



HORIZONS' ENEWS

Horizons Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



January 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May we take this opportunity to wish all our sponsors, volunteers, friends and children who support Horizons - a safe and prosperous 2009.

NEW YEAR COLLECTING BOXES

Looking to this New Year we have some more collecting boxes if anyone would like one?

FRIENDS GET AHEAD

Thank you very much to Elizabeth Head for opening her house for a Horizons fundraising event. Cream teas, cakes, raffles and all sorts of goodies were available.

A fantastic £260 was raised.



(Above: Part of the fantastic spread of goodies provided by Liz Head).

Watch our ENews and website in 2009 for details on an event not to be missed.

MINIBUS

Does anyone have a spare 15+ seater minibus?

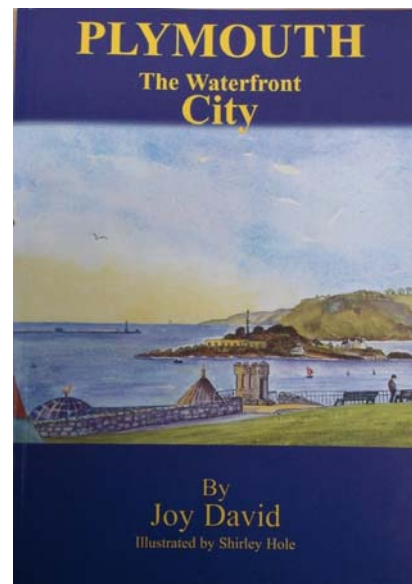
We shall need to replace the existing 8 seater during 2009 as we need to increase seating capacity to make full use of the 14 person capacity of our boat "Friendship".

Anyone with thoughts, ideas, have one in a garage etc etc. please do contact Jon or Craig.

BOOK OPPORTUNITY

Horizons supporter, author and Plymothian Joy David has written a book, 'Plymouth - The Waterfront City'. This tells the history of Plymouth with stories about the people, places, facts and insights into our city.

Joy has donated 11 books to be sold for Horizons Funds. Retail is £12.99 Joy is asking for £7.50.



I am sure a healthy donation might well get the purchaser a signed copy.....

PCC SWIM

The now annual Plymouth City Council Planners department Christmas dip in the sea took part on December 19th. We provided mince pies (courtesy of Babs Thomson), mulled wine and the event safety cover.

They provided the spectacle of seven brave swimmers boldly going where no sane person has gone before (Brrrr...).

Horizons benefits once again from their efforts. A big thank you goes to swimmer and organiser Katie Fry for organising this very successful event once again.



(Above: Katie Fry and friends from Plymouth Planners)

COMPANY SUPPORT

Thank you to Rob Northcott for putting our name forward to Fine Tubes Ltd based in Estover who kindly donated £200 from their company charity fund.



CONVERT UNWANTED 'STUFF'

Like e-bay but free, sell your unwanted 'stuff' and raise invaluable funds for Horizons.

Check out jumbleaid.com



COMPANY MATCH FUNDING

Check out your company they may, like Barclays, match fund pound for pound any money you raise for charitable causes. Some will even give time off for volunteering.

PRESS NEWS

We've had a very good month with our press involvement:

December 8th - 'The Herald': We had a follow up piece from our Drake Circus event with "Volunteers Sailing On" ...

December 16th - 'The Herald': "Taking a festive dip for charity" was an article informing the readers about the future swim (*see PCC swim above*) and inviting supporters to attend.



December 18th - We are also getting good at doing Radio breakfasts; Katie Fry from Plymouth City Planners joined Craig Shore for "the Breakfast Show" with Gordon Sparks BBC Radio Devon to talk about the Christmas Swim in aid of Horizons.

December 23rd - 'The Herald': a page three colour spread covering the Christmas swimmers in all their glory.

CAROLS & FATHER CHRISTMAS

Congratulations to those who braved the weather to help Father Christmas and Drake Rotary spread good tidings to the people of Plymouth on the 16th of December.

Father Christmas thanked them all for their help and through Drake Rotary gave Horizons a donation of £325.

Well done Santa and his helpers!

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