

FRIENDS OF O.S.C.A.R

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One Way Fun Way

This year we went to Windmill Farm, Clanfield in Oxfordshire for the weekend. On Saturday we were split into teams and we then had the opportunity to take part in a number of activities.

These included; rock climbing, archery, cycling and survival skills, this was great fun as we learnt how to light a fire using flint and how to build an effective shelter that would keep you safe and warm out of tarpaulin and ropes.

This very tiring day was followed by an evening meal and chocolate bingo.

On Sunday we had a less busy day, the activities today included Zumba, drama group and mosaic making. I had a lovely time making some mosaic coasters, but there were lots of things we could make including mirrors, fish and plant pots.

We would like to say thank you to all the staff at Windmill Farm, Adventure Plus, our own volunteers, the ladies who ran the various activities on Sunday and to the Childwick Trust who part funded the weekend.

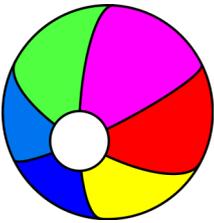
Please remember to return your evaluation form by the 12th June. These help us plan future events.



Photograph shows some of the mosaic items made on Sunday.

Summer Party and AGM Sunday 9th July

11am to 4pm



You should all have received your invite to the Friends of O.S.C.A.R Summer Party either by email or post. Please send your returns back promptly a simple phone call or email is fine so long as the message includes numbers and any dietary requirements.

The day includes our AGM which is a necessary part of running the charity and it is your opportunity to have your say about how the charity is run. This takes up a very short part of the day. If anyone is interested in joining the committee or standing as an officer please let me know.



Friends of O.S.C.A.R Fund Raising Fashion Show

Ladies, Friends of O.S.C.A.R is hosting its first fashion show on Friday 15th September. This is a ladies only evening so feel free to bring your friends and family. Tickets cost £5.00.

There will be an opportunity to buy clothes and accessories at up to 50% off. The clothes will be provided by New Look, Wallis, Next, Oasis, M&S River Island plus many others.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance before Friday 25th August. I can post out tickets to you please contact the office on 01235 816310 or email Carol using carolharrison@utdsl.com.



Aladdin

Due to us being unable to book the hall and the pantomime together before Christmas we have now booked it for Saturday January 6th 2018 at 4.30pm.

The pantomime will be Aladdin and the show will be at the Pine Lodge Little Milton.

Sharing Information Day 2018

In early March next year we are planning to hold a Sharing Information Day. For those of you that have not attended one before this is a conference type day, which depending on the subjects we open up to parents, carers and young people. Previous subjects have included advances in neuro surgery, radiotherapy, endocrinology, healthy eating and exercise, new chemotherapy pathways, real hair wigs, proton therapy, transition from paediatric to adult services plus many other subjects.

Next years event is being planned as a morning event and we would like to cover Wellbeing and Resilience, so we would be looking at Self confidence and motivation, coping skills and resilience.

If you have any concerns/ subjects that you would like us to cover, please let us know. It can take us a while to source speakers/experts so please let us know in good time.

This event will take place in the Children's Hospital and will more than likely be a Saturday morning, as soon as we are able to confirm the booking of the venue I will let you all know the date. Please have a think about any topics you would like us to source information about.

Thankyou to:

Donations in memory of Henry Starnes, £350.00

Yellow Moon, £5.41

Mrs Rowe and friends a variety of fund raising activities,
£140.00

Penn and Tyler Green Lodge, donation, £50.00

Asda Wheatley, Green Token, £500.00

Alan & Janet Bayley Trail Ride, £435.00

Merchant Taylor's School donation from Easter Football
Tournament, £500.00

Recycle 4 Charity £16.00

Angels Performing Arts, fundraising evening, £210.00

Contact Details

If you change any of your contact details and you still want to continue to receive information from us please let us know.

Most of the information we send is now sent by email, this is for speed and to keep costs down, if however you prefer a hard copy please let us know. I will add you to the list I have of people that prefer this.

If you don't wish to receive information from us any more just drop us an email and I will remove you from the database.

Our Contact Details are:

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General Information

Travel Insurance:

We have recently been given some information about travel insurance by one of our families. They used a company called MPI Brokers. www.mpibrokers.com telephone 01428 664265. They covered the family at a very reasonable cost to go to America and included all pre-existing medical conditions.

Tombola Items/ Raffle Prizes

Please remember we are always looking for small unwanted gifts that we can use on any tombola stalls or anything we can use as a raffle prize. We often get asked to do things at short notice so it is always useful to have items in stock.

Friends of O.S.C.A.R Fleeces:

I have a few Friends of O.S.C.A.R fleeces available to purchase if anyone is interested, at a cost of £25.00 each sizes are:

XS x 1, S x 4, M x 1, L x 1, XL x 1, XXL x 1. If you would like to purchase one please let me know. Contact details for the office are on page 4 of this e-news.

Extra Events:

If anyone has an idea about something they would like to do I am happy to do the research and make a group booking. It maybe that Friends of O.S.C.A.R cannot fund it but group bookings often make outings cheaper. We have done a bowling afternoon in the past and we have also been to Longleat. Just let me know if there is something that you would like to do.

Committee Members:

We are always looking for new committee members, if you can spare a couple of hours every other month, please let me know. We meet at the café on the ground floor of the children's hospital on the first Monday of the month our next meeting is Monday 3rd July. Don't worry if you can't make every meeting. As we only meet every other month we circulate a lot of information by email. If you would like to come along and see if you like us, please contact the office.