Wyre Forest Nightstop with us, Kidderminster Youth Trust and Ourway as the core partners.

Unfortunately there was no continuation funding for this project, however we continue to offer Floating Support to young people in this area and between the partners we will support any young people in crisis. Our details are with all partner organisations in Wyre Forest and we'll continue to have regular partnership meetings to keep each other up to date.



**Keep informed  
 and join the fun!**





## Basement Photo Gallery (showing some of the recent activities)



Our new kitchen and dining area available for clients to use as well as staff, made partly available courtesy of an anonymous donation of £1,000 to pay for new equipment like freezers and fridges...



...Bromsgrove Ladies Circle have chosen us as their charity for the year, and held a retro sports night and a car boot sale to raise funds for us. They also put together 10 Men's Health Packs for Men's Health Week, which went out to our male clients. In August, they will be doing a sponsored Stay Up to raise even more funds. Thank you ladies!



Pupils from years 9 and 10 of North Bromsgrove High School came to sit in our garden for a covid-safe presentation about our work, which included a virtual tour shown on a TV, organised by our Community Fundraiser, Kelly. Later that week they raised funds and food bank donations for us by wearing rainbow colours as part of celebrating Pride and World Music Day. Thanks guys - your support is really appreciated.



...as usual a big **THANK YOU** for all the donations received including from Hagley and Holy Wells Lodge; Barnett Waddingham; Bromsgrove Preparatory School; Bromsgrove School; Bromsgrove Lib Dems (pictured left) and the Co-op (pictured right).



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