

# Off to Handicamp again!!!



Once again we were delighted to donate funding for Handicamp. This is an annual event and this year 140 special needs children enjoyed the outdoor experience. The children have the opportunity to do many activities including climbing, abseiling, canoeing, shooting, archery and backwood cooking plus they can build model airplanes and have flight races. This of course is all only possible due to your generosity and of course a great many volunteers – let's sum up a weekend at Handicamp by a volunteer.

*"A tense moment in the staffroom ~ Reports? The dreaded Ofsted?? No ~ volunteers needed for Handicamp!! I had a great time last year so I was happy to go again. But, burning*

question. Could it be as good 2 years running? It was!! Everyone had a wonderful time, staff as well as children. Comments from the kids included 'awesome', 'it was fun', 'fantastic', 'can I go next year?' Once again the activities were brilliantly organised and fun. All the leaders had endless patience and the kids had a real sense of achievement. The food was superb & I didn't need to eat again for a week!! Everyone was so friendly and the scouts in Red & Blue teams were fantastic. Thanks to you all for looking after our kids so well. The camp fire was a definite highlight with us all, except for that 'frog song' which I still find going round my head at odd moments of the day & night!! So once again a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to give us a wonderful weekend."



## ENCOURAGING SPORT IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

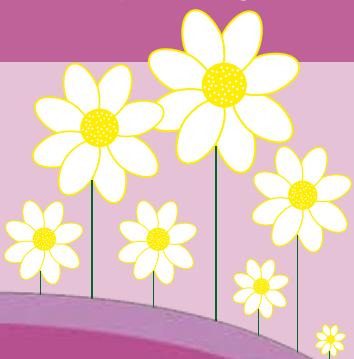
Procter and Gamble, Gillette Sponsorship of Rugby and Football, presented the charity with £5,000 worth of football kit which we have presented to the following local schools; Wishmore Cross, Cardwarden House School, Abbey School and Charters School.



## DAISIES IN CHOBHAM

Each year Len and Edith Carrington raise money for the charity by decorating their home inside and out in the most spectacular Christmas lights for all to see.

Some of the money raised over the Christmas period has been put to a project at Chobham Recreation Ground – special daisies have been 'grown' and children can talk to their friends in the park through the daisies.



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES ON AN X-BIKE



'State of the art' Trixter X-bikes are delivered to Charters School, Resource Unit.

The benefits of these bikes are amazing! They enable a physically disabled rider to watch a screen while they are riding, this shows them as an able bodied rider on the screen and they can set the computer to race against other riders that are set up in the system. With over 80 different types of race to select from they never have to do the same race twice and they can challenge themselves each time they use the bike. Not only does this help with the physical development of the core muscles, it also helps boost confidence as it can be set to help them achieve as much as an able bodied person would.

Richard a year 9 pupil at Charters School who has cerebral palsy has put the equipment to the test, "It is a great experience, lots of fun and an effective way of keeping fit. It would be great if more of these bikes were purchased across the borough, as they are so beneficial".

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Ascot for helping us with this project.

## *Hopefully not for the last time!!!*

Once again we have to say a huge thank you to Billy Davis and his family who generously host 550 children together with siblings, volunteers, and helpers to enjoy a morning at the fun fair exclusively for the charity. Every year for the past fourteen years we have been given this wonderful opportunity, it's the perfect way for the school holidays to start; parents picnic in the park, children enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of the fun fair and all in all everyone has a wonderful time.



This experience is very special for the disabled children and those with learning difficulties as it allows them the opportunity to do things that normal able bodied children and young adults do.

Unfortunately this year may be the last opportunity for these children to be invited to the fun fair as the local council and Surrey Police are considering withdrawing permission. Each year hundreds of people from the local community enjoy the fun fair but the police believe that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour at the event – why should a tiny minority of people be allowed to spoil the opportunity for so many other people? This is why we asked for signatures on a petition and we have now over 500 which we presented to Surrey Heath Borough Council at the full council meeting on Wednesday 15th October.

## MORE TRANSPORT

Ridgeway Community School, Farnham were delighted when they heard the news that the charity is going to help them purchase their new mini bus - with your help we were able to donate £5,100 towards it.



## GARY LINEKER SURPRISES PUPILS AT ABBEY SCHOOL, FARNHAM



Gary Lineker handed over the keys to a 7 seater mini bus to Chris Gardiner, Head Teacher at the Abbey School. The pupils were then presented with two football kits which of course they couldn't resist trying on and then challenging Gary to a knock-around.

