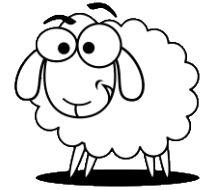


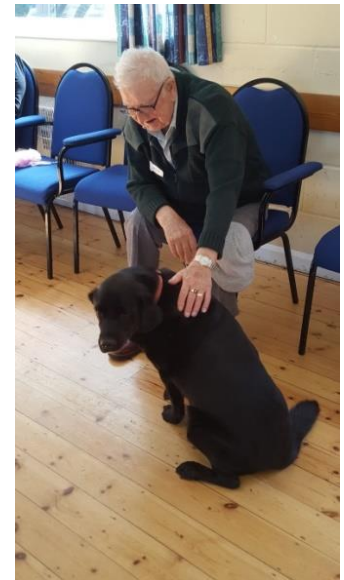
## Snapshot from the TN22



The last two sessions have involved animals as visitors to the club. A 'sheepish' sheep called Dee arrived first, followed by an ex guide dog called Vicky. They were greeted with such enthusiasm by our members that it probably won't be long before they visit again. Pet Pals Therapy are a wonderful organisation and Dee's handler carefully explained to members Dee's life and likes. Even those who were reticent initially were won over by Dee's 'chairside manner' and petted her with gusto, despite the nappy used for precautionary measures! Apparently we are to be visited by a pony soon. Watch this space!!!!!! The afternoon was spent playing various 'animal' themed games and balloon tennis – watch out Andy Murray.



Vicky the ex-guide dog was wonderful with our members. She actually spent much of the day sitting in her bed and every so often came out for a stroke and a chat. She enabled many members to reminisce about their pets when they were growing up and animals/birds they have now. Again, many animal quizzes, table top games and bingo were in evidence, and a real challenge to 'name those feathers'. A lovely sing song finished that day and the members went home saying goodbye to Vicky.



It is an honour to be able to chat and laugh with members and enable them to reminisce about their lives. It is true 'Laughter is the best medicine' and we certainly do a lot of laughing. So, if you feel that you could spare some time to join our team of volunteers, please call 07961 450357 for more details. Thank you

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