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Diary Dates:

Saturday 11th June

Thame Carnival
Fund Raising Stall.
Help needed please
If you can spare an hour
Please contact the office.
11am onwards

Saturday 25th June

Summer Party
11am onwards
Little Milton Village
Hall.

Sunday 31st July

Bucket Collection
Wheatley Asda.
Can you spare an hour to
help us with this?

Saturday 24th Sept

Barn Dance.
Details at the end of this
newsletter

Saturday 10th December

Christmas Panto/Party
Little Milton Village Hall
Time TBC

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May 2017

“One Way Fun Way
Weekend”

Details to be sent out later

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“One Way Fun Way” Day 2016



On Sunday 15th May our adolescent group enjoyed a day in London. Some people used the coach provided from Oxford and others made their own way to London. After meeting at Baden Powell House for coffee and a catch up, the group went off to their chosen activity. Some of them had chosen to visit Harrods for a personal tour while the store was closed followed by time to do a bit of shopping once the store had opened. Others in the group wanted to visit either the Science or Natural History Museum. The visits were followed by a late lunch at Baden Powell House and more time for catching up before returning home.

Parents, just in case you were wondering why your child had not mentioned the horse and van pictured above, this picture was not taken on the day, it is just one I found. I gather the group that went to Harrods, are still talking about it.

We would like to say a big thank you to Plastows, who once again have supported us by providing a free coach, to Tim at Harrods who ran the tour of Harrods on the day and also to all the volunteers who gave up their time. Next year's weekend is a residential one and is on the 13th/14th May. So please make a note in your diaries.

Summer Party / Sponsored Walk and AGM

This year's summer party is on Saturday 25th June at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton. You should all have had your invitations. If you would like to come along and have not replied please can you let me know asap as I now need to sort out catering. We are also holding a sponsored walk on the day to raise funds for next year's "One Way Fun Way" weekend. I have registered the event with the IBTA (International Brain Tumour Alliance) I am hoping the distance we walk will also be added to the IBTA Walk around the World. Details can be found on their web site. All fund raising will still be for Friends of O.S.C.A.R but the mileage will be added to their event. The idea behind Walk Around the World is to raise awareness of brain tumours across the globe. Even if you can't join us for the afternoon it would be great to see you for the sponsored walk. It is also our AGM and although we keep it as short as we can it is a necessity and it is also your opportunity to have your say about the charity.

Xmas Party/ Pantomime Saturday 10th December 2016



On Saturday 10th December we will be having our Christmas panto/party at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton. We have booked a traveling pantomime company for those of you that have been involved with Friends of O.S.C.A.R for a while will remember going to these at Thame Barn.

This year we have changed the location to the Pine Lodge and the pantomime is Dick Whittington. The performance will start at 3pm. So please make a note in your diaries.

"One Way Fun Way Weekend Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2017

The "One Way Fun Way Weekend" will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2017. We will be sending out further information later on in the year. Don't forget to save the date in your diaries. Next year's event will be a residential weekend.

Fund Raising

Mark's running the Richmond Half Marathon

Congratulations to Mark Bayley who was diagnosed with a brain tumour some years ago, ran the Richmond Half marathon for us on the 3rd April.

As you can see from the picture Mark successfully finished the run and looks remarkably well considering he has just taken part in half marathon.

Our thanks to Mark for taking part in this event to raise funds for Friends of O.S.C.A.R. Mark raised in excess of £1300.00



Fake and Rowe Family Annual Coffee Morning

The Fake and Rowe family have once again organised a coffee morning to raise funds for Friends of O.S.C.A.R. This is fast becoming an annual Easter Holiday event although this year the date had to be moved because of Easter being so early. They have been very busy selling and making cakes and running a sale table. The morning raised a huge £551.55.

We would like to say thank you to Karen and her mum for organising the event and to Mr and Mrs Rowe (Karens Mum) whose house they use as a venue and also Ellie and Joely Fake and Rheannon and Nathaniel East, who all helped by either making cakes or selling items from the table.



General Fund Raising

We have a few fund raising events planned for 2016.

- **Saturday 11th June 2016 Thame Carnival** : We have a stall and a place in the parade booked. If you can spare an hour to help, please contact the office.
- **Saturday 25th June 2016 Tingewick Beer Festival**: The Robinson family have a stall at this event for us every year to raise funds for us. They would be delighted to see you if you would like to go along and support them.
- **Sunday 31st July 2016 Asda Wheatley Bucket Collection**: Can you spare an hour to either hold a bucket or man the information table.
- **Saturday September 24th Barn Dance**: The Pine Lodge, Little Milton. More details will be sent out soon.

