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All about

Children With
Special Needs
Foundation



putting a smile on tomorrow... today



**Jon Lee
Joanne Paige
Nick**

Panto! 2009

Once again the charity was delighted to be able to fund 1,400 tickets for the annual Christmas pantomime held at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking. Last year the children together with their families enjoyed a performance of Cinderella. We also purchased

200 tickets for the performance at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford. The total ticket cost of £20,000 would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors Waitrose Limited, Procter and Gamble, and Foxhills Resort and Spa.

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A Dizzy time at Discovery Cove & Universal

**Florida 2009 – John Cope, Head Teacher,
Carwarden Community School**

Yet again we were very privileged to be able to take a group of children to Florida, for the fourth year in a row. Within the school it creates such a buzz of anticipation as the children who have been on this wonderful holiday share their experiences with those who have not. This year I chose to take our youngest pupils who were enormously excited about the trip of a lifetime. Once again the whole venture went very smoothly thanks to the tremendous support from charity members. Pauline who was new to the team was warmly welcomed by the children and staff and as

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ever Jean, Phil, Gordon and Tom were wonderful and each and every one of them made the children feel comfortable and part of a big family. The villa was excellent and the children soon settled into the routine of living away from family with the excitement of adventure overriding any feelings of homesickness. Taking the younger children meant that the Disney characters were hugely significant and there were plenty of opportunities for them to meet their favourites. At Universal, Ray, Mary-Anne and the team put on a special event which involved a private session with most of the Universal characters; this was a truly memorable experience that the children talk fondly about to this day. The parks, flights, accommodation and the close knit team all add to this uniquely wonderful experience that none of the children in 2009 or in previous years will ever forget. Each and every one of them has such an amazing time that the memories last for years. It is thanks to your generosity that these special children get a life changing experience which not only bonds them together but in many cases changes their outlook on life and helps them become a better person. From my perspective, without exception, the relationship with those who have been on this very special trip could not be better as they have bonded with the staff and have a greater empathy with the school. Their memories of the whole adventure and the kindness and generosity of the people who made their dream come true are greatly appreciated. They all feel very special and grateful for being chosen. I thank each and every one of you



for thinking of Carwarden yet again and for working so hard to provide a holiday of a life time to these special and very lucky children.

On behalf of the children the charity would also like to express their sincere thanks to Mr Surinder Arora for inviting them to stay as his guests at the Sofitel Hotel, Gatwick the night before they flew to Florida, and thank you to Graham Hawksworth, General Manager for making us feel so welcome. Our thanks also go to Ray and Mary-Anne for providing tickets to Universal Studios and Sea World, David and Alex for the use of their wonderful villa, to Chuck and Bill for giving the children a great night out at Planet Hollywood, to Mark Ehrl for a great evening at Buca di Beppo and finally to Michael Lee and the team at Ming restaurant.

FLIGHTS PAID FOR BY THE WOOLDRIDGE GROUP.



Pedal Power for James

The charity was delighted to purchase this very special Tandem for James last year which combines a Wheelchair with a Bike to provide real mobility and fun. It is easy to ride with a 14 gear mountain bike system that makes cycling with your passenger effortless, whilst also providing your passenger



Thank you Paul for your wonderful donation of £10,891.58

sensory stimulus by being at the front, taking in the sights and sounds around them. James loves having his sister cycle alongside chatting away to him!

Safety is very good as the front brake is operated on the handlebars of the wheelchair and the rear brakes by slightly peddling backwards. The chair itself comes with a five point harness and padded support to keep the passenger secure. The beauty of this bike is that it separates in seconds allowing the wheelchair user to be independently mobile once you both arrive at your destination.

James' father Paul appreciated our donation so much he made a decision to run the London Marathon with Sue Weedon and raise money for the CWSNF.



**WEMBLEY
HERE WE COME!!**

In February a group of 36 students from Carwarden House and Abbey School were lucky enough to have a grand tour of Wembley Stadium. Not only did they have the opportunity to actually hold the FA cup, they also visited the dressing rooms and sat below the shirts of their football idols. Our thanks go to Park Royal Partnership for their generosity and we can safely say a good day was had by all.

LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN RAISE NEARLY £13K FOR CWSNF

Hoebriidge School was delighted to present a cheque for almost £13,000 to the CWSNF. Significantly, this sum was raised largely by children themselves, to help others less fortunate.

The CWSNF appeal was orchestrated by the 1st XI Cricket Squad (twelve pupils from Years 7 & 8) and their families. Recognising that they were very lucky to be going on tour to St Lucia in March, the squad embarked on a multi-faceted fundraising campaign for the charity.

