



# HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



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## 100 NUMBERS

This weeks lucky draw numbers were drawn by Chris who looks after our account at Aquafax. We were very fortunate that during the building and fitting out Friendship of Plymouth Aquafax supported us with with a very favourable trade account for all of our marine fixtures and fittings.



The Winning numbers are  
**32 - £25, 2 - £15, 22 - £10**

## COLLECTING BOX OF THE MONTH

Mayflower Marina, Devonport



We are forever saying thank you to the marina management and staff for their continuing support of Horizons, but they do provide help and assistance above and beyond their charitable support. Plus they also do their bit to raise money from

unsuspecting visitor with a couple of our collecting boxes in various offices.

## TALKING MONEY

As of April the chancellor made us slightly worse off (charities that is), by reducing the basic rate of Income tax we

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claim as Gift Aid. However as a little tit-bit the chancellor has now allowed us to claim Gift Aid on money raised in collecting tins (up to a maximum of £5,000) this would have gained us an extra £400 last year so it is in our interest to get as many collecting boxes out on counters across the land and water (two boxes are on ships). If you

think you can help, they don't have to be in Plymouth, think further afield and if you would like a nice poster to go with it, please let me know.

**Make the most of the money your charity receives with Gift Aid**



## \*\*DOUBLE YOUR CHARITY GIFT\*\*



From the 9<sup>th</sup> of May Local Giving is running a special £25,000 match funding event in

Plymouth. Marcelle Speller (our not so Secret Millionaire) has set up this fund with:- Local Giving, The Devon Community Foundation and the Evening Herald

The idea is to encourage supporters to donate to a Plymouth charity through their website and their money will be doubled. To make it fair to all charities £6250 will be released on each Monday - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. With a maximum donation of £1000 to any charity, donations will be eligible from 8am. If you were thinking of making a donation however large or small this year perhaps this may be the best time and double your money. At 8am log on to <http://localgiving.com/charity/horizonssailingcharity> and make a donation – Please talk to Craig or Jon If you would like more information about this scheme. If you are thinking of a large donation it may be better to spread it over a couple of Mondays because if we are lucky to raise £1000 on any given week any further money will not be doubled.



## VISIT TO THE RNLI



This month a very small group of Horizons Sailors (where was everybody?) visited the Plymouth Lifeboat where they got to look over both of the boats and got a talk from Sean O'Kane, RNLI Engineer . Thanks to all at the RNLI for making this a very enjoyable outing. Oh too many buttons to push all at one time mmmmmmm. And a blue light!!

## **SWEET SURPRISE**



As you can see from the photograph we had a small group from an organisation called Sweet Surprise that provides work-placed training for people with learning difficulties. They run from a sweet shop (no surprises there) and a café in the town centre at Ilminster and offer on-site training. With their links with local businesses they are offered other opportunities of work placements. Their trip with Horizons was a day out for team building, expanding experiences and having a relaxing fun day. We took Friendship and two Hawks to Saltash for lunch and thanks once again to Saltash Sailing Club for their Hospitality.



## **FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**



With the sun shining and a not too cold northerly wind we took 4 families with young children from Friends and Families of Special Children. Friendship went out to the breakwater and around the fort with every one taking a turn at driving and then back through the Bridges and up to



Saltash. Using the Saltash Sailing Club pontoons we were able to get everyone ashore for lunch, although with a low

tide the gangway up to the club was pretty steep. It was great to use their veranda to eat lunch and watch the traffic on the water, plus trying to count the number of swans.



## **FIRST THURSDAY ARRIVED**

So it all happened in the Marina on Thursday 28th, Children, parents, molly the dog and a Volley of Volunteers (if you can come up with a better group



name let Craig know) and bags of enthusiasm – but no wind AAAAGH!. We went afloat but there was lots of Tide --- double AAAAGH!.

## **FIRST SCHOOL TRIP**

Thursday afternoon saw us going afloat in Friendship with Mount Tamar Special School – Juniors. We took a trip around the breakwater into Cawsand's Bay for some Man-over-board practice and through the bridges and home. The sun shone, some of the children got wet, and although some of the children tried really hard the teachers stayed dry.....



## **THE YEOMAN RETURNS TO BASE**

Anybody that has helped on a sailing session could not help seeing our Yeoman sitting on its trailer looking very unloved at the back of the dinghy compound. Unfortunately since we commissioned 'Miss Muffet' there has been no need to get her afloat and we have had very little time to make her look pretty again. However with the large shed now empty of boats under maintenance we



have towed her back to the Yard where Barry Stott has 'Volunteered' to effect the beautification process. Anyone wishing to help Barry with this project please let me know and I will put you in touch.

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