



FRANCIS HOUSE
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Caring for children with a short life expectancy

"a growing family"



SUMMER EDITION NEWSLETTER 2014



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First a big apology - we have missed one of our newsletters and so much has happened (mainly because the Editor has been busy playing "Bob the Builder" - Gill). I'm so sorry to all of you that rely on this form of update and hope that this bumper edition will make up for it.

Since Christmas we have said goodbye to John Greenwoods the Contractors and their sub-contractors. The day that the site cabins left was a little sad as we felt that we were saying goodbye to old friends, which is a tribute to the way in which they have worked, whilst we kept the hospice running at full capacity - we can't have been the easiest of clients!

Since their leaving we have been fitting out the new building, obtaining registration, ensuring that every part was cleaned to meet stringent hospital standards and establishing the Care team in their new surroundings.

Everyone's reward was the excitement and amazement of the young people as they viewed the new building.

... and so having started with an apology I end with a huge thank you from the Trustees, Gill and myself to everyone who has worked so hard, Architects, Consultants, builders, sub-contractors, volunteers, staff, fundraisers, donors, supporters and those of you who jump out of planes, trek across deserts, climb mountains, run races - everyone who gives their all for the children, young people and families who need Francis House.

Well done everybody - we've done it - what a brilliant team!

David



Superhero Day

Key 103 Cash for Kids

Once again Key 103 chose Francis House as the charity for Cash for Kids week and the event raised an amazing £100,000.00 for Francis House. The money to be used on the new Pod in Francis Lodge. Hundreds of schools, businesses and individuals dressed up as Superheroes and the week culminated in a live broadcast from Francis House with our old friends Mike Toolan, Chelsea Norris and Darren Proctor. Adam Caterall interviewed Kate and Josh live on air and they were brilliant!

Some of our young ladies were more than happy to meet Kian Egan from Westlife as he drank coffee in the conservatory.

Staff and families enjoyed dressing up - Doug of course was Banana Man!



At Last We've Done It! and well done everybody!

Although the 'official' opening is still being planned May saw a series of events to mark the completion of the new Lodge.

First on the 8th March was a special viewing for the young people themselves, followed by a tour for their families.

On the 10th March Bishop Brain, one of our Trustees formerly asked God's blessing on the work at Francis House and joined the FMSJ Sisters and our loyal volunteers on a guided tour followed by a meal courtesy of our good friends Authentic Foods (little did the Sisters know when Sister Aloysius uprooted them from the Convent what amazing things God would help us to achieve through their generosity).

The Service of Blessing was followed by a series of open events for our very loyal and committed supporters and fundraisers and then on the 6th May we had a 'double barrelled' launch.

In the morning Mr Al Fayed and his daughter Camilla flew in by helicopter and they were joined by Kirsty and actress Sue Johnson who watched as Mr Al Fayed unveiled a plaque on the Fundraising building. This building has been named the 'Al Fayed Building' to mark the amazing generosity of the Al Fayed family over the years.

In the afternoon other foundation stone layers were joined by our young people as we launched the Lodge which was occupied for the first time on the 26th May.

Dame Sarah Storey, her husband Barney and their daughter together with Sally Dynevor who helped lay the highest brick at the topping out

ceremony in March 2013 were joined by Kate, Kyle, Tabar, Matthew, Joe and James who helped at the various special stone laying events.

Dame Sarah said "I knew that the facilities would be top notch, but it's fantastic to see it now, everyone should be so proud. There's a real buzz from the young people who are looking forward to being able to make the most of their time here relaxing and maybe take their minds off what they have to cope with on a daily basis." Sally said, "It's a remarkable place. All of the fundraising that goes in to making it work is incredible."

As we occupy our new building and Francis House begins a new era we have to thank all of the dedicated, skilled people who have devoted the last two years of their lives to create this wonderful facility and wish them well in their future projects.

