



Newsletter 2016

Welcome to our 2016 Newsletter

2015 was yet again a busy year for the Trust. As you know one of the aims of the Trust is to provide holidays for families with children suffering with life threatening illnesses and bereaved families. This year between the two caravans we have had 50 families taking holidays.

We have had support from many different groups of people who have put on fund-raising events to raise money for the Trust. We have put on several events and have managed to raise enough funds to allow the families to have a free holiday where they can get away from the rigours of illness and spend some quality time together.

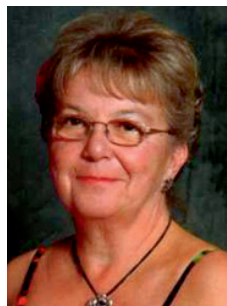
Enabling us to do this has a lot to do with the amazing volunteers we have. Our volunteers not only help and support us at events but join our rota for cleaning the caravans in between families.

We would like to say a big *thank you* to our volunteers and all the people who have raised money for us over the last year. Inside the Newsletter you can see some of the amazing things people have done to raise funds for us.

I would also like to thank our Trustees for all their support during the year. We said good-bye to Dave Townsend as a Trustee due to other commitments although he, his family and friends remain strong supporters of the Trust.

Karen Wetherley-Moody

Chairman



Karen



Sarah



John



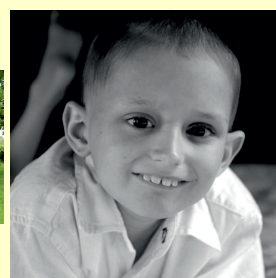
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Happy 18th Birthday Oliver

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It is now 8 years since Oli lost his brave fight with Ewing's sarcoma. Since then, as said before, we have given numerous families holidays they would not have been able to have if this facility was not open to them - through this Oli lives on.

One only has to read the visitors book to see how much having a break means to them. Here are just a few of the quotes from the book:

"Thank you so much for a very peaceful, relaxing break. The children enjoyed the swimming and games console. We also had lovely weather and enjoyed a BBQ. Caravan is very cosy – a home from home"

"We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone at OCT. We have had a fantastic week and were able to spend quality family time without the usual everyday worries".

"Well we have just arrived and I had to comment on the welcome – beautiful caravan, friendly toys on the kid's beds and essential provisions. The children are so excited we can't wait for the rest of the week to commence. Thank you so much"



Recent Fundraising Events



GOLF DAY

The Trustees, led by Dave Townsend, our events organiser trustee at the time put on a Golf Day at the Tenterden Golf Club. Eight teams entered and despite the weather being atrocious – pouring rain all day – all the teams finished and had a great time. We are repeating this event on 10th June 2016 at The London Beach Hotel, Tenterden so polish your clubs and sign up.



ST RICHARDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Portia and Lucinda raised £342 for the Trust by putting on a sponsored singing walk. Thank you to them and to the school and families for their support.



ROCTOBER NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Tim Phillips and the 1066 Rockit Men put on a concert at Rye College. Trustees and volunteers from the Trust manned the raffle which raised £1,800. Thank you Tim and the band for all your support over the years for the Trust.



HASTINGS HALF MARATHON

This year we had 24 runners. The Spire adopted us as their charity to run for this year and raised an amazing £1,270. So with their support and our runners over £4,000 was raised at the event. Thank you to all the runners and all the support team.

LONDON MARATHON

Sarah Curd ran the 2015 London Marathon in aid of The Bone Cancer Research Trust and raised £3,350. Well done Sarah that was a fantastic effort.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Danielle Roberts, one of our volunteers, organised a great Christmas Party at The George in Rye in 2014 and again at the The Mermaid in Rye in 2015 raising an amazing £6,000 over the two years. Thank you Danielle, The George and The Mermaid for all their support before and during the events.

JEMPSONS

Throughout the year Jempsons have had various collections on behalf of the Trust and have raised an amazing amount – thank you to all at Jempsons and to their customers for supporting the Trust as always.



BEXHILL CARNIVAL

Bexhill Carnival chose the Trust as one of their charities this year and the Trust had a stand at the Carnival and selling merchandise and books and also participated in the procession around the town. We received an amazing £700 from the event and made many new friends - we are very grateful.



