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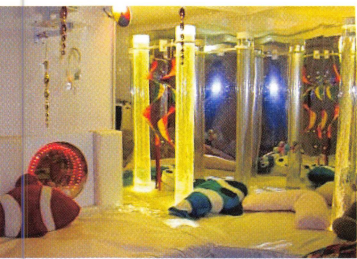


LITTLE HAVENS CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Set within 120 acres of woodland, Little Havens in Essex celebrated its 10th birthday in 2008. It provides a home from home for ill children, their parents and their siblings, one in which they can take a break from the strain of constant care and concentrate on being a family.



Prior to the start of the 125 appeal I made contact with my local children's hospice and was invited to visit and have a look at the facilities. The first thing that you see as you walk through the bright welcoming reception area is the hydrotherapy pool used by the children and their families. There's a multisensory room packed full of toys and special equipment designed to stimulate the senses of the children, the garden with play equipment suitable for wheelchair use and the chapel used for quiet reflection and music therapy.



There are nine bedrooms for the children each with a private patio and accommodation for their families upstairs. At the start of my visit I was told that I wouldn't be able to see all the facilities as there was a family spending their last hours with their child, but from what I saw it was obvious that Little Havens tries to fulfil its sated desire "that all children with life limiting illness be enabled to live life to the full."

by Jane Holden



THE LAST EVENT

Four teams of young men of the East Cheshire Battalion rounded off their year of fundraising to celebrate the organisation's 125 years of Christian Youth Service. The final event was a 12.5 mile canal walk from Kidsgrove to Middlewich covering a cumulative 125 locks. The grand total raised by all sections of the Battalion over the year was a magnificent £2344:80p, which has been presented to the Donna Louise Trust.



BURNS' SUPPER

Members of 1st Bearsden presented £600 to CHAS following a Burns' Supper arranged by the Seniors.



COAST TO COAST RIDE

Boys and leaders of 8th Hartlepool completed a 146 mile coast to coast bike ride from Whitehaven to Hartlepool and raised £1827 for the Butterwick Children's Hospice.



MONEY FOR ACORNS HOSPICE, WALSALL

10th Wolverhampton raised £275 for Acorns Hospice in Walsall by baking cakes, planting sunflower seeds, growing plants and taking part in a beetle drive.



EAST ANTRIM BATTALION

Pictured is Brian Smith who has recently stepped down as President of the East Antrim Battalion, presenting a cheque for £500 to a representative from the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. Looking on is the Battalion Treasurer, Drew Buchanan.



PENNIES FOR TY HAFAN

The 16th Cardiff Company chose Ty Hafan, the Children's Hospice in Wales, as the charity it would support this year and raised the sum of £271.26 by a collection of 1p, 2p and 5p coins. At a parents' evening the cheque was presented by Alyx Courtman to Alyson Rees, Head of Fundraising at Ty Hafan.



SOUTH EAST HANTS BATTALION

As part of its fundraising activities the South East Hants Battalion held a sponsored walk and raised over £2000 for Naomi House Children's Hospice in Hampshire. Over all, the Battalion has raised £3,380.04 for Naomi House.

WEST ANGLIA BATTALION SHOW

West Anglia Battalion donated £1500 to the Keetch Cottage Hospice, proceeds of its Battalion Show to mark the 125th Anniversary.



Pictured are representatives of 20th and 23rd Luton Companies who visited the Hospice to hand over the cheque.

4TH SOUTHAMPTON SUPPORTING NAOMI HOUSE

All sections of 4th Southampton helped to raise £1650 for Naomi House. The Company Section held a sponsored night walk. The Juniors and Anchors held a coffee morning with a number of activities and the Sergeants organised a 'BB's got Talent' evening for the whole Company.



OVER £1000 RAISED

The 10th North Suffolk Company raised £1000 for the local Hospice. The cheque was presented to David Went from East Anglia's Children's Hospice. Since then a further £175 has been raised.



CELEBRATION CAMP

The Highland Battalion celebrated the 125th Anniversary with a weekend camp at Carrbridge. Seven teams took part in the Battalion Junior Section 7-a-side football tournament with the 1st Culloden being the winners.



7TH CHELMSFORD SUPPORTING LITTLE HAVENS

Members of 7th Chelmsford raised £400 for Little Havens Children's Hospice with a number of events, including a musical quiz, beetle drive and coffee morning.

Time-Capsule Ceremony at The Boys' Brigade Memorial Garden



The witnesses from all sections of the Brigade assemble in the garden

On Sunday 5th July six special Brigade 'witnesses' assembled at the BB Memorial Garden along with a Minister and many other BB members and friends, for a brief ceremony to deposit a '125 Time Capsule' for fifty years in a prepared chamber.

Sealed inside the capsule were 125 objects relating to young people and the BB in 2009. The witnesses, one from each section of the Brigade including The Girls' Association, took part in a short service at the end of which they were each given a printed invitation for the opening in 2059!