



HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



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100 NUMBERS

Picking the lucky numbers this week are Judie Heaton and witnessed by Michael Pape. As you can see from the picture they are sitting either side of the famous stamp cutting bin. Anyone that has a five minute time slot and wants a nice relaxing time can come and sit on either of these seats and unwind with some cutting therapy.



The Winning numbers are
8 - £25, 10 - £15, 1 - £10

COLLECTING BOX OF THE MONTH

Stainless fixings, Clare Place, Coxside



A great place for all your stainless and other metal needs, if its Hammering, screwing, bolting or cutting this is always a good place to try first, if they haven't got it they will know a man who has.. Horizons built a boat using all their stainless

nuts, bolts, washers and fixings. Martin or Steve are always available to help on 01752 262100

BURNS SUPPER SUCCESS

A great evening was had in an evening celebrating Rabbi Burns and the forth coming Valentines day. With the Piper piping the unwary haggis was brought forth and paraded past the seated throng with empty plates a waiting. The Wee Beastie was swiftly dispatched by Ian Hamilton after a



few verses in Rabbi's native tongue. (only unintelligible for us born south of the border!). The food once again was top notch and there was plenty and for some the opportunity for a wee second

helping..... Elastic waistband were needed as the trifle filled what little gaps which were left from the previous courses. Rod promised to keep the speeches to the minimum (to a small cheer) then in true style thanked



everyone for coming and making it so successful. Rod then thanked all the raffle sponsors, Flowers and thanks went to Mandy and her team for preparing and serving the food, John Baxter for piping during the festivities. Then onto the dancing with Gill Jefferies calling and Russel playing both tunes old and new.

STIMULATING SIMULATOR

Many thanks to Martin Brittin of the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service for bringing down the Safe driving simulator to give a talk and demonstration to the senior sailors. The simulator is housed in a red VW van with very shiny and low profile wheels, stacks of bling with speakers the size of a small child.....



Martin ran a session in the classroom about the dangers and hazards of traffic and the causes of the many accidents involving newly qualified drivers. Plus accidents caused by distractions on the street and in cars as the driver or passenger.

On opening the rear door of the van we were presented with a very large TV screen and speakers that were powerful enough to let everyone in Richmond Walk know what was happening. The TV and speakers were there to give a video presentation of accidents, their causes and effects.



Inside the van was a three screen display above the steering wheel of a driving simulator. Unfortunately this was a car simulator and required those taking part to be able to drive (with three pedals – Jon was barred because his truck only has two)



Craig was volunteered to demonstrate hazards and distractions to road users and then had the computer simulate him driving over the drink driving limit. The crash if it had been real it would have been

spectacular... and probably fatal!

Will then took the wheel and drove a Hazard perception program and some motorway driving. Ask Will about the simulated driving past a school at children pick up time.....

ON THE TILES WITH DAVE

No apologise for the very bad pun but thank you to Dave for volunteering to come to the rescue and completing the tiling in the entrance and the galley (kitchen). The grand opening has had to be cancelled due to the cold weather slowing down the drying of the grouting which is taking an indeterminate amount of time to dry. So a quiet celebratory service was carried out As there was no bubbly around we've christened the floor with some of Jon's high class spilt coffee.... Next time you visit please do feel free to come and inspect the great work and give suitable ooh's and aaaah's..



ASPIRATION PLYMOUTH

Over the past year we have been working with Three Local Plymouth Primary Schools, Weston Mill Community Primary School, St Budeaux Foundation School and Mayflower Community Primary School each of these schools have very similar education aims and are proactive in encouraging education to move out of the classroom.



The schools are aiming to work more closely together by forming a trust partnership. Part of the public consultation process has been to host 'road shows' in each of the schools

with their out of school educational partners.

Horizons as a partner (providing educational boating trips) was invited to join the schools in showing the children and



their parents the benefits the schools will gain by becoming a Trust.

Jon and Craig, with a team of volunteers in

support, took a Pico and information boards to give an insight into the activities and programmes we are able to provide. This also gave us a good opportunity to promote our after school clubs and summer courses.



The three pictures in order show, Mayflower, Western Mill, and St Budeaux schools.

TWO DOWN ONE TO GO

Will and Jon R are seen here finishing off the second Hawk, 'Fluency'. Its taken a while this year to get all the boats ready for the new season, it wasn't the usual small chips and dents and marks that has made this a mammoth task but the weather.



A tin shed in the rain is not the quietest of places, whilst not helpful temperatures have

meant doing work in relays between the warm office (the only place with any heating) and the shed. The temperature also effects the curing time of fibreglass and gel coating so everything has just taken longer. With the last Hawk going into the shed we are all starting to dream of Antifouling.....

5 TO GO...

To a good home Horizons is offering one or more collection boxes, they do need regularly feeding but require very little maintenance and are of good pedigree. Talk to Craig

YOUNG SAILORS TAKE CHARGE...

More to come next week about the youth council (probationary name) this is made up of our young sailors representing all the age and experience ranges of Horizons Sailors. The group will give feedback to the Horizons Trustees, Staff and Volunteers regarding the thoughts, wants and ideas of our young people.

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