



Friends of O.S.C.A.R 01235 816310



Diary Dates:

Saturday 5th March
Sharing Information Day
Children's Hospital
9.30am – 12.45pm

Sunday 15th May
Adolescent Day,
Details to be sent out
soon.

Saturday 11th June
Thame Carnival
Fund Raising Stall.
11am onwards

Saturday 25th June
Summer Party
11am onwards
Little Milton Village
Hall.

Sunday 31st July
Bucket Collection
Wheatley Asda

Saturday 10th December
Christmas Panto and
Party
Little Milton Village Hall
Time TBC

Meeting with Justin Tomlinson MP

Minister for the Disabled

The meeting with Justin Tomlinson on Saturday 14th November did not quite go as we had planned. We were lead to believe all the way through the planning of this event that it would be a question and answer forum. Literally a few days before we were informed it would be a meet and greet event. However the few families that did attend were able to put some of their questions to him and get them answered. Time passed very quickly and we could not get answers to the questions that were sent in to the office.

Christmas Party 2015



The FOO Xmas party took place on Saturday 12th December as you can see from the picture above we had a few special guests. The Benson Military Wives came to sing for us (they are not pictured). Father Christmas also called bringing with him a special guest. If you look carefully at the picture above you will see Snowflake the reindeer. Snowflake had had a very busy day including a trip to London to visit Great Ormond Street Hospital, where she had to use a lift to get to the area in the hospital that she needed to be.



Sharing Information day

The next Sharing Information Day is planned for Saturday 5th March 2016. You should all have received your invite letters and program for the day. If you have not and you would like to attend please contact the office on 01235 816310 or email carolharrison@utdsl.com.

If you are planning to attend the day please let me know asap and by the 12th Feb at the latest.

Adolescent Day Sunday 15th May

Details for the Adolescent Day will be sent out soon. We are planning to email information out again this year. So please make sure we have an up to date email address for you.

Summer Party 25th June 2016

The Summer Party will be held at the Pine Lodge Little Milton. Further details will be sent out later. We would like to incorporate a whole family sponsored (don't worry nothing too strenuous) event into the day. There is a large playing field at the rear of the hall and we are hoping to be able to use that for a sponsored walk.

Fund Raising

Team Ibell/Fake

David Fake, parent and secretary of FOO is raising funds for us again this year. This year he has teamed up with family friend John, his son Matthew and David's daughter Joely.

Team Ibell/Fake will be climbing Snowdon on the 19th March to raise funds for Friends of O.S.C.A.R.

If you would like to sponsor them please visit their Make Donation Page at Make a Donation. By sponsoring them this way 100% of any donation comes to Friends of O.S.C.A.R.

Good luck to you all and I hope the weather is kind to you.

In the last newsletter David was taking part in a sponsored bike ride with Stan Newton and between them they raised £1376.00.



Elton's running the Chichester Half Marathon



On Sunday 11th October Elton, Chair of Friends of O.S.C.A.R, completed the Chichester Half Marathon to raise funds us.

He had not done any serious running for a few years but has taken on this challenge to raise funds for us..

Elton raised a huge £1,000.00 for Friends of O.S.C.A.R

The picture to the right shows the group of young people who took part in the National Citizen Service Program at the new UTC in Didcot. Groups of students supported three charities Friends of O.S.C.A.R, Cancer Research and Combat Stress. The group pictured to the left, were the group that chose to support Friends of O.S.C.A.R and raised a huge £434.37 for us. The money was raised through a variety of fund raising activities, including cake sales and organising a town car wash at the local Civic Hall. Our thanks go to them and their families for supporting them and of course to everyone that bought cakes and had their cars cleaned

National Citizen Service Program



General Fund Raising

We have a couple of fund raising events planned for 2016 already. One is on the 11th June and we plan to have a stall at the Thame Carnival and if I can find a willing victim to dress up in our dog mascot outfit we will take part in the parade through the town. We will need people to help man the stall and as the dog has limited vision a few people to walk with the dog in the parade.

The second event already planned is the bucket collection at Asda Wheatley on Sunday 31st July. If you can spare an hour to help out at either of these events please contact the office. 01235 816310 or carolharrison@utdsl.com. Thank you

If you know of any other events in your area please let us know or if you would be willing to run an event for us, we can provide collection tins, buckets, roller blind advertising, gazebo etc

Used Postage Stamps.

We are still collecting used postage stamps. Please save them for us. They should have a boarder round them of 5 – 10mm and can either be sent to us here at the office or sent directly to

Friends of O.S.C.A.R.
Stamp Appeal
PO Box 610
Stromness
KW16 9AB.

There will also be a collection point at the Friends of O.S.C.A.R Summer Party

Contact

In order to reduce costs and the time taken sending information out we intend to increase the amount of information sent by email.

If you know another a family that has not received this it is because I don't have an up to date email address, so please ask them to contact the office with a new email address.

It is also the quickest way for me to get information to you sometimes we get offered holidays and trips and short notice and if I have to email everything out families will miss out.

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Recent Donations to Friends of O.S.C.A.R

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following people/ companies or families who have made donations to us.

Robinson Family stall at Tingewick Beer Festival	£268.80
Thame Carnival stall	£ 209.77
The Doyle Family making and selling of Xmas Puddings	£50.50
Didcot Town Fair	£42.70
Bucks county Council Dress Down Day	£110.65
Didcot University Technical College National Service Citizen Program	£434.37
The Gentry Family	£1,100.00
Mr I Dunwoody	£20.00
Mrs E Dunwoody	£20.00
Stag & Hounds Pub Uxbridge	£70.00
RWE Generation	£360.00
Elton Riches Chichester Half Marathon	£1,000.00
Dave Fake and Stan Newton Hertfordshire to Norfolk Cycle Ride	£1376.00
Robbie Lynch who cycled through Ireland for us	£2075.00
Alan and Janet Bayley Trail Rides 2015	£1770.00
Michael Suggate	£100.00
Sara Hunter	£30.00
Howes Percival who made us their charity of choice for year 14/15 and raised £2963.34 by holding various events.	