... and what of the old Lodge? Well our work there has not been wasted, it has informed decisions about our new building, it has enabled us to provide additional respite since 2010, it has prepared our staff and young people for a new type of young person's facility and best of all it has allowed us to commission Manchester University to carry out research with the young people about the best ways that we can care for them.

The old Lodge is now to be used for an exciting new project led by Caritas Salford Diocese in partnership with Francis House to provide residential care for young people with life limiting conditions who have inadequate accommodation or who don't have people to care for them. There will be more information on this project as it develops.



Trek Jordan 2013

On 14th November 2013 a group of 21 Francis House supporters gathered at Manchester Airport to embark on the journey of a lifetime. After a day's travel, flight to Amman Airport in Jordan and transfer to the Dead Sea, we were up very early the following day. Our reward was a 'float' in the Dead Sea. The 36% salt content in the water is the saltiest on earth and was an amazing experience as we watched the sunrise over the horizon, hovering on top of the water. Later that morning, in what looked like the middle of nowhere, we were dropped off to fill our water bottles and set off on our trek, 30 miles through the breath-taking Arava Valley to Petra.

The midday heat made the first part of the journey tough but everyone was in good spirits. As we got to know each other, we looked forward to seeing our accommodation for the night. One large Bedouin style tent with an open side meant that we were sleeping under the stars and moonlight. After a nutritious dinner cooked and served by local Bedouin men, everyone settled down and dozed off by 9pm!

Saturday saw another early start and a long day of 'undulating' trekking, this turned out to be Phil, our guide's favourite word of the weekend! We barely saw any other people all day as we trekked through the wilderness and ascended Mount Qaroun. Steep and challenging, the rock landscape ended in a series of stunning views from a height of 1600m. After lunch we began the descent to Little Petra, entering through the Hidden Entrance. Our guides explained the history of the small caves and temples which began appearing all around us. Our final night in the Bedouin tents and we celebrated around the campfire, enjoying traditional songs and dancing from the local men. In return David taught them how to do the hokey cokey!

Sunday began with a shorter trek, before climbing the winding stairs hewn from rock, to the Monastery - the highest point in Petra. After a well-deserved breather and posing for group photographs, we continued on our final leg into Petra. Once a strategic centre for the silk and spice routes, this unique city carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago and prospered for many centuries. With a population of about 25,000 at the height of its power, its decline came with the expansion of the Roman Empire.

Petra stands on a terrace pierced from east to west by Wadi Musa (Valley of Moses) one of the places where tradition claims Moses struck a rock and 'water gushed forth.' The valley is surrounded by sandstone cliffs veined with shades of red, purple and pink, out of which the city's monuments and temples were hewn with incredible skill and artisanship. The guided tour of Petra was spectacular, culminating in approaching the Treasury, the ancient façade, made famous recently by the blockbuster movie, Indiana Jones. We finally crossed the finishing line at our hotel for the night, and indulged in a traditional Turkish bath and massage to ease our aching muscles. A special meal was held to celebrate our achievement, with awards and traditional dancing well into the night. Monday morning and we transferred back to the airport; it was a very quiet affair with one or two headaches!

We were thrilled that the first ever Francis House overseas challenge was such a fantastic success because of a combination of outstanding scenery, fabulous guides, great food and an enthusiastic and friendly group of trekkers. What's more the trekkers so far have raised over £36,000 well in excess of their target of raising a £1000 each.

Thank you to all involved, including everyone who kindly sponsored the trekkers and supported their efforts.

Watch this space for news of our next overseas trek taking place in 2015!



“PIMP MY RIDE” FRANCIS HOUSE STYLE

Some years ago the Lady Taverner’s generously donated a converted minibus for our young people to enjoy outings together. The bus has been well used and had begun to struggle with the combination of Care team drivers and trips to Keilder. In addition the ever increasing size of wheelchairs has made the vehicle impractical for the older kids.

