



HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



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100 NUMBERS

Keeping with the Christmas boozie theme this month the 100 numbers were drawn by Bob Hughes (Landlord and star of the Edwardian Farm) and Jamie Ascot of the Tavistock Arms – Gunnislake, The best place for steak and stilton pie and to wash it down how about a pint of Sharps special Christmas beer.



The Winning numbers are 67 - £25, 65 - £15, 86 - £10

COLLECTING BOX OF THE MONTH

The Rifle Volunteer, St Anne's Chapel, Gunnislake.



Jim Harding seen here tending bar with our collection box. Many thanks to the Landlord Geoff Baker and all the hard working staff at the Rifle for keeping the collection box on their bar against stiff competition from national charities. Check out their great menu

especially the Mussels, definitely worth a stop if you are in the area.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Year end provides the opportunity to look back and to look forward. Looking back, although not without incident 2010 was a successful year. The most significant feature was the increase in use of all our activities. Attendance at our out of school sessions rose to around 45 on Thursday evenings. This takes us to the limit of our capability. We have enough boats and there is plenty of sea, the problem is people and volunteers in particular. Those who are with us are excellent but there's a limit to what their number can achieve and we need more, spread the word! The take up of Friendship by those with disabilities and others has steadily increased and she is proving to be both flexible in use and economical to run. The Eleanor Creek Pursuit was again a great success and raised a considerable sum of money from which we and other worthy charities benefited. Next year will be the tenth Pursuit and should be

even more exciting. Looking forward to 2011 we are in good shape. Our boats are in excellent condition and thanks to many generous grants and donations, we are able to establish a rolling replacement programme to ensure that they remain so. We have a number of initiatives under consideration. One is the introduction of second evening session dedicated to those who wish to improve their sailing skills under more formal instruction, perhaps gaining RYA qualifications or moving into competitive racing. This would have the secondary effect of relieving some of the pressure on Thursday evenings. All exciting stuff, all we need now is a summer to balance out this winter! It now only remains for me, on behalf of the Trustees, to wish all our readers all the very best for 2011. P.S. 2011 is the twentieth anniversary of the formation of Horizons-stand by for celebrations! Rod O'Connor

AN EVENING WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS

Many thanks to all of you that braved the cold to help Father Christmas this year with the door to door collections. We became Santa's little helpers assisting the big man in the red suit who was helping out



Drake Rotary's Christmas Charity Appeal. Although it was a very cold evening it kept very dry and the householders we visited were very generous and nobody had the dogs set upon them. We did come upon one house getting into the swing of things, however the lights were on and yes "no one was at home"!

TESCO CHARITY TRUST'S 20% TOP UP

If you work for Tesco's did you know that you are eligible to apply to the Tesco Charity Trust for 20% top-up on any fundraising you may do for Horizons? Donations/fundraising does include any donations you may give if your children attend the sailing club and courses, as these are deemed as donations and not course fee's.

BURNS SUPPER APPROACHING

Only a 43 days to go (if I get this out on the 1st of January) before you can sit down to neeps and tatties and witness twirling Scotsmen all in aid of Horizons and for a bit of good honest fun. If you have not booked yet please do so soon, as places are going quickly. At the St Aubyn Hall, Stoke on the 12th February, cost is £20 each. If you wish further information please contact Jon. You can send a cheque to Horizons, use the link below to pay on line

https://www.charitygiving.co.uk/fundraising/eventregister_details.asp?event=1384

Or ask us for bank details if you would like to pay by BACS.

100 NUMBERS (YEAR 2011 NUMBERS)

Please if you are an existing member of the 100 number club could you please let the office know if you wish to retain your numbers for 2011. If anyone not in the scheme would like some numbers please let me know, so I can allocate numbers as they become available. The cost is £12 per number per year (you can have more than one number if they are available) three numbers are drawn each month winning £25, £15, £10.



INTRODUCING ANOTHER JOHN



We have been very fortunate in getting another employee through the Future Jobs Fund. We have been joined by John who shall be with us for a further six months and very much to our advantage as he is a dinghy Instructor. John has already got his feet wet and has been a great help with the recovering of all of the boats from Mayflower Marina. John

now also knows one end of a postage stamp from another as he has got to grips with the trimming of stamps as part of our fundraising efforts. Lots more to trim if anyone has a spare minute or two.....



JAMES AND HORIZONS IN THE PRESS



There was an article in the Herald Business section and the South West Business News this month all about James Sowter. This included a lot about his early days with horizons and subsequent apprenticeship with Mayflower Marina. For the full story please use the link below. James still calls in to see us regularly and is enjoying his work.

<http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Apprentice-joins-city-s-marina-team/article-2997708-detail/article.html>

SNOWED IN BOATS

Just before the weather turned for the worst (not if you were supposed to be at school that is) we managed to get all of the Hawks and the two safety boats out of the water. Luckily we had removed all ropes and movable equipment and overhauled the outboards before the world froze and filled everything with the white stuff. Friendship is still in the water and will be taken out in February for a paint and oil change and any required maintenance. When the weather warms up it will be antifouling time again....



SWIM POSTPONED

The Annual Christmas Swim unfortunately didn't happen, We programmed it on the coldest day and the one after the heaviest snowfall. Subsequently only one of the Councils swimmers turned up for work. (not sure that it was the weather or the thought of a swim that kept them away...) To get the most participation it is now to be held in the new year (when the water has a chance to get colder.... brrrrrr) If anyone would like to join the Horizons unsynchronised swimming team – currently Terri Myself and Molly. All volunteers or volunteered are gratefully welcome.

A 'FINE' CHRISTMAS

Thanks go to all at Fine Tubes in Estover for a most generous donation from their charity committee a nice pre-Christmas surprise. Thanks also go to one of our volunteers – Rob Northcott – who works at Fine Tubes for putting us up for a donation.



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