



HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



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STOP PRESS100 NUMBERS

This month our numbers were drawn by John Baxter during proceedings our Burns Night celebrations (more next month on that!)

The Winning numbers are:

88 - £25

73 - £15

13 -£10

H DAY

'H is for Hoist'. 1030 January 20th saw 'Friendship' lifted out of the water for the first time since her inaugural launch 18months ago for a mini service, scrub down, good hull inspection, antifouling and then back into the water.



Left: Before the goodly Knight St Jon went to work with his trusty lance!

Right: St Jon and his lance banishing the foe!!



Left: All clean and awaiting the sun for the painting to happen!!

***** OUR NEW WEBSITE *****

We have a new Webmaster - Barry "the web" Stott (not Scott). The website has gone live with lots of new pictures, updated articles on the work we do. The clever thing is that people can now 'give' via the

site and download the various brochures we produce and the Forms for young people wishing to join our clubs and for volunteers wishing to help out. Please do take a good look at the site.

If you do find things that are wrong please let Craig know as Barry has done a fantastic job with the site, the wording unfortunately comes from this office and are not always of the best grammar.

We must not forget to thank Paul Worster who spent lots of time setting up the initial site all those many years ago and set us on the road to 21st century communication.

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VICKY'S GRIZZLY CHALLENGE

Victoria Palmer one of our volunteers is running the Grizzly this year in aid of Horizons, for those not in the know take a look at the photos on www.axevalleyrunners.org.uk/races/index.htm 20+ miles of hills, pebble beaches, mud and oh more hills. Good luck to her, we will follow her training and get some good photo's from the day.



CARD DONATIONS

We now have a new facility that will accept payment of donations by credit card etc.

http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/donate/donate_b.asp?charityid=1683

This is run by a charity 'The Dove Trust' and they make a small charge 40p for every £10 donated which comes out of the gift aid which they collect on our behalf and add to our total. For all donations that cannot be gift aided we are not charged.

The bonus is that if anyone wishes to partake in a fundraising challenge or enters an event such as



Vicky is doing with the Grizzly, you can easily set up a personalised fundraising website that allows

supporters to give money securely over the internet. Take a look at Vicky's site at <http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/victoriapalmer>

CharityGiving supporting your cause for over 25 years
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TALK THE TALK

Babs and Craig got invited to the Thursday Afternoon People (TAP) at Plymstock Community Hall on the 14th to give a talk on the work of Horizons. Molly also went to give her expert opinion and performed to her adoring fans!!!

Babs and Craig felt they were being sidelined at one point. Everybody had a great afternoon with a very attentive and appreciative group of ladies and one chap and to top it we got tea and biscuits!

Seriously though a big thanks to Doreen and her group for the invite so that we were able to give the group some insight into what Horizons was all about and for the fantastic £50 they donated to the cause. We are hoping some might be visiting during the summer for a trip with the children.



Left: Craig imparting his knowledge, with Molly thinking 'I've heard all this before - what's over there?'

Right: Doreen Bell presenting the cheque to Craig and Babs



GIVING TALKS

Please do not forget we can give or you can give a talk to your club, group or organisation. (Rotary, Ladies groups, Luncheon clubs, Scouts etc). We have a short PowerPoint presentation (We have the laptop and a projector) if you wish it to be high tech' or just some picture boards and leaflets. (Molly has to be booked and needs doggie biscuits to perform).

This is a good way to publicise Horizons, bring up our profile and raise a little money. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch with Jon or Craig

WORK PLAN

We are nearing the pre sailing season 'get ready for the water' time of year again thingy!!!!

The three Hawk20's and the two safety boats have to be bottom scrubbed and re-antifouled around March. Thankfully a lot of work was carried out bedding the boats down for the winter but we do need to check all the ropes, elastics and fittings before letting them loose on the unsuspecting Plymouth sailing community. This is our early year call to arms for keen volunteers, no experience is necessary for this type of job, just a little bit of spare time and a good sense of humour

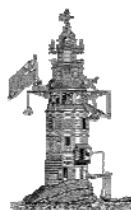
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EDDYSTONE PURSUIT 2010

I know it is early but please do think of our big fundraising event the Eddystone Pursuit 2010, the proposed dates for your diary is the 17th July. We would like to get as many yachts flying the flag for Horizons as possible, and as many as can taking our young sailors as crew (this is not obligatory). This is a full on fun day as those who have taken part will testify. Therefore If any one knows of someone with a yacht that would like to take part in this event please do mention it to them and steer them to the website - <http://www.eddystonepursuit.org> or get them to give Jon or Craig a call. We raise nearly 1/5th of our yearly running costs in this one event so it is well worth the effort everyone puts in but it also benefits directly all of our young people that take part. And if you need a reason to start a jam jar to collect loose change this the perfect time.



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