DILLON & DOLLY

Dillon & Dolly have been busy again this year. They were present at the Golf Day, Hastings Direct Crowhurst Park Day, opening of the Charity Christmas Card Shop in Rye and other events.

THE NEW INN WESTFIELD

£300 raised by Patrick and his team at a music evening following the Westfield Fete in June. Thank you one and all.



HOG ROAST

Rye Wine Bar hosted a Hog Roast organised by Richard Curd and a good time was had by all who attended and £250 was raised.

RURAL PASTIMES

From funds raised at their event at Pestalozzi Rural Pastimes generously chose us as one of their charities again this year and presented us with a cheque for £1,000. Last year we had a stand at the event but unfortunately due to other commitments we were unable to this year. However, we hope to return again in 2016 with a stand. Thank you all for your support.

HASTINGS DIRECT

We would like to say a special thank you to Hastings Direct who took us on as one of their charities for 2015. £2,500 has been raised by staff at Hastings Direct for the Trust. In addition a group from Hastings Direct came to Crowhurst Park and spent most of the day jet washing the caravan and provided plants for the garden around the caravan which included pots, wind chimes and fairy lights. A great time was had by all and their efforts have been greatly appreciated by the Trust and the families who have stayed at the caravan since. Thank you all.

LEAH ATHOL-MURRAY

Local fundraiser Leah Athol-Murray took part in a trek in Nepal in October 2015, raising funds for The Oliver Curd Trust. Leah reached a fantastic £4,000 with her fundraising. Events have included two sets of Lindy Hop lessons and tea dances and a curry night in which Leah prepared the meal for over 60 people herself. Leah has previously undertaken treks in the Himalayas and India. We wish Leah all the best of luck on her travels and congratulate her on her support and achievements.



OAKFEST

A big thank you to John, Matthew, Sam and Jacqueline for adopting us as their charity last year at their Oakfest musical day and evening. A fantastic £3,500 was raised.



Collection Boxes

Would your local shop or pub be willing to have a collection box? If so please contact us at the number above. A big *thank you* to all the businesses who have held collection boxes for the Trust over the years



CARAVANS

Last year we were able to upgrade both our caravans due to successful fundraising events by ourselves and the generosity of people who have raised funds for us.

Firstly we upgraded Crowhurst Park; We had the original caravan since we set the Trust up in 2008 and we wanted to provide the charity with a clearer future in providing the service to our families for the next 10 years and beyond.



This year we upgraded the caravan at Combe Haven and like the one at Crowhurst Park this is also insulated and, therefore, this will not only be more comfortable for the families but will reduce the running costs.

In 2015 we had 50 families staying for either a long weekend or a weeks holiday. At time of going to press we already have 30 families booked for this year.

Without your support we would not be able to continue and would like to say a BIG THANK YOU.

DONATION FORM

Contact John Barnett on 01424 753323 if you would like to complete a Direct Debit form or make a donation or email johnbarnett@theolivercurdtrust.co.uk

If you would like to know more about the Trust or would like to become a volunteer we would love to hear from you. Our supporters are our lifeblood – please get in touch if you would like to fundraise for us – we are always happy to help and support or if you would like to join our Caravan Cleaning Volunteers.

Please contact Karen on 01424 882943 or 07802 573612

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Olive Curd Trust Golf Day	Friday 10th June 2016
OakFest	Saturday 18th June 2016
Fashion Show	DATE TBC
Quiz Night	Friday 24th June 2016

HOLIDAYS

Do you know a family who have a child with a life threatening illness or a bereaved family who would benefit from a break in one of our caravans.
If so please call Karen on 07802 573612 to see if we can help.

SUPPORTERS

Morfeys Removals	Rye College	Collins Family	Hastings Direct
Charity Christmas Cards	Elmtree Boot Fair	Rye Fishing Club	Royal Mail ParcelForce
Enterprise Car Hire	Bexhill Carnival	OakFest 2015	Cock Inn Peasmarsh
	Icklesham Boot Fair	Charlotte Marshall Trust	