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Suffolk Autumn Newsletter 2011

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Welcome Back!

A big welcome back, we hope everyone has had a really lovely Summer break. Things here continue to be busy with some of our children moving on to the next stage of their education, and new children beginning their time with us.

Our last opportunity to spend time with some of our families was at the Summer Fete which we held in Burstall in July. The weather was glorious and enabled us to have some great games and competitions for the children and adults alike. The highlight of the afternoon had to be the wonderful sight of hundreds of balloons being released across the Suffolk skies. Congratulations to James Goodge from our Wednesday group, whose balloon made its way all the way to Germany!

The parent evaluation forms that all current parents completed, have resulted in several minor changes to the way we do things within the sessions. On a larger scale the parents' interest in a secure area on the website where they can chat to each other has resulted in the addition of a Parents' Discussion Board. This can be accessed via the Trust's main website, and will require an individual login ID and password which will be issued from the trust office. We have also introduced a parent representative for each group, these representatives will meet direct with the Chief Executive and the local Trustees to discuss any suggestions and issues.

We are in the process of looking at ways of improving our outside area; we would like to provide a covered area which we can use as a classroom and some outside planting. We would welcome any ideas, support or funding.

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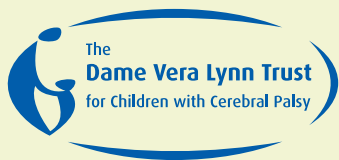
Some of our wonderful fundraisers ...

48 hour fishing marathon

Former parent Clinton Clouting, who is a huge car enthusiast and fisherman, has been fundraising by showing his car at different displays and being involved at various fishing events. So far this year he has raised £356.50 and in October this year is organising a 48 hour fishing marathon. If you would like to take part then please contact Sara Baxter, Regional Fundraiser who will pass your details on to him!

Coffee morning success!

Stella Race raised £455.00 by organising a coffee morning in her local village. We are incredibly grateful for her support and would like to thank everyone involved! Stella's granddaughter Arla attends the School for Parents and she wanted to be able to organise an event to give something back.



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Diary of Events



Monday 31st October 2011 - Halloween Firewalking at Jimmy's Farm Suffolk

On Halloween night, Monday 31st October we will be holding a sponsored Firewalk at Jimmy's Farm in Suffolk. This promises to be an interesting night, with witches and ghosts and ghouls walking the hot coals. Gain sponsorship to take part and help us raise valuable funds for the Dame Vera Lynn Trust School for Parents Suffolk.

Bring the family along to watch pumpkin carving, join in lots of halloween activities, enjoy live music, good local food and to cheer you on. It really is a life-time experience! So sign up now and start getting your sponsorship. Please contact Sara Baxter at the Suffolk School for Parents on 01473 652880 or 01473 857678 or email: sara.baxter@dvltrust.org.uk for further details on how you can take part.



Saturday 10th December - Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir Concert

Performing at Felixstowe Town Hall with a pre-Christmas Concert starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £3.50 each including refreshments.

Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir were formed in April 1968 and have built a reputation and tradition for music to entertain a wide variety of audiences. The Choir provides a pleasant musical hobby for its members and a means of enhancing the relationship between the police and the public that they serve. Many concerts have been given over the years throughout Suffolk and beyond raising money for good causes.

For information on any of the above events, please contact Sara Baxter on 01473 652880 or email: sara.baxter@dvltrust.org.uk



Snowdon Challenge

Craig Grew, Company Director of graphic design company Keakreative, is taking on the 'Snowdon Challenge' to raise funds for the Dame Vera Lynn Trust. He is set to walk the peak on 29th September 2011 and would like to get lots of people involved in sponsoring him. If you would like to sponsor Craig in his challenge then please visit his **Just Giving** page at www.justgiving.com/keakreative



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Do you have an old mobile phone sitting in a drawer?
If you do, then you can donate it to us! We have teamed up with Forgotten Mobile who arrange a Freepost envelope service by using a Short Code Text Service (Free donation).

