



## HORIZONS' ENEWS

Horizons Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



November 2009 - Part 1

### GET WELL SOON ROD

Our Chairman Rod O'Connor was just come out of hospital from having a corrective operation on his right shoulder, he was only there for the day and is now home recuperating - he's right handed so don't expect any written correspondence from him very soon. We have wished him well and a quick recovery from all of Horizons volunteers, helpers and children.

### 100 NUMBERS

This month our numbers were picked by Samantha Bunt of The Plymouth Trailer Centre along from us in Richmond Walk and witnessed by Frank Russell.

The Winning numbers are

13 - £25,

52 - £15,

30 - £10



### NAVY DAYS 2009

Tony Smith is seen here presenting Babs Thomson the £220 raised during Navy Days 2009 by the Babcocks riggers with their "Assault course". (Report in previous e-news).

Once again, many thanks to Babcocks for allowing us to promote Horizons and to raise some funds.



### POCKLINGTON RISE (THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND)?

Jon and Babs took eight partially sighted and blind people from Pocklington Rise on the 13th of October for a trip in Friendship. It was a great morning on the water, Plymouth Sound was calm and the sun shone. Everybody had a chance at driving

the boat - and some even went in a straight line!! The water was calm with a gentle breeze which made for a very pleasant boating adventure.



(Above- Here with Babs are (L-R, David, Spencer, Jack, Pat and Harry) Mandy and Celina from the Pocklington Trust are out of picture with Ray who was driving).

Pocklington Rise is part of the Pocklington Trust [www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/housingcaresupport/pocklingtonrise.htm](http://www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/housingcaresupport/pocklingtonrise.htm) and providing a sheltered housing centre for people within Plymouth who have lost their sight or are partially sighted. Although this is not a children's centre, we are utilising our facilities (Friendship) supporting disabled centres throughout Plymouth whenever we have the spare capacity.



...and Molly has to get in the picture, pretty Polly.....

### HIGH STREET PRIMARY

A first for High Street, a group of 10 children and Sir! (Tony Goodwin) took a day trip in our three Hawks.

We went out to have a look at the very lumpy Plymouth Sound and decided to take a little trip to Mountbatten then up the Tamar to Cornwall beach for lunch - for those not in the know its in Devonport!

Thanks to volunteers again - the Hawks were crewed by John Eardly, Jon and Craig plus our safety boat drivers Emma and Andrew.



### MAKING A BIG SPLASH FOR HORIZONS

It looks like my (Craig) big mouth has got me in the swim!

For the past two years the Planners Department within Plymouth City Council have gone for a dip in the sound raising money for Horizons.

I have always said I might join them, and this year they have called my bluff so I'm joining them for a dip - is there anyone else out there who would like to hold my hand and make a bigger splash for Horizons?

The venue is the steps at the western end of the Hoe just before the Wet Wok. The swim is 100 yds out to the swim buoy and back. The safety is being manned by Jon in the big rib and there will be hot mince pies and suitable hot drinkies for those taking part. (Fancy dress is compulsory). If anyone would like to join me or support the event by watching or even sponsor me please get in touch.

*(Below - "Santa felt very safe sitting on the head of his giant helper!" - 2008)*



So:- 18th December - 12:00 - West Hoe steps behind ice cream and coffee stand.

### WORK DAY / LAYING UP / PRIZE GIVING (DATE CHANGE)

The end of the season and the big clean up is about to start. We shall be washing all the sails and clothing also tidying up all the dinghies and hut and dinghy storage in Blagdons. This will be followed by the annual prize giving and hot food and maybe a drink or two.

We would like to see as many of our young sailors as possible also for the clearing and moving if I could have a few adult volunteers please because we would like to clear the Blagdons compound of all of the rubbish, leaves, bushes etc that has accumulated over the years before putting the boats to bed for the winter.

Please let Jon or Craig know as soon as possible so we can arrange for food etc.

So; 21st November - No 5 Richmond walk - 10:30

### BLUE AND YELLOW MATERIAL

If anyone has any old material that is in a shade of yellow or blue can they please let Craig know. We are trying to make some bunting/flags for horizons events. The material can be of any type - old shirts, skirts, curtains, etc as long as we can cut out a triangle roughly 8 x 12 inches (old measurements) 21 x 31cm (foreign), alternatively if you have pinking shears just send me the triangles.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### 21st November:-

Event: Laying up / prize giving

Venue: No.5

Time: 10:30

We would like as many cadets as possible to turn up not only to help but to be present for the annual prize giving and of course the food.

If there are any parents that might be able to spare some time I would be doubly grateful as we would like to clean out the Blagdons dinghy store of a few years accumulated rubbish and waste.

**Please let Jon or myself (Craig) know as soon as possible so we can get some idea for the catering. Many thanks**

#### 18th December:-

Event: Horizons Charity Swim:

Venue: Plymouth Hoe

Time: 12:00

Brrrrr.....!!!!!!!

**DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF NEWS AT THE END OF THIS SEASON WE HAVE CONTINUED TO A PART TWO EDITION OF THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - SO DON'T FORGET TO OPEN IT!!!!**



Please support Horizons by using web search engines and on-line shopping portals that donate to charities every time you use them. Log on and register for Horizons with the following links ~ IT'S FREE!

Search engines <http://www.everyclick.com/horizons--plymouth-/371022/0> <http://www.easysearch.org.uk>

Shopping portals [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), [www.buy.at-horizonsplymouth](http://www.buy.at-horizonsplymouth)