



L'Arche Belfast News & Views Summer 2007



Quote

It's a sure sign of
Summer if the chair gets
up when you do!

Walter Winchell



P.S. Thanks for the
chairs Jim & Pat!!

Dates for your Diary - CRAFTY PEOPLE UNITE!!

Why not come along to one (or both) our craft workshops this Summer starting with Verena's silk painting evening at The Ark on **Mon 9th July @ 7.30 p.m.** or Megan's equally stunning 'Beautiful Books' on **Sat. Aug. 11th** from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Please contact us to book your space.

Please note there will be **no** visitor's evening during July and August - visitor's evening will resume on Tuesday 11th September.

Birthday Reminder!

- 7th July - John Bradley (Past Assistant)
- 10th July - Greta McIlveen (Past Assistant)
- 23rd July - Antra Likuma (Past Assistant)
- 25th July - Scott Shively (House Leader)
- 16th August - James Adams (Support Worker)
- 21st August - Govinda Raj-Joshi (Past Assistant)

Welcomes & Farewells



Greetings to our summer visitors!! Gosia from Poland and Marie from Czech Republic (no strangers to these shores). Hello also to Magda from Poland who will be joining us in August for one month. Can't wait til' you join us!!

Say **farewell** to the formidable 'Guatemala Four' (Mary, Nadja, Maureen & Malcolm) in July. They join Habitat for Humanity in South America to help build some much needed housing. Now theres a honey moon with a difference!!!

Wonder could
we trade Rosie
in?

BEAUTIFUL BOOKS – Step-By-Step with Megan
On holiday? No better time to create a simple and beautiful book for your keepsakes. Come along and have some fun and a home-baked snack.



Children aged 6+ very welcome with adult.
£5 per person - RSVP to Megan by Aug 1st to 07786 528945 or crafts@larchebelfast.org.uk

A Good Word -

The annual lagan walk on June 2nd was a great success and the BBQ proved a welcome diversion to the cloudy skies, but thankfully the rain stayed away until the last burger was scooped! Thanks Carole and Co.!! The money is still coming in and to date we have received £1500!!!

AND

Special thanks to all who contributed in any way to help raise funds for the Habitat trip to Guatemala. The required target of £1500 was reached, so well done!



The Dream: Together in community we dream of "a world ... where people, whatever their race, religion, culture, abilities or disabilities can find a place and reveal their gifts" - Jean Vanier, Founder of L'Arche

“I do!” – L`Arche Belfast`s “Royal Wedding”

Weeks and months had passed with everyone waiting for the big day. Suits had been bought, dresses organised and handbags chosen. On June 22nd it was finally here – our very own Royal Wedding, with our Maureen in the role of Queen and her beloved Malcolm at her side. They probably had a really hard job to do, planning the service, the party, writing all the invitations – however, that was nothing compared to our task here in the Ember answering hundreds of questions like; “*When are we going to the wedding?*” and “*Will there be dancing afterwards?*”.

I guess Helen came up with the most important question; “*Will Maureen be at the wedding?*” We were pretty hopeful about that one, so it was all sorted! And on the morning of the big day I had also been told that marriages between people who look alike always seem to work out...well, that should leave us in no doubt about Maureen & Malcolm! But the actual celebration reaffirmed our thoughts on that! Our Mo had told us in advance that we should do a little performance in church, while they would be (as she put it) “*signing something*” – (hope she knew a little more about that)...Anyway, after all the “*I do’s*” were sorted out and promises galore were made we went up to the front and sang two songs – people seemed to enjoy it whereas I was a bit concerned about my hair being very close to the candles (caused by Larry trying to squeeze through to the back – not wanting to take centre stage).

Later that day we then finally arrived to the most important bit of the day, at least for some people: the dancing! Starting off with a Ceili, the newlyweds couldn’t have chosen any better way of getting people up. Jillian, with her new hair style flinging in all directions, even got birthday boy Murray, up for a wee swing. Helen was reported the highest jumper ever seen at a wedding ceili and Thomas was on the floor till; “his legs were sore”. Larry, however, could not be prised from the table where he had his beer and coke; but surprisingly towards the end, the “Queen” herself managed to get him up for a dance where he did his best to look as if he was enjoying it.

Reading about the purpose and so-called “commandments of Marriage” one tends to find lines about “sacrifices” that both partners have to make. Maureen probably felt she’d made enough for next twenty years squished into uncomfortable heels all day long. I guess she’ll get her own back on Malcolm for that on their up-coming trip to Guatemala, when he gets to carry loads of bricks for her.

Whatever way that’s gonna work out, L`Arche Belfast wish them all the best for their future together and hope to be invited for loads of dinners and parties at the newly-weds` house.



Nadja

Together we Pray

Loving God

*You call us into being
and give us our mission,*

Thank You

*for the gift of one another,
Thank You for our journey
together in L`Arche.*

Help us to grow

in our response to you,

Listening to your voice within us,

Seeing You around us,

Delighting in our gifts,

Forgiving one another

for our failings,

Welcoming tomorrow

in Faith, Hope and Love.

Amen

We give thanks:

*For the blessings of warm
weather and good food.*

For the blessings of friendship

*For the blessings of
community*

We ask:

*That you will watch over our
summer travellers and return
them all safely to the bosom of
our little community.*

Silk painting with Verena.

Monday 9th July @ 7.30 p.m.

*Silk painting can be quite easy. With
relatively simple techniques and a
nice choice of colours you can achieve
very beautiful results. You can make
scarves, ties, bookmarks, stickpins,
brooches etc. etc.*

*Depending on what you choose to
make, costs range from only a few
pounds. Please let me know if you
are interested in attending.*

Verena

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