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The Oliver Curd Trust

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Newsletter 2018

Collection Boxes

Sandra has taken over the organisation of delivering and collecting our charity boxes this year and we have had some great support from local businesses – thank you to you all for allowing us to place one of our boxes on your premises.

If you know of anyone that would be willing to have a collection box please contact us at the number below.



CARAVANS



Again in 2017 we had 50 families staying for either a long weekend or a week's holiday.

DONATION FORM

Contact John Barnett on 01424 752323 if you would like to complete a Direct Debit form or make a donation, or email john.barnett@theolivercurdtrust.co.uk

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRUST

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. The cleaning of the caravans is not an onerous task and only takes a couple of hours. If you would be happy to do a couple of cleans a year that would be a great help. The caravans open in March and close down in October.

Please contact Karen on: 07802 573612.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Olive Curd Trust Golf Day	Friday 29th June 2018
Westfield Fete	Saturday 9th June 2018
Iden Fete	28th July 2018
Rural Pastimes	11th & 12th August 2018
Hastings Half Marathon	24th March 2019

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 573 612 to see if we can help.

SUPPORTERS

- Royal Mail & Parcelforce
- Hastings Direct
- Rye RNLI
- Spearfish Reenactment
- Morfeys
- Cards for Good Causes
- Rye Fishing Club
- The Mermaid Rye
- Sussex Beds
- Hawkhurst Lodge
- Elmtree Boot Fair

Welcome to our 2018 Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people who have supported us over the past years. The wonderful people who have raised funds, donated and given their time to enable us to carry on with the Trust's aims.

These aims are to provide holidays for families with children with cancer, other life-threatening illnesses and bereaved families. Again, this year we provided 50 families with a much needed holiday.

Without the support of so many people we would not have been able to do this. From people who raise funds for us, the volunteers who clean the caravans between families, to the Trustees who meet regularly and organise events and clean caravans – thank you all.

Within the Newsletter you can see some of the amazing things people have done to raise funds for us.

This year we celebrate the Trust's 10th Anniversary. The Trust was set up in 2008 by Oliver's parents, Richard and Sarah in his memory. Oliver was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in April 2006, and sadly died in November 2007. Oli's brave story can be seen in full on our website www.theolivercurdtrust.org where many of the amazing fundraising events can be viewed in pictures plus information on what the Trust does and how families can book a holiday.

On behalf of the families, the Trustees thank all who are involved in helping us to keep the Trust going and achieve our aims.

Karen Wetherley-Moody

Chairman



Karen



Sarah



John



Sandra



Sue



What do we Offer & What does a Holiday Mean to Families?

The caravans (photos of which can be seen within the newsletter) are static caravans. We have two caravans one of which is located at Crowhurst Park near Battle and the other at Combe Haven in St. Leonards. The caravans are fully equipped with everything that one needs from cooker, fridge, central heating, fans, bed linen to toys. Both parks have on site swimming pools and gyms, entertainment and restaurants. Both sites are within easy reach of the Conquest Hospital should medical help be needed.



Comments from families

Reading the visitors book, one can see how much having a break means to families. Here are just a few of the quotes from the book:

"We are so grateful for a chance to have a wonderful break. The caravan was so well equipped. All the kids enjoyed their time here. Never met the cleaners but have done a fantastic job. Thank you so much".

"This holiday was much needed not just for us but for her elder sister who is 8 years old. You forget the impact such an illness has on a sibling. Thank you to all at The Oliver Curd Trust".

Recent Fundraising Events

Golf Day

For the last two years we have held our Golf Day at The London Beach Hotel. Sue Gammon arranged a fantastic day on both occasions and everyone really enjoyed the day. The amazing sum of £1400 was raised in 2017.



Westfield Fete

Held on Saturday 10th June 2017 Karen, Sandra and Anne ran a tombola and raised £150. Prizes for the tombola were donated by local people – thank you. A good day was had by all.



London Marathon & Hastings Half Marathon

Matt Pickering ran the London Marathon for us as well as Dave, Kenny and Debbie in the Hastings Half Marathon. Thank you all.



Tipping Point

Mark Benton one of our Patrons took part in the TV quiz Tipping point and raised £1000.00 for the Trust. Thank you Mark – hope you enjoyed the show



Hastings Direct

Thank you to Hastings Direct team who again 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.



Charity Christmas Card Shop Rye

For the third year we sold our Christmas Cards at the Cards for Good Causes Shop in Rye. This year the local Salvation Army led by Nigel Bassett came and played on our opening day outside the shop. Despite a slight drizzle they played on and were appreciated by those who were passing and those who came into the shop – thank you to all the band for supporting us. The Rye Town Crier escorted Sandra round the town.



Matt Pickering & Colleagues & Sussex Beds

The Oliver Curd Trust was presented with two cheques totalling £5,472.

Half the money was raised by a group of enthusiastic friends from East Sussex who battled and conquered a series of events to raise vital funds. Family-run local firm Sussex Beds then matched the funds raised to help the team smash their target. Choosing to fundraise for the Oliver Curd Trust was a joint effort between Matt Pickering from St Leonards on Sea, and Chris Hawkes with his Born Ready Fitness team based in Battle.



Christmas Party

Danielle Roberts, one of our volunteers organised a great Christmas Party at The George in Rye in 2014 and at The Mermaid in Rye in 2015 and 2016 and 2017. Over the 4 years in all Danielle has raised £10,000 with these parties – thank you Danielle from the Trust and all the families who benefit from your amazing fundraising.



Rural Pastimes

We had a stand at the Pestalozzi Village where the Rural Pastimes show is held. With a raffle and selling books we raised, over the two days, £270. Thanks to John, Sue and Sandra for all their help selling and setting up and taking down the gazebo.



Abigail Hutton Sky Dive

Abigail raised an amazing £507 for the Trust in August 2017. Abigail's reason for choosing are in her own words – "I do not possess any connection with your charity. When I decided I would like to do a skydive I knew I wanted to do it for charity so I researched extensively as to which charity I wanted my donation to go to, of course all charities are incredibly worthwhile causes but I knew I wanted to give to a charity concerning children and families as I work at a school and I love working with both children and their families. I came across the Oliver Curd Trust as I did my research and I knew then that I had found the charity I wanted to give to. Oliver's story was so sad and yet so powerful and full of courage and it seemed incredibly profound to me to help provide happy memories to children and their families experiencing the most difficult lives. I hope that explains my choice!"

Thank you so much Abigail. All the money you raised will help enormously towards making our families holidays even more special.



Hastings Writer's Group

Hastings Writer's Group celebrated their Platinum Anniversary in 2017 and put together a book of short stories, poems and pictures from children aged 5-11 living in the Hastings & St Leonards-on-Sea area. The proceeds from the sale of the book called 'Imagine That' was donated to three local charities one of which was The Oliver Curd Trust. A cheque for £451.00 was presented to the charity. Thank you so much for all those who helped and contributed to the book, for a most generous donation.



Rye RNLI Join Up With Crews From Dungeness & Littlestone To Raise Funds For The Oliver Curd Trust

Rye Harbour RNLI welcomed the volunteer crews from Littlestone-On-Sea and Dungeness to a fundraising event on Saturday March 3rd. The event was intended to revive a tradition of gathering on each other's home turf to enjoy a meal together and raise money for good causes. Between them the crews raised £355.00 and their chosen charity was the Oliver Curd Trust. Joseph Brown, Rye Harbour crew member organised the event – thank you Joseph and thank you to all the crew members who took part. The donation is greatly appreciated by the Trust and will go towards giving our families the best holiday possible. We wish the crews all the best for the coming year.

