



Friends of the Family

Newsletter 2010

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Welcome to the first ever Friends of the Family Newsletter!

As with most other charities, 2010 has been a challenging year financially for us. But with the continued support of the Trustees, staff, volunteers, families and friends we are determined to keep the valuable work of Friends of the Family going. We have been actively applying for grants and with creative thinking and enthusiasm a variety of fundraising events have been organised throughout the year and even more inventive ones are planned for 2011!!!

This year with the help of 21 volunteers, we have been able to offer support to over 20 families and their children aged 0 -13 years through our two projects. The resulting achievements of our families and their children speak for themselves.

We have said a number of sad goodbyes this year to valuable team members. However, they have all continued to support us and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the families that they have supported over the years. These include Susan Thomas (the Under 5s Play Leader), Joan Whiting (a treasured refreshments volunteer), Namrata Panchmatia (a 5s to 13s volunteer), Annie Manly (a Trustee), Vicky Darling (the Meeting House Warden) and of course Dr Ian Hadfield (Consultant Child Psychiatrist and Trustee), who not only built our office in the Meeting House garden but also build a new toy shed before he retired! As a token of our gratitude to Ian, Friends of the Family have named the two buildings "Hadfield Cottages 1" and "Hadfield Cottages 2" in his honour!

With our very best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a happy 2011.

Thank you!

Family and Individual Achievements in 2010

A swam 25 metres in her swimming lessons

M was given the important role of class monitor.

M received a merit in Science and an A grade in her French homework.

K came third in his school for behaviour.

J is undertaking a Level 1 child care course at ACE and organised her own placement in a child care setting.

Congratulations to D and S on the birth of their new baby M.

M achieved a gymnastics award.

K is doing A Level English. She was the only one in her class to get a distinction on her assignment.

T aged 4, was able to put her hand up in class and identify an isosceles triangle when asked.

N was nominated as his class representative.



Hampshire Hog Racing at

the Littleton and Harestock Show

Great fun was had by all on a sunny afternoon in early September at the Littleton and Harestock Show racing mechanical pigs! Everyone entered into the spirit of the show and some proved to be very competitive urging their pigs along the course by any means they could in order to cross the finishing post first and take the coveted title of "Hampshire Hog race Winner!" The winners of each race were presented with a certificate and runners up all received a tasty piggy sweet as consolation.



N.B. No pigs were harmed in the races!!

Supporters of Friends of the Family spent a wonderful evening together on Friday 22nd October part-taking in a challenging yet fun quiz night at Holy Trinity Church. With a tasty fish and chip supper, a well stocked bar, and a bountiful raffle, teams of eight battled their wits against each other to take the ultimate title of quiz champions. The event was very well attended and total of £866.66 profit was made! Supporters of the event commented on how much they enjoyed the well organised evening and are very much looking forward to the next quiz in 2011!!

QUIZ NIGHT



Celebration Brunch 28th September 2010

To recognise the wonderful achievements of all the Under 5s Mums they decided that they deserved a special treat and so organised a Celebration Brunch in the Aga room of the Meeting House.

This event was attended by all the Mums and went very well. The table was full of happy chatter and they enjoyed an abundance of crispy bacon, pancakes, maple syrup, croissants, lashings of toast and jam all washed down with orange juice, filter coffee and tea!

One of the volunteers, Iris, wrote her own inimitable form of congratulations for the mothers by way of the following poem....

Congratulations!

Life isn't easy and life isn't fair
But Friends of the Family helps you to share
Your joys and your sorrows with others who care.

It can take all your strength to get through the days
But through life's ups and down each Mum has found ways
To study, to learn, with achievements to praise.

Some hold down a job, and some volunteer
While others are training towards a career
Hard workers like you deserve a big cheer!

One Mum makes cards, they are real works of art,
But each one of you plays a special part -
I admire you Mums with all my heart!

You all have something to celebrate,
Pat yourselves on the back, for you are so great
Keep following your star, for it's never too late!

With love from *Iris*

VOLUNTEER JOAN'S CHEESE SCONES

Ingredients:-

8 oz self raising flour
1 level teaspoonful baking powder
Pinch of Salt
1 and a half oz of butter
2 oz strong Cheddar
1 level teaspoonful of dry mustard
Approx quarter of a pint of milk (I find that a bit less works best)

Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Rub in the butter.

Stir in cheese, mustard and enough milk to give a fairly soft light dough. Roll to three quarters of an inch and cut.

Bake near top of oven at 220C.

They freeze well.

WINCHESTER COMMUNITY CHOIR WITH

THE NEW SCORPION BAND
PRESENTED

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Songs and carols for the festive season



Many thanks go to the singers and musicians who gave a wonderful performance on Tuesday 7th December at the United Church, Jewry Street. Two of our volunteers, Iris and Gerda, both sing in the choir and kindly suggested that the Friends of the Family be one of the beneficiaries this year. Half the proceeds of this event will be donated in the New Year.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Help raise funds for Friends of the Family every time you make a purchase on the internet. Register on the "easyfundraising" website and make Friends of the Family your chosen cause it's as simple as that!