We can offer this service for people to text their name and address and a Freepost envelope will be posted the same day, confirmed with a simple text reply and supplied free of charge. You can then pop your phone in the post direct to us. So simply **TEXT 'DAMEVERA' TO 60777** followed by your name and address to help us raise much needed funds.



The Dame Vera Lynn Trust Financial Statements for year ended March 31st 2011 are now available to download from our website under 'Publications'



Celebration of 10 years of the Dame Vera Lynn Trust

The sun shone down on families and friends of the Dame Vera Lynn Trust School for Parents Suffolk as they celebrated the 10 year anniversary and end of term. Face painting, fresh strawberries, a lovely selection of home-made cakes and a wonderful array of plants were a few things on offer.



The barbeque was manned and sponsored by Creative Occasions with the assistance of a further donation of burgers from Swiss Farm of Winesham. Everyone commented on Andy King's lovely burgers and sausages, which are produced locally.

Many people came together to either donate their time or gifts for the raffle and stalls. We raised over £900 and have gained many new supporters. Every little helps with events like these to create interesting activities and we were donated prizes of sweets from Tesco at Copdock and the Sweet Hut in Felixstowe.

Lorraine and Steve Wright (*below*) from Dairy Farm in Bramford have a passion for plants. They donated a tremendous amount of plants for the stall and an interesting rose for the raffle. We would like to extend our warm thanks to Hollesley Bay, Notcutts and Stonham Barns Garden and Plants Centre.



We would also like to thank the following supporters: BOC of Hadleigh Road Industrial Estate for the donation of Helium, Assington Fruits for the donation of strawberries, Heather Neudecker of Barrett and Company for photography prizes, Jimmy's Farm for their Nature Trail pass prize for the balloon race and all the stallholders, donors and parents.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING OUR SPECIAL DAY SUCH A SUCCESS.

Christmas Corporate Challenge

We are asking local companies to come forward from now until Christmas to pledge £100 to help us raise £5000 for the children attending the School for Parents. There are lots of different ways to get involved; hold a staff pre-Christmas raffle, Dress down day, donate a pound instead of buying Christmas cards, hold a coffee morning or by giving a company donation. If this is donated through the Big Give campaign on line we can get the donation doubled. It really would mean a lot to us, so if you are a generous boss or a willing employee please come forward and help us. We will display a list of companies involved on our website so you can all see who's supporting us. **For further information or if you would like to tell us what you have planned, please call Sara Baxter on 01473 652880.**

I would like to support The Dame Vera Lynn Trust for Children with Cerebral Palsy

I would like to become a Regular Giver with a monthly gift of:
 £3 £10 £15 (please tick) **OR** £..... (other amount)

OR - I would like to **increase** my regular monthly gift to: £.....

Name

Address

Postcode Telephone No

Email

(to allow us to contact you to set up your regular gift)

Signature Date

I would like to give a one-off gift of: £.....

Please make cheques payable to The Dame Vera Lynn Trust **OR** alternatively telephone to make a donation by credit/debit card.

I would like information on leaving a Legacy (please tick box):



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GIFT AID: I am a UK tax payer, please treat this gift and all gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations. I understand that the tax reclaimed in any tax year by the Trust against my donations must not exceed the total amount of income tax or capital gains tax that I pay in that year.

Signature Date

The Dame Vera Lynn Trust will only use the information you have provided to keep you informed about the charity. However, if you would prefer not to hear from us please tick the box:

Please send this completed form to:

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Sponsored Halloween

FIREWALKING



WHERSTEAD, IPSWICH IP9 2AR

**Monday 31st
October 2011**

Firewalk starts at 8.00pm . . . Come along for a fabulous evening of live music, Halloween delights, delicious hot food and the opportunity to take part in the most amazing feat of your life! See all the ghosts & ghouls taking part! Free to spectate - but worth doing.

WALK ACROSS 20 FOOT OF 800 DEGREE BURNING COALS
possibly the shortest sponsored walk in the world!!

For further details and an application pack, call:

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