



Fundraising News

February 2017

Welcome to all our new friends and supporters and a huge thank you to all who continue to help us raise the much-needed funds for Playgroup. This newsletter is our way of thanking the organisations and individuals who have chosen to make Marlow Opportunity Playgroup (MOPs) their charity of choice and hopefully inspire all our readers to organise or join one of our events and make a difference to the lives of the wonderful children at Playgroup. As you are all aware, fundraising is crucial to continue to operate and maintain the high standard of care and support our precious children enjoy at MOPs.



Christmas seems a distant memory but we are pleased to report our Christmas Fair raised £1270, thank you all who came along and enjoyed the fun and festivities expertly arranged by Sharon and her team.

A further £340 was raised at the Beaconsfield Festival of

Light where we had a stall promoting the Playgroup and selling the Christmas essential Reindeer Food. Thank you, Julia, for organising the evening.

Our amazing Santa Run team won an additional £250 for being nominated for the best Santa Run photo, we will keep you posted on how much they raised in sponsorship



We received an amazing donation of £3168 from the Kop Hill Climb the Historic Motor Sport event organised by a group of volunteers working for the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation (BCF), their web site is worth a visit if you are interested in motor sport <http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk>

Other donations included £500 from the Relief in Sickness Charity, £200 from Neeld Masonic Lodge, £50 from the Charities Trust, £1400 from Guy Butler Ltd (thank you Heather for introducing us to the company) £4000 from Allergan and £285 from individual donations.

Thank you to all of you who have set up monthly direct debit donations, this regular income really helps when our treasurer Paul has the unenviable task of balancing our books.

We are also pleased to report we were successful in securing a Transport Grant from Bucks Community Fund and that two members of staff made generous donations to fund a Defibrillator for the hall.

Dates for Your Diary



QUIZ NIGHT

Join us for an evening of intellectual stimulation and put your knowledge to the test with a team of friends at our Quiz night on the **24th March 2017**

More details to follow but put the date in your diary and start getting a team together.

Other events being planned are the Spring Fair on 22nd April, a Nordic Walk in May, a Barn Dance on 10th June and our amazing Charity Dinner Dance on 21st October.

If you would like to help support Playgroup why not join the Fundraising Team We are a group of current and past parents and grandparents who meet for coffee and discuss how we can give something back to the incredible Playgroup that has given so much to our families. Contact me, Jeanette Galloway, for details : jeanettegalloway@gmail.com

More information on how the playgroup operates can be found on our website <http://www.marlowopportunityplaygroup.org.uk>