The young cricketers set the ball rolling with several days' bag-packing at Waitrose supermarket in Cobham, followed by collections outside local supermarkets and school events and the sale of Christmas cards. The school produced a tour brochure and arranged a Sports Gala Dinner & Dance, where England cricketer Alec Stewart OBE was guest speaker. The boys themselves successfully approached

local companies for auction/raffle prizes and advertising revenue and they also obtained letters of support from sporting celebrities to feature in their brochure (including Kevin Pietersen, Robert Green and Martin Bicknell). They even produced some cricket bowling art (Michael Vaughan style!) that was auctioned for almost £1000. Alongside the fundraising, the squad collected donations of 2nd hand sports equipment and kit, enabling Hoebriidge to send a large cargo to St Lucia, which was distributed to schools and orphanages during the tour.

Gordon attended an assembly to receive the sizeable donation and he has invited the boys to meet the eventual beneficiaries, so they can see first-hand what a difference their efforts have made.

Hoebriidge School intends to build on their link with the charity, supporting them through future fundraising events.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

For several years we have had the greatest honour in being able to say a huge thank you to our sponsors, individuals, companies, and patrons for their help in making the CWSNF the successful charity that it is today. Giuseppe and Penny sponsor the most amazing evening at The Pennyhill Park Hotel, when everyone gets to meet other groups and individuals that support us through the year and enjoy presentations on how the charity has managed to bring; some small, some large but all welcome changes to our special childrens' lives.

Each year the CWSNF choose a small number of individuals or groups to be awarded the 'AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT'. The 2009 awards were presented by Sarah Goad, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.



◀ Peter Phillipson



▲ Karin and Julian Small, Malcolm Walker and Alan Watkins, Wentworth Club



▲ Giuseppe and Penny Pecorelli Exclusive Hotel Group



▲ Thandi and Ian Wooldridge, Wooldridge Group



◀ Janette Butler Procter and Gamble

▼ We were so proud to present an award to the late Ian Hayton for the outstanding contribution that Mr and Mrs Hayton and Foxhills Resort and Spa have given the charity. Russ, Gordon and Ian Hayton



▲ Michael Church



▲ Tina Varns & David Andrews, Waitrose Group.



NEW MINI BUS FOR WISHMORE CROSS SCHOOL, CHOBHAM

Once again it gives us great pleasure to help fund transport with a £6,000 donation to Wishmore Cross School to help fund a new mini bus, £2,000 of this sum was donated to us by Chobham Business Club.



We do love to be beside the seaside

The charity is proud to announce the official opening of a second new mobile holiday home at The Haven Church Farm Site in Pagham, West Sussex to replace the first ever mobile home the charity purchased back in 1998. These facilities enable us to send 150 families with special needs children on a free holiday each year. The funds for this mobile home were raised and donated by Alan Watkins and the Members of Wentworth Club, Surrey.

Alan has been involved in the charity for the past 12 years and chose CWSNF as his charity during his Club Captaincy in 2009. At the start

of his year Alan said to the members that he was 'shocked that a few miles from this prosperous area there is incredible poverty, neglect and need' and therefore asked them to support him in fund raising for CWSNF. By the end of 2009 he had reached an amazing £70k total, an extraordinary achievement amidst one of the most severe recessions and an illustration of the generous heart and soul of the club and its members to support a very good cause.



DANNY REPRESENTS ENGLAND IN CANADA

Danny trains three evenings a week and travels all over the country for his local club at weekends. His commitment to Ice Hockey is truly commendable. Danny attended trials to represent England in the Pee Wee Ice Hockey championships in Canada, not thinking for one moment that he would be one of only 18 boys to be selected out of 96; so when the official letter arrived he and his family were so excited and so proud. The CWSNF were delighted to meet with the family when they requested help with funding Danny's trip, and after meeting Danny and seeing the enthusiasm he has for this sport, we definitely wanted to support him in this amazing opportunity. Danny also helped raise some of the funds himself by asking local friends and neighbours to sponsor him.

Dear Gordon & Anne

I can't begin to express what your help means to me and my family. The money is most definitely helpful and will go to extremely good use, there is no doubt about that. But more than the money value, I also greatly appreciate the thought behind the gift. I know all the effort a lot of people have gone to help raise it and your actions have really lightened the load. I thank you especially for that. This had been a hard time last year, but knowing I have the support of people like you certainly helps. Please know I won't forget your kind gestures. It's going to be the most memorable experience of my life. Thank you for making my wish come true. I want to go out to Canada and do the best for everyone. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

yours

Sincerely
Danny Lightbody



WISHES DO COME TRUE

Several organisations and individuals were invited to Wentworth Club to join Patrons and Committee members for afternoon tea and to have their special wishes granted!!

DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY HERE ARE THE WISHES WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE COME TRUE WITH £122,000.