The kit and mini bus were both generously sponsored by Foxhills Country Club and Resort, Surrey.

## Chocolate Galore



The Charity, once again, donated over 300 Easter Eggs to children at Carwarden House Community School and Portesbury School in Camberley. As the photo shows they were enthusiastically received!!

## BMW OPEN DAY



Sytners, BMW garage in Sunningdale, held a family weekend for the opening of their new showroom and chose the Children With Special Needs Foundation as their charity. Various fund raising events were

staged such as driving a F1 simulator car, casino tables, taking the family for a ride in a Bentley as well as an auction on Saturday and Sunday.

Rob Simms, Dealer Principal and Peter L'Anson, Finance Director with the Sytners team organised an excellent weekend including a sumptuous hog roast and fabulous weather!

Over £10,000 was raised which will support the 1302 tickets for our special children to attend Aladdin at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking at Christmas.

## Having Fun

Bethany thank you so much for this lovely photo of you and your sister; we know just how much you love to play in the garden and it seems that you are both enjoying the swing donated to you very much.



# Florida here we Come!!!



Our special thanks also go to SELECT FLORIDA LOCATIONS who kindly donate the villa to our worthy cause. Visit [www.selectfloridavacation.com](http://www.selectfloridavacation.com) to see for yourself what they do.

Thanks to the generosity once again of David Mann, owner of Ming Restaurant, Windlesham, we are able to fund 8 students to go on a trip of a life time. Elvis entertained us at Ming Restaurant and with your support we raised over £4,000.

This trip has been so successful over the last four years in changing the lives of our children. This year we decided to raise the funds to offer 8 more students the unique opportunity to travel overseas, experience living away from home and be independent, all of which helps them develop social skills and care for each other. However it remains that the very special treat for them all is that they get to swim with the Dolphins. Each group of students that have experienced these trips of a life time return better people and that's why we continue to fund them.

**We would like to express sincere thanks to the following people who help us make all this possible:-**  
Pat Svenberg/Chobham Travel, Mark and Chuck/Planet Hollywood, Orlando, David and Alex/Florida Villas  
Ray, Arthur and Marcos/Universal Studios, Orlando and Phil and Jean Cooper

## Message from John Cope, Headmaster

Again Carwarden pupils were selected for the third consecutive year to enjoy a holiday of a life time. Eight children were chosen from the 128 pupils at Carwarden to have this fantastic experience. It was difficult to choose those who would benefit most, when every pupil in the school would just love the opportunity to have such a wonderful holiday. The lucky eight were thrilled, apprehensive and excited at the thought of travelling half way across the world to the magical kingdom of Walt Disney. It is a truly wonderful life changing experience provided by the CWSN charity which over the three years has benefited 23 children in total. My observations are that all pupils have come back as better people with improved understanding of each other and closer bonding. They are forever grateful to the charity that works so hard to make it



happen by raising the money and negotiated with key people in America to deliver such a unique experience.

It is an exhausting and action packed holiday with visits to the major theme parks, experience of the American culture and engaging in a life style most could only dream about. Upon their return the children have not stopped talking about how wonderful it was and the amazing people who accompanied them. I cannot put into words the long lasting effect it has on each individual child put in a situation where they experience opportunities beyond their wildest dreams. And on our return this year's children sparked memories in pupils who had experienced the holiday in previous years.

This unique group of children will hold these treasured memories forever in their hearts so on their behalf I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members and supporters of the Children With Special Needs charity and in particular its figure head, Mr. Gordon Parris. I am proud and honoured that you chose my pupils to share this motivating and life changing experience and assure you that this group of children will forever remember your generosity and kindness.

## DONATION DELIGHTS HEADTEACHER

CWSNF has always had a special relationship with Carwarden House Community School, which specialises in teaching pupils between 11-16 years of age who have special needs and severe learning difficulties. Consequently, we were delighted to donate an eight-seater people carrier to them which helps transport pupils to and from school, to community activities, work experience and job interviews.

Our thanks go out to the SOS Golfing Society who raised funds at their annual golf day and helped with this project.



## GYM EQUIPMENT FOR WISHMORE CROSS SCHOOL

Yes, it's hard to believe but Gordon Parris has a gym named in his honour!!!! Staff and pupils at Wishmore Cross School, Chobham welcomed Gordon, Gerry Francis, Patron for the charity and Patsy Walker one of our committee members to open the fantastic new gym facility which the charity has been delighted to donate.

