

**Annual Video Report – with a Difference
2020 – 2021 – Text only version.**

Centre 81 AGM is always quite a jolly affair with members, staff and volunteers mixing with Patrons, trustees and all the other brilliant people who support us.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions we had to postpone this in 2020 and put on hold lots of other activities and events that are such an important part of our calendar. But as always with Centre 81 when things can't go ahead as planned, we adapt our plans to support our members, keep things running smoothly and prepare for the future.

We normally present our Annual Report at the AGM to highlight our events and achievements during the year, but as we haven't been able to do that and thought this short film would tell you what's been happening and what's going to happen in the months to come.

We have some exciting news, but more of that later.

Life up to March 2020 carried on quite normally, well as normal as things ever get at Centre 81. Members came and had fun at the Centre, enjoyed activities in the community and went on trips on our accessible minibuses.

But when Covid-19 struck in mid-March all that changed. We had to close our doors; our buses stood idle and we were all told to stay at home. Centre 81 had never experienced anything like this and we knew that enforced isolation could have a serious effect on our members. So, we sprang into action. Within a couple of days we were on the phones keeping in touch with members, taking orders for shopping deliveries and working out how we could safely reopen the skills and activities centre.

The answer was bubbles.

By August 24th Julie and our fantastic facilitators had set up three individual units at our Tar Works Road site, Red, Blue, and Yellow bubbles. Each accommodating between four and six members and three staff. There was no mixing between bubbles which meant we could keep everyone happy and active at the centre while minimising the risk of them transmitting or catching the virus. And for more than a year now, no one has caught Covid from attending the Centre.

Thanks to our amazing facilitators and drivers we have been able to provide eighty sessions a week to people who otherwise would have been stuck at home. The Bubbles have been a huge success and members love them. They have been able to do all the things they would normally do in a safe, Covid secure, stimulating, and fun environment. Many of them arrive at Centre 81 aboard one of our minibuses. The drivers often have another task, shopping. Members who are particularly vulnerable have been isolating at home and unable to get to the supermarket. So we have been doing their shopping for them. For the past year they have been able to call Julie,

Debbie and Lynne with a shopping list and have it collected and delivered by the drivers the following Tuesday or Thursday. Not just shopping, but prescriptions too.

Rosie said that the visit of driver Adrian Jarvis with her delivery was the highlight of her day.

Mary Large described the service as an absolute lifeline for her and her husband Alick. It's all part of the unique Centre 81 service, now and into a very exciting future. As you probably know we have acquired a new building in Yarmouth and will be moving in 2022 to Yare House in Morton Peto Road. It doesn't look very Centre 81 at the moment but just wait until we have transformed it. Yare House will give us more than double the space we have at present, room for modern state of the art equipment, well equipped kitchens and bathrooms, flexibility for bubbles if we need them, good quality offices and meeting rooms and loads of parking and outdoor space. It will take several months to adapt this huge commercial building, but it will be worth it. It's been a long journey to get here but what better way is there to celebrate Centre 81's 40th anniversary than by moving into a spacious new home.

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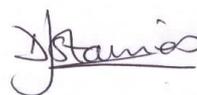
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Here's to our next 40 YEARS!



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Chair of Trustee Board
27th April 2021



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