

## Message from the Chairman

Again, another year packed with activity and new developments. Our manager's report shows the level of activity in the centre. In particular our holiday project is going from strength to strength with two holidays for day members and another for our evening teenager group.

Many thanks to our manager and all the staff who take the lead in ensuring our day to day activities maintain their high standard and also make the extra effort for the special events.

Do visit our website which includes newsletters and also video clips to see more about the centre.

Our extended hours project is now fully proven with activities until 7.00pm four nights a week. We continue to attract funding for this work, particularly to keep the teenager group free to users. We now plan to fund an outreach worker to extend this activity.

We have set up a project team to work on a major expansion of the centre's services. Briefly this is to build a new campus comprising of an enhanced day centre with a residential unit and an overnight respite facility. We have support from the county adult services directorate and Gloucestershire primary care trust. We are investigating a potential site near to the present centre and have a conditional pledge for substantial funding. We still need to raise significant additional funding and achieve planning consent, all of which will require major effort.

Success however will result in a centre of excellence of national standing. It would provide unparalleled opportunities and a stimulating environment for people, particularly young adults with severe and complex disabilities.

My personal thanks go to the staff and trustees who are working on this project as well as carrying out their normal tasks.

I also wish to thank the wide range of supporters in the local community, churches, clubs, schools, businesses and many individuals and of course our many volunteers. All are essential to our success.

Many thanks also to all our trustees and our tireless patron Mrs Ann Cadbury

Les Bonney  
Chairman