Wishmore Cross School is a boarding school for special needs children and this gym will provide the pupils with a focus for healthy living at the school – with regular use of its equipment pupils will be able to improve their fitness levels and general sense of well-being.

The gym is part of the ongoing improvement plan for the school and CWSNF is pleased to be able to help with this venture. We also appreciate the four pieces of equipment kindly donated by a couple from Windlesham.



## Playground equipment for Icknield School



The pupils of Icknield School, Andover were very excited to hear that they are going to receive wonderful new playground equipment. The special equipment has been especially designed for special needs children.

The playground should be ready for the children during November, and I am sure we will be putting photos of them all having fun in our next edition of All About.



We certainly celebrated when Tricia Matthews from the Chobham Business Club presented Gordon with a cheque for £1,205. This donation will be used on a community project – thank you.

John Stone, Captain of West Hill Golf Club chose CWSNF as his charity this year and raised in excess of £30,000 including £25,000 donated at his Captains Golf Day in September. The money will be used to purchase a new 8 berth mobile home in Pagham. The mobile home will be available for the 2009 holiday season where children with special needs and their parents can holiday free.

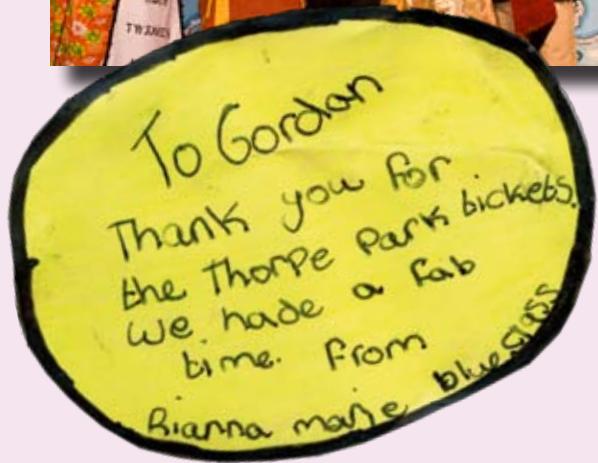
John said "I am delighted that we are able to raise so much money for such a good cause".

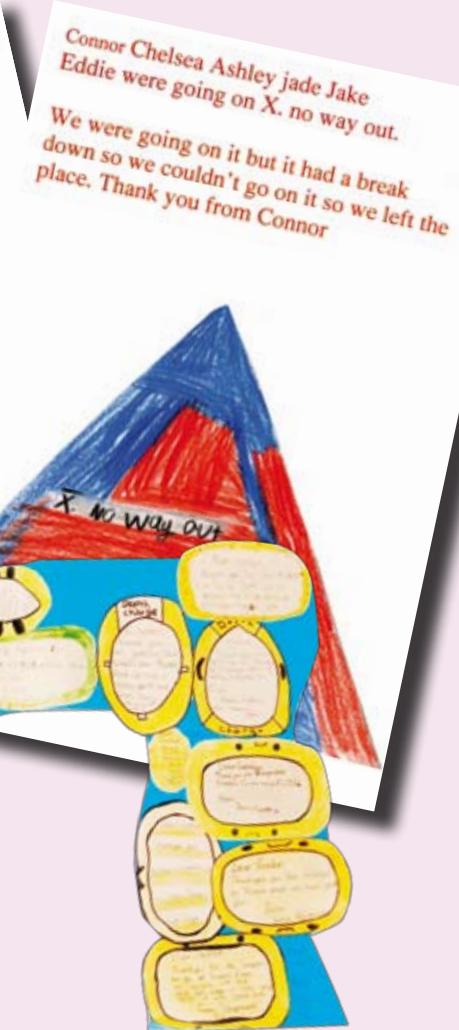
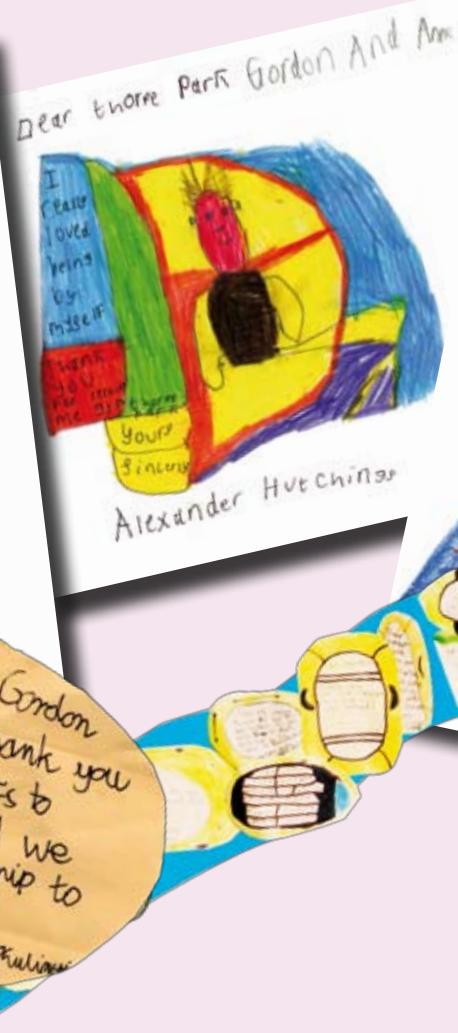
Due to the generosity of Merlin Entertainment and their charity Merlin's Magic Wand, 640 special needs children from local schools enjoyed free entry to Thorpe Park. All the children had a fantastic day experiencing thrilling rides and even had time to stop and enjoy their picnics!!

