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A Man and his Dog and a Care Home!

Bob Travers and his labrador, Charlie have been attending the Potteries Care home "Dog Cafe", on the second Wednesday morning of each month, since the summer of 2023, although people still get their names mixed up. He has also supported the monthly service led by BBC, on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, since the autumn of last year. In addition, he attends as many of the Potteries public events as seem appropriate, as a representative of our church.



In passing you might like to know that a member of the Potteries staff and two residents came to help tidy the church grounds one sunny afternoon earlier this year.

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Bob has been visiting the home as an authorised volunteer since May 2024. He usually attends each Friday morning between 10.30 and lunch time. There are strict rules governing the work of volunteers which were made clear to Bob as part of his induction when he first started. In general Bob has been asked to meet with an individual resident, selected by the Life style team, with whom he talks either in one of the ground floor lounges or the cinema. Once we met in the hairdressers.



Bob's Labrador "Charlie"

More recently Jo da Silva, the leader of the team has sometimes asked him to meet with a small group of up to 4 people. Both, the individual sessions and the groups have apparently been successful with the residents. They and Bob alike have found the sessions enjoyable. In the marginal time around these sessions Bob speaks to whoever is in the coffee lounge and is willing to chat. He has also played the occasional game of Triominoes and helped out with a jigsaw. puzzle.

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Our Harvest service on the second Sunday of October was well attended by residents and a small team from the Church, led and accompanied on the organ by Graham Schooling.



In November, instead of our usual second Sunday service, we are planning an Armistice Day service the following day when a poppy wreath, donated by Broadstone Baptist Church will be laid at the feet of "Tommy" (the remembrance silhouette) in the grounds of the Potteries, visible from York Road. The service will start at 10.45 to permit the 2 minutes silence to be observed at 11.00 am and conclude before 11.30. Please have a word with Bob or Graham if you thinking of coming along.

Bob Travers
30th October 2024

 Pet friendly visits
