

Bucks Open Studios, Stairways, Stone, June 2012

The weather was appalling for most of the nine days we were open but there were occasional bursts of sunshine and more visitors than ever came along to Stairways this year to look at Diana and Josie's paintings and the textiles of the Horizons group – and to have tea in the garden. (or the house!)

High spots of the week were special visits, this time ladies from the Stone Thursday Club, the 1st Dinton Guides, students from year 11 from Pebble Brook School (who brought along their art work to show us) and an art group from the Chilterns. Overall we had nearly 400 visitors.

We were delighted to raise over £1,000 during the week in aid of "Becky's Bears for Hair", a fund to help cancer victims, particularly young women, to get the best possible wigs during chemotherapy treatment. Many, many thanks for the generosity of our visitors, and also to the helpers, the people who put up tents and notices, served teas, stewarded the exhibitions and made cakes. We were particularly grateful to Bartletts Residential Home who kindly let us park in their grounds.