Abbey School - £27050

Alan is giving from Wentworth captain's year:

£2,000 for 6 x I-pod touches, 10 easy speak microphones, 1 x Movie Camera ▶

The balance will pay for a wireless computer system across three buildings and the grounds. Project originally thought would take two years. -

£11000

A curriculum server which meets the growing needs of secondary education and the complex needs of the students at Abbey - **£13000**

A Visualiser that projects the image of anything placed under it onto a whiteboard so that in classroom it enables teaching and learning to be spontaneous and immediate - **£1050** for three visualisers

Carwarden House School - Total of £5,550

£3500 for landscaping the area around the building to ensure safe route to swimming pool and patio area for 16-19 students.

£2050 for creating an eco/wildlife garden. ▶

Grove School

£1738 for a Lexis on Literacy programme that complements the Reading plus programme we purchased last year.

Lindon Bennett - A total of £14,450

3 x Massage Portable mattresses which can be used either on the floor or in chairs.

Refurbishment of Sensory Courtyard – to install a music/sound system with outside speakers, upgrade water feature, replace planting and new seating pit.

Outdoor classroom - Install a pergola, with transparent roof to create outside classroom, including storage cupboards and sand tables to study mini-beast life in the pond and courtyard. ▶

Loseley Fields School

£1,230 - funds from Wentworth 2009 Captains Fund to pay for a residential trip for 4 special needs children and specialist staff in September to France.

New Victoria Theatre

£19,275 to pay for the tickets for the panto this year.



Ridgeway Community School ▶

£26,950 pays for:

Proxtalkers x 8 - a communication that enables a child to choose pictures/symbols of things they would like and place them on a communication strip that will then speak to them. Each symbol has a chip inside which means it can be personalised and the child can put any vocabulary they would like on it.

Creative Arts Weeks at the Orpheus Centre - Annual event which provides the children with an opportunity to have experiences they would otherwise never have.

Eyegaze - Children with physical disabilities can do many things with their eyes that they would otherwise do with their hands. By simply looking at the control keys displayed on the computer monitor screen, the user can perform a broad variety of functions including speech, environments control, sending e mails, browsing the internet, playing games. etc.

Woking Scouts

£3000 – for Handicamp 2010 enabling children with special needs from Link Leisure, Park School, Freemantles School and Abbey School to attend a weekend camp and take part in many outdoor activities.

Wentworth Golf and Tennis Foundation

£8,000 from the Wentworth 2009 captains fund – this will fund one child to go through the Wentworth Club Foundation, this foundation was set up to provide children from the local area with a chance to develop their skills in tennis and golf. ▶

The Joshua Deller Fund

£10,000

This fund has helped Joshua receive cancer treatment in the USA and the care he needs. ▶

£2,300 for a Pressure Mattress for Brodie who suffers from Juvenile Huntingtons Disease. The pressure mattress will help support her posture and prevent bed sores. ▶

Gemma

£500 funded from Wentworth 2009 Captains fund.

Gemma has Down Syndrome and these funds have purchased a special trampoline for her which will help build her muscles through exercise. ▶





GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL
 Gordon and Ann together with our Patrons Mel and Peter Gordon went along to meet the pupils of Gosden House School and presented them with a cheque for £700. These funds have given the Speech therapy unit the opportunity to purchase 2 microscopes, and several electronic reading books.

THE WATERFORDS CYCLISTS TAKE TO THE ROAD

A team from Waterfords Estate Agents and Totally Mortgages, based in Lightwater, once again took to the pedals in a sponsored cycle ride. As supporters of the CWSNF charity for a number of years they decided to cycle around visiting each of their 6 offices across three counties, Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire, in one day. The riders set off from their Chobham office via

Sunningdale in Berkshire on their way to Bagshot and Camberley in Surrey before venturing into Hampshire for the final leg through Yateley and the finishing line in Fleet. A tired and very satisfied Brendan Cox commented "It is fabulous to get behind such a great cause and to support the work Gordon Parris and his team do. Only question, who put the hill in Jenkins Hill in Bagshot ???!!"



Thank you for your donation of €850

CWSNF Christmas and Summer Balls

Each year the charity holds fund raising gala balls in June and December. See website for further information at www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer ball, a great evening was had by all.

At our annual Christmas Ball all our guests were greeted by the choir from Abbey School in Farnham who sang festive carols and songs, thank you to those who attended for your generosity in supporting the raffle, tombola and auction.



READING PLUS FOR GROVE SCHOOL PUPILS

Grove School requested an American Computer Programme called Reading Plus which boosts pupil's literacy skills both at home and in school. The charity was delighted to be able to fund this project with the help of a £3,000 donation received from Salesian College in Farnborough.



2010 CHARITY GOLF DAY

Once again we were blessed with sunny weather for our annual golf day sponsored by Foxhills Resort and Spa. 24 teams took on the challenge and battled the course to come in with some great scores, but there is always only one winning team and this year The Ian Hayton Golf Trophy was presented by Marc Hayton to the team from KRAM Restaurants. The day was a great success and an amazing £25,000 was raised for the charity.