A really big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of Friends of the Family who contributed so generously, their baking skills and time, to support Friends of the Family at the Christmas Charity Market at the Guild Hall on Sunday 21st November 2010. The Friends of the Family stall was laden down with an array of delicious homemade cakes (several of which were purchased by the Mayor of Winchester and his good lady wife!), scones, tarts and jams and beautiful Christmas gifts such as handmade soaps, festive Christmas stockings and animal key rings that were all donated by supporters of the charity. We were pleased by the support and raised a total of £282.55 during the day's event.



Hands up if you could volunteer for Friends of the Family!



Could you help a family and their children aged 5 to 13?

Can you make a regular commitment of two hours a week?

Are you a caring person who can listen and empathise with others?

Would you like to make a difference to a family's life?

For more information about volunteering and the next training course for the "5s to 13s Project"

please contact Sam Hunt at Friends of the Family

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2011

- ❖ Family Sponsored Walk
- ❖ Littleton Harestock Show
- ❖ Quiz Night
- ❖ Concert
- ❖ Charity Fair

If you have any ideas for other fundraising opportunities or would like to support Friends of the Family with your own event then please contact us on 01962 864466 or email us on friendsofthefamily@btinternet.com



The Q Box..... Are your coppers cluttering your pockets?

Then you need a "Q box" to put them in donating them to Friends of the Family!

This attractive money box was designed and funded by the late David Quayle (Mr Q of B and Q). He generously provided the funds for production of the boxes. These are being distributed into the homes of Friends of the Family supporters. We now have nearly 200 boxes collecting coppers and the odd silver coin and are very grateful to the volunteers who retrieve the donations at regular intervals during the year.

If you or someone you know would like to have a "Q box" or would like make a regular donation to Friends of the Family then please do not hesitate to contact us on

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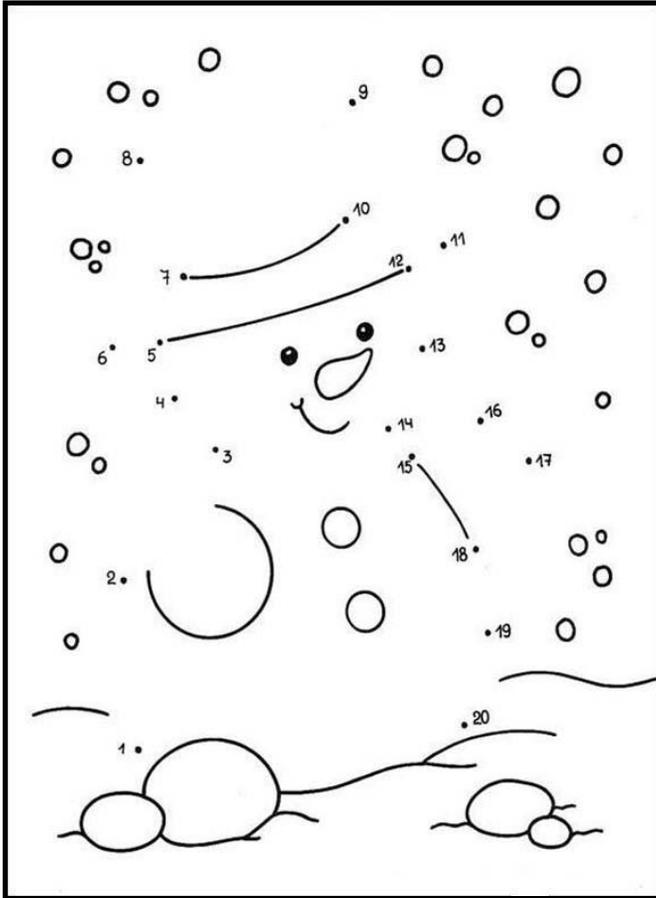
Thank you

Thank you to all the referrers, for working with us to support our families in a multi agency approach. These include Hampshire County Council Children's Services, Locality Team, CAMHS, GP's, Health Visitors, Home Start, Police, Trinity Women's Centre and Winchester Young Carers.

Many thanks also goes to the organisations, trusts and individuals who have continued to support us during financially lean times....we are extremely grateful to them all and look forward to their continued support in 2011.

Special thanks to go to Winchester Quaker Meeting, Religious Society of Friends, Lunn-RockliffeTrust, Elizabeth and Prince Zaiger Trust, Salvation Army, Hampshire Constabulary, The Tansy Trust, The Trammen Trust, Alexandra Rose Charities, Magdalen Hospital, Friendly Brothers of St Patrick, St Vincent de Paul Society, Weight Watchers, The Fulflood Arms, Colden Common Church, Headbourne Worthy Church, Kings Worthy Church and the Weeke Churches of St Barnabas St Matthew and St Paul.

Children's Christmas Fun!



Christmas Crossword

Across

4. 

6. 

Down

2. 

3. 

5. 

1. 

Spot 8 differences....



by Andrew Rutter, Trustee