



Summer Newsletter June 2026

40 Events - 40 Days - 40 Locations

Wow – what a busy, exciting, amazing, and refreshingly different 40 days we have had!

Over the past 40 days, we have enjoyed a fantastic variety of activities, including crocodiles, wheelchair slaloms, chocolate, gaming, river walks, boat trips, picnics, crafting sessions, wellbeing day, a public seated exercise event, bingo, and, of course, plenty of food and drink!

One really successful event was our Seated Move & Groove session at Westgate Shopping Centre in Oxford. A large group of us, under the guidance of Felicity, took part in her exercise class for approximately 40 minutes, before repeating it again around 20 minutes later. We certainly earned our lunch at John Lewis that day!

We were supported throughout these events by members, both old and new, as well as volunteers, trustees, friends, and family. In total, we welcomed well over 500 attendees.

A special thank you goes to Felicity for leading our Seated Move & Groove event at Westgate, and to Richard, one of our trustees and photographers, who attended more than 35 events and captured the wonderful photographs featured in this newsletter, on our website, and across our Facebook page.

Thank you both, and thank you to everyone who supported us. We could not have done it without you! Now it's time for a well-earned slowdown before we return with our summer programme of events, including a canal trip, several mini cruises on the Thames, a trip to the coast, our regular online programme and possibly even more exciting activities to come!





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Dates for your Diary

Date	Place	Time	Contact
Friday 3 July	Canal Trip	4 hours	Sue
Monday 6 July	Beekeepers, Witney, OX28 6BB	12.30pm	Joyce
Thursday 9 July	Toy Story 5 (subtitled) at the Abbey Cinema, Abingdon, OX14 3JD	2pm	Joel
Monday 13 July	Brunch at No. 33 Café, Didcot, OX11 6JX	11am	Joel
Tuesday 14 July	Wallingford Accessible Boat	10am	Joel
Thursday 16 July	Boundary House, Abingdon, OX14 2AA	12noon	Joel
Friday 17 July	The Odyssey at the Abbey Cinema, Abingdon, OX14 3JD	2pm	Joel
Monday 20 July	The Chatsworth, Banbury, OX16 9YJ	12noon	Joyce
Thursday 23 July	Flo's Café, Oxford, OX4 3JZ	11am	Joel
Tuesday 4 August	Coffee#1, Witney, OX28 6AP	11am	Joyce
Friday 5 August	Wallingford Accessible Boat	10am	Joyce
Friday 7 August	Plum Pudding, Milton, OX14 4EJ	12noon	Joel
Monday 10 August	Picnic at the Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay	11am	Joel
Monday 17 August	Bure Farm, Bicester, OX26 3HA	12noon	Joyce
Friday 21 August	Brunch at Boswells Café, Oxford, OX4 3UZ	11am	Joel
Tuesday 25 August	The Lord Nelson, Wantage, OX12 8HL	12noon	Joel
Tuesday 1 September	Bowling, Disco Bowl, George Street, Banbury, OX16 5BH	12noon	Joyce
Wednesday 2 September	Boundary House, Abingdon, OX14 2AA	12noon	Joel
Tuesday 8 September	The Royal Oak, Didcot, OX11 8QR	12noon	Joel
Friday 11 September	Bournemouth trip - see flyer		Sue
Monday 14 September	Pizza Express, Witney, OX28 6BB	12.30pm	Joyce
Friday 25 September	Bowling and lunch at the Kassam Stadium, OX4 4XP	11am	Joel



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Our favourite events

Big-Screen Gaming Event - Joel

I've only been with the charity for a fraction of its 40-year lifespan (1/8 to be precise), but I'm very proud to now be part of its legacy!

On Tuesday 16th June we kicked things right into the modern age with a Mario Kart tournament on the big screen at Abbey Cinema. Huge thanks to our volunteer Yahya who made sure the tournament ran smoothly and kept everybody's wheels on track. It was great to see gaming turned into a big, social activity and it felt so much better for having us all in one place. We'd love to do more similar events in the future, so watch this space!



Crocodiles of the World - Sue



Event 2 at Crocodiles of the World was undoubtedly one of my favourite events, bringing together members from across Oxfordshire for a truly enjoyable and memorable day.

What made the event particularly special was the sense of community. It was fantastic to see members chatting, laughing, and supporting one another while enjoying a shared experience.

I have been lucky enough to enjoy many varied events and holidays in my 17 years with the charity. Whilst our 40 events were planned specifically to celebrate our 40 years, there are plans for many more events to follow this year, next year and beyond.

Picnic at Charlbury Community Centre - Joyce

My favourite event was our picnic at Charlbury Community Center. There were only a few of us but I loved chatting to the ones who came and sharing stories with them. It rained, hailed, thundered and the sun shined. We decided it was safer to stay inside and eat our lunch in the dry.

Although I do love our bigger trips, this one has stayed with me. I had the opportunity to get to know a few people better which isn't always possible on the bigger trips. I want to thank all of our lovely members that came along and made all of our events so enjoyable.





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Day 40th - Our final event

What a wonderful way to round off our celebrations! We were delighted to enjoy Afternoon Tea in the sunshine with guests including His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, local MPs, Mayors, Local Councillors, and many valued friends and supporters of EnrichAbility. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a memorable day.

