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Whitegates Summer BBQ – Saturday 17th July 2010

We were so lucky with the weather this year. Thirty minutes before we opened, so did the heavens with a torrential downpour. The winds were so strong we nearly lost a gazebo! David Carr loves water and he found it really amusing to stand in the rain, laughing. As fast as it started, the clouds parted and we had sunshine right through to the point we wound down and the rain came again, but just in showers.

It was great to see so many people attending the party. It was nice to see Andrew Pollard & Sarah Caws (former residents of Whitegates) when they visited with support staff from Linby Drive. All areas of NORSACA were represented. Fred Parsons & Andrea Hunter were there from the Senior Management Team. Service Users came from Carlton Road, Park Place and the Poplars, along with tenants from Supported Living.

Brett Feeney, as always, volunteered his services as DJ – cheers Brett. People of all ages enjoyed the music, food, stalls and games. The massive trampoline was a big hit with the youngsters.

A big thank you goes to Carol Boggie for managing the catering. Carol, Mervyn Bramford & Pete Melia did a sterling job cooking in the heat of the barbeque.

At the end of the day, I presented a 'Goodbye' card and gift to Whitegates Assistant Manager, Ben Edwards, who was leaving NORSACA to return to his roots in Wales. The full England football strip was coolly received!

The fund raising on the day was another success. Donations, Ticket Sales, Tombola, Raffle, Whisky Throw and the Bar took a combined total of £1,089.85. This gave us a surplus of £552.96.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anne Barnett for all her hard work in the background, with organising and motivating everyone involved.

Here's to the next one!

Andy Beech, Whitegates