Tom O'Connor Patron for the charity was delighted to receive a cheque from staff at BAE Systems, Scotland. They had read about the CWSNF and chose to donate £150.00 to us – thank you.



We are delighted once again to be able to send out 1302 tickets to our special children to have a Christmas treat at the pantomime Aladdin, at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking. With your kindness and the sponsors - Foxhills Country Club and Resort, Sytner Sunningdale, Procter and Gamble and Waitrose - Gordon handed over a cheque for £20,000 for the tickets. - On behalf of our special children – THANK YOU





## THE CWSNF GOLFING CHALLENGE



2008 has been a very special year in our golfing diary, thanks to both Swinley Forest Golf Club and Foxhills Country Club and Resort, Surrey who very kindly hosted golf days.

Both days were extremely successful and raised an amazing £40,000 in total for our special children; and to top it all Foxhills Country Club and Resort, Surrey presented us with a cheque for a further £5,000 – Thank you everyone who participated in these events your support is very much appreciated.



At Swinley Forest on 6th March we could not have asked for better weather for the time of year. 24 teams enjoyed a great day playing one of the most beautiful 18 hole golf courses in the area followed by lunch and an auction. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Waterfords, Fleet and Herrington and Carmichael of Camberley for sponsoring the prizes and lunch.

The competition at Foxhills Country Club and Resort, Surrey on 10th June was our 13th annual golf day at this venue. Once again sponsored by Premier Properties of Camberley and

Foxhills Country Club and Resort we saw 24 teams compete for prizes with Knight Security Ltd emerging as the winning team of the CWSNF Golf Trophy – Congratulations.

Of course these days would not be possible without your continued support, and for all the raffle and auction items which are kindly donated



## *Message from Gordon and Ann Parris*

You will be glad to hear that the charity has had another successful period and with your support and that of many others we have been able to complete many projects. Some of the highlights have been:

Buying mini buses for Abbey School at Farnham and Canwarden House to transport pupils to activities, work experience, job and college interviews, school outings and much more.

Thanks to the generosity of a couple from Windlesham we have been able to donate £15,000 worth of gym equipment to Wishmore Cross School in Chobham. The equipment will help the young student's burn up their energy and make them fitter and healthier to face the world.

We have provided financial support for a special needs playground at a school in Andover with a roundabout specially made to take at wheelchairs; this equipment will be ready for the children on their return from the October Half Term.

25 students from Abbey School enjoyed a short break to Disneyland, Paris and many families have, again, enjoyed staying at the mobile homes in Pagham in West Sussex.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this latest edition of All About and seeing the many projects that the charity has been able to assist with your support.

We would like to thank Tracey Watkins and all our friends at Jellybean Creative for, yet again, putting together the newsletter.

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## *Dates for your Diary*

**6th Dec 2008**

**9th June 2009**

**27th June 2009**

**5th Dec 2009**

**Christmas Ball**

**Charity Golf Day**

**Summer Ball**

**Christmas Ball**

**Wentworth Club, Surrey**

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