



Supporting Children with Special Needs
in Derbyshire

Tiny Tim Trust Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the Tiny Tim Trust Newsletter. Since the AGM in April the Trust has been very busy with many applications for varied items of equipment.

At the last AGM Mrs Patricia Kirbyshaw stood down as Chairman and a committee member after many long years of service. She was wished a fond farewell at the AGM and Dr Philip Preece was appointed as Chair in her place. Dr Preece was the first chair of the Trust and has decided to come back and take an active role again.

Since the AGM, applications to the Trust have included numerous requests for rain hoods and sun canopies; when children are issued with a special buggy these items are not included and are necessary if the child is to be taken out of the house in all weathers. Two requests were made for special buggies and a rain hood and sun canopy were also ordered as extras.

Special car seats have also been requested as ordinary ones don't restrain disabled children correctly. Trampolines have proved popular too, as have outdoor toys on which children can exercise and use up some excess energy.

We received a request for a washing machine for a family who have much laundry to do for their disabled child and have been having to take a bus trip to a launderette.

One application was for special flooring that will be extra hygienic for a very poorly child who has spent a great deal of time in hospital.

Lastly one application was received for a donation towards some garden fencing to keep a young child safe when playing outside.

All of these requests were agreed and we have received grateful letters, emails and telephone calls from the parents or carers of these children. The trust spent approximately £2527 on these requests.

At an event held at Masson Mill in Cromford, in February, The Trust was able to secure a

donated prize of a website. This will prove invaluable for publicity and making sure more people are aware of the Trust. The website is currently being commissioned and the address will be www.tinytimtrust.org.uk

Since April a number of donations have been received from Hasland Methodist Church and Dr Ian Roberts gave the Ladies Guild a talk on the work of the Tiny Tim Trust in October. Also in April the Trust had a runner in the London Marathon and she raised £325.

On August 29, one of our Trustees, Lisa Rowbottom, organised a Rock Day at the County Inn in Chesterfield. This proved to be a popular event and raised £350. The landlord is keen to repeat this again next year and although maybe too noisy for some of our members is definitely worth attending!

In September the annual Golf Day was once again held at Chevin Golf Course. It proved to be very successful with 30 teams taking part. At the dinner in the evening a raffle was held followed by an auction and the whole day raised approximately £5000. Thanks to Mary White and her helpers who once again made this a very worthwhile event. The next Golf Day will take place on 02 September 2011 and Mary will be looking for sponsors, prizes and teams to take part.

Simon Groom, a very valuable supporter of the Trust, has agreed to become a Patron. I'm sure he will be welcomed with open arms.

We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for the Charity and if you have any ideas please get in touch with me; I can be reached on 01246 823468 or on Justina.M@btinternet.com.

All it remains for me is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year for 2011. Hope to see you at the AGM in May.

Tina Wilkinson - Secretary TTT