



Hello everyone,

At the end of June the traditional English summer weather (sunny and warm, but not too warm, with a very gentle shower in the afternoon) put in an appearance for our annual garden party. Each year Lyn and Mike Rouse so very generously open their garden and provide a delicious lunch for all the carers, cared-for, volunteers, and professional colleagues who have been actively involved in the project throughout the year. Once again it was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by over 70 of us. It was also an opportunity to congratulate and thank two special members of our community. Chris Grover and Douglas McMyn cycled "Coast to Coast" across England (Workington to South Shields) raising money for The Debenham Project and "The Cancer Campaign in Suffolk". They raised over £410 for the project and more will be forthcoming through the Gift Aid scheme. Thank you so much.

Those who came to the party would have noticed someone filming and interviewing a few of the volunteers. The reason for this was that The Debenham Project had been shortlisted for Suffolk ACRE's Probert Trophy and Nat Bocking was making a short film for the awards ceremony. This award is given annually for the best community initiative and achievement throughout the whole of Suffolk. I am delighted to say that "We Won" – all down to the goodwill and commitment of all our volunteers and everyone else who has made this such a remarkable project – the award was presented by Lord Tollemache, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and Patron of Suffolk ACRE. You can see the film and the presentation by visiting <http://youtu.be/JnzBKFELk7Q> <http://www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/agm2011> and on the internet (the Library Resource Centre will be happy to help). It is a great encouragement to know of the esteem that the project is held in across the county.

Once again we have been very fortunate in receiving some most generous donations for the project and these are very much appreciated.

If you would like to know more please see our display in the Post Office, ring 01728862003, call in at the Library Resource Centre or visit www.the-debenham-project.org.uk where you can access all our newsletters, and much more.

With best wishes and kind regards, Lynden