THANK YOU SYNERGY, FAIROAKS AIRPORT, CHOBHAM

This year Synergy have chosen the CWSNF for their 2010 fundraising campaign and got off to a flying start at the Royal Berks Polo Day selling raffle tickets which raised £250.00 - thank you for choosing us.

Fore!!!

Our special children



Alan Leason, Men's Captain and Rita Ellis, Ladies Captain, of Sand Martins are supporting CWSNF this year and arranged a day at the club for children

to experience golf with co-organisation from Justine and Samantha of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon golf partnership. 40 children with special needs attended the day and most of them had never held a golf club before or even thought about doing so. It was such a special day when they not only experienced the game of golf but also be represented their schools.

There were lessons on the driving range by Steve (head professional) and assistants and all the children were given an insight into various parts of the game. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment reflected in so many happy faces. The club will be selecting six of the participants to go for further coaching and will be offered a form of assisted membership of Sand Martins Golf club.



Thanks to Andrew Hall for allowing the event to take place and the Captains, professionals and members for making these children so happy.



AMAZING!!!

22 Waitrose Managers and others conquered the Three Peaks in under 24 hours in May. Together with the Waitrose

Community Matters giving and other fund raising events, they donated €30,000 to the charity. What a Feat!!!! And thank you to all concerned.



Christmas Hampers

Thanks to the generosity once again of Pamela, Marc and the late Ian Hayton from Foxhills Resort and Spa the charity was able to invite Russ Abbott one of our Patrons to hand over 60 Christmas Hampers. They were distributed to Carwarden House School, Camberley, Abbey School, Farnham and to Home-start, Runnymede. Families who receive these hampers are so appreciative as it really does make their Christmas.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Over the past 12 months the Waitrose stores in Windsor, Sunningdale, Frimley, Goldsworth Park, Horley, West Byfleet and Waitrose Head Office in Bracknell have all contributed from their Community Matters Funds where every month three charities benefit from customers generosity by dropping a green disc into the charity they wish to support.

The money donated to CWSNF has allowed us to purchase a new pvc balcony and ramp which was installed on our new mobile home at Pagham in Sussex, in March.



Gordon receives the cheque from Tony Whitten, the Store Manager at Goldsworth Park.

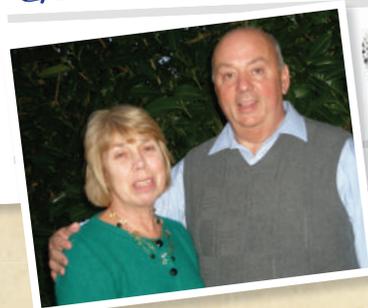
MESSAGE FROM GORDON AND ANN PARRIS

Well, what better way to celebrate our 15 year anniversary than to receive a cheque for £70,000 from Alan Watkins, 2009 Wentworth Captain on behalf of all the Wentworth members. This was shortly followed up by the Ascot Charitable Trust donating a cheque for £12,500 raised from their successful Ball held at Ascot Racecourse. Hot on its heels came a cheque for £30,000 from the Waitrose Branch Managers Group D who completed the 3 Peaks Challenge, a store raffle and Branch Community Matters.

Not to be outdone. Hoebridge School, Old Woking Cricket Team and parents raised another staggering £12,000. It was a magnificent afternoon on 21st July at Wentworth when we gave away to individuals, groups and schools the incredible sum of £122,000. These delightful photographs can be seen in this newsletter. On behalf of our Committee, we would like to thank our Patrons, Sponsors, businesses, individuals and schools who have supported our charity. Without them we would not have been able to achieve so much for our

special children. Our Committee is determined to go that extra mile and to make sure we make a difference to the lives of the many children with special needs that come to us for help. Our motto is "Putting A Smile on Tomorrow - Today" and without your continued help and support we would not be able to do this for our special children.

Gordon and Ann Parris



How You Can Help

The aim of the charity is to raise funds to support individuals, groups and schools in their requests for equipment, holidays and tuition as well as providing essential care for children with special needs in the local area. It also includes assisting talented children where there is a proven need.

We work with social workers, doctors, head teachers and other professionals who care for children with special needs and visit all those we help and discuss with them their future needs.

We carry out all of the above with voluntary help only, making sure that all money raised is spent on providing support for the children.

We hold several fund raising events throughout the year, and the dates are published on our website.

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Three of our main fund raising events are held annually. If you would like to support us in any way you can find out more and contact us at: info@childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk

GIFT AID please contact us through our e-mail and we will forward a copy of the document to you.

Future Dates

4th December 2010 Wentworth Club, Surrey	Christmas Ball
25th May 2011 Foxhills Resort and Spa, Surrey	Golf Day
25th June 2011 Wentworth Club, Surrey	Summer Ball

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