If you can spare an hour to help out at any 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

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 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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General News

Summer party, AGM and sponsored event: Details are further back in the newsletter, please do not be put off by the AGM bit it normally takes between 15 and 20 mins and is something we have to do as part of being a charity. We are also planning to have a sponsored walk in the morning to raise some much needed funds.

2017 Adolescent Weekend: The date has been booked 13th / 14th May 2017, and we are making the next one a weekend event and not a day. We have already had to pay a substantial deposit to secure the venue and will be raising funds in the future to help pay for the balance so please support in this. We estimate the cost of the weekend to be in the region of £10 - £12,000 final details have yet to be confirmed. First lot of information should be sent out from mid September so please look out for it and if you don't get it please contact the office. Most of it will be sent by email to reduce the costs, so please make sure we have an up to date email address, also let us know if you don't have email access by phoning the office. We are looking for opportunities to fund raise for this event so if you know of anything going on in your local area or you know of a funding opportunity that we may be able to apply to please contact the office. We have applied for a grant but there is no guarantee that we will get it and we won't know for 6 months, so we still need to be fund raising, if we are lucky enough to get the grant we can always use any money we raise for the 2018 event.

World Health Organisation updates central nervous system tumour classification

The IBTA newsletter for this quarter contained an article that some of you may be interested in about the re-classification of Central Nervous System Tumours this includes brain tumours.

Details are below:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published an updated classification of central nervous system tumours, setting a new standard for brain tumour research, diagnosis and communication between different centers around the world. The revised fifth edition of the classification is a major update to the existing 2007 classification and brings the naming and grouping of brain tumours into line with current scientific understanding and technology. For the first time it combines the genetic information of brain tumours with their microscopic (histological) appearance. It is hoped that the new classification will allow clinical trials to be structured in ways that reflect the molecular profile of a brain tumour and aid in analysis of preclinical research, allowing effective targeted treatments to be found more easily.

For more information about the re-classification please go to the IBTA web site and follow the links.

Thank You to our Fund Raisers.

RWE N Power Didcot B Power Station: donation of £360.00.

Tiddington WI: Jay did a presentation for them and they made a donation from a raffle etc of £450.00

St James's Palace: Grant application for the 2016 "One Way Fun Way Day in London £1851.82.

Mrs Marchant: Dry January donation of £80.00.

The Bull Public House: Xmas Raffle £122.00.

The Bayley Family Trail Ride: £575.00.

The Row, Fake and East family Coffee morning: £551.55.

Team IBell: Snowdon Climb: in excess of £1298.

Mark Bayley: Richmond Half Marathon: £1325.00.

Emily Davis and her friend Lilia Sale at Ladygrove School Didcot: £25.00.

C Pen Exam Reader

One of our families has recently purchased a C Pen Exam Reader. Details are below. I am told that schools are very positive about pupils using them. They cost £199.00, the family says it is the best £199.00 they have ever spent and I believe some schools may be able to support families with the purchase of them. For more information and a picture please go to www.thedyslexishop.co.uk.

The C-Pen Exam Reader pen scanner is major technological breakthrough for anyone wanting to read English exam questions.

The C-Pen Exam Reader is a totally portable, pocket-sized device that reads text out aloud with an English human-like digital voice.

Detailed Description

The Exam Reader has been approved by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)* for use in exams.

This means students who have reading difficulties such as dyslexia can independently take exams knowing that they can read and understand the questions. No special access arrangements required.

The pen is half the size of other portable pen scanners on the market and at 50g is half the weight.

As well as promoting Independent Reading this pen is:

- ideal for hearing words & lines of text read aloud
- great for students with dyslexia, reading difficulties and English as a second language
- designed to allow students to be with their peers in the main exam hall with headphones plugged into their pens
- available in a class set of ten pens

Features:

Text to speech

Use C-Pen Exam Reader to read printed text for you! C-Pen Exam Reader features a high quality naturally speaking British English voice.

Interfaces

C-Pen Exam Reader uses a standard micro USB connector for charging, and a standard 3.5 mm connector for your favourite headphones

Compact

The C-Pen Exam Reader is small, portable, and light making it easy to carry with you anywhere you like to read. ***JCQ Statement:**

“The arrangement ‘Read Aloud’ would also include the use of an examination reading pen.

A permitted examination reading pen will not have an in-built dictionary or thesaurus, or a data storage facility.

An approved application for a computer reader would also allow the use of an examination reading pen.”