Now thanks to the generosity of Marks & Spencer’s and their customers in Heald Green and a very generous donation by the MAD Bus Appeal (formerly Jaguar Apprentices) we have been able to order a custom built vehicle which more than suits our needs. Even better the young people were able to have their input – colour, blacked out windows, air conditioning, LED lights – this was really ‘pimp my ride’ in style and our photographs show the staff checking the vehicle out. The new vehicle even brought a smile to our Maintenance man Keith’s face as he no longer has to deal with continually flattened batteries!

... and what of our other vehicle - well thanks to the generosity of McQuillan Motor Repairs it’s been put back into good condition and is still very serviceable. What is more the Bailey’s donated a third adapted vehicle so Francis House is building up quite a fleet!



Lights Camera Action!

Two of our families were invited to the set of Coronation Street to take part in a live broadcast on ITV’s breakfast show ‘Daybreak’ as part of the Help the Hospices Toy Box appeal. For Dominic and his Mum Ann, and Sandeep and Mum Sandra, a dark start to a typical rainy Manchester morning saw them cross the world famous cobbles and into the dry studio set of Roy’s Rolls cafe. They were greeted by ex-TOWIE cast member turned TV presenter Mark Wright and Corrie actor Craig Charles, who had kindly stood in for fellow cast member Antony Cotton.

After many rehearsals and an introduction from the sofa in London by presenters Lorraine Kelly and Aled Jones we went live at 7.40 am. Unfortunately due to a huge thunderstorm the transmission was interrupted for a few seconds but didn’t dampen spirits. This allowed for a second live link to be filmed as Antony arrived on set just in time and gave Francis House an extra plug to the shows million viewers! As Antony had visited Francis House before, he was able to speak from experience about our work.

The Toy Box appeal asked viewers to donate new toys in leading family leisure retailer, Toys R Us throughout mid-November. The week long TV appeal, filmed at hospices across the country, also covered the increased need for hospice care and highlighted the difficulties many families face.

Following the appeal more than 6,000 toys were donated nationwide and distributed to hospices all across the UK. We were delighted to collect items from Toys R Us in Altrincham.

If you would like to view the clip again you can watch it on Vimeo.com, search for ‘Daybreak Toybox Appeal Francis House’.



snippets...



SALE SHARKS TEAM UP

When local Premiership rugby side Sale Sharks were approached to help support Francis House they jumped at the chance. The Sharks have already raised a fantastic £520 and are looking to continue their backing through different events. We are really grateful to all at the Shark's but we are a bit concerned about Francis Mouse entering the scrum!



LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Students and staff from Siddal Moor Sports College, Heywood, picked Francis House as their charity for the academic year 2013 / 14 and have already undertaken some exciting fundraising events. Activities have included a fancy dress day, the sports staff dressing up Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles followed by a physical but fun Boxercise class along with our very own Francis Mouse! In the first school term alone almost £700 has been raised.



DINNER DELIGHTS

TV chef Simon Rimmer was on hand to delight diners at a gourmet evening for Francis House last September. Previous evenings have been held at Greens Restaurant in Didsbury, this year saw a change of venue to Simon's other restaurant Earle in Hale. It was a fantastic evening raising just over £1,300. Thank you to all of the staff at Earle for a great night and to Simon for his continued support. A return to Greens Restaurant is planned for the autumn - watch this space!

OUT OF THIS WORLD

The Forensic and Investigation Services team at Grant Thornton accountants hosted their fourth annual themed quiz night 'Out of this World' at Tiger Tiger in October raising £758.00. Well done to Kuits Solicitors who retained their quiz winning title for the second year running.



WHAT A STERLING IDEA!

Skye Gillan in year 10 at Marple Hall School saw a 'Rainbow Pole' in the Marple Tavern and decided that she could do the same at her school. Skye contacted Francis House who provided the necessary tower for the 10p's and what became known as '10 pence Tuesday' began. This saw Skye, ably assisted by Holly Redshaw collect spare 10p's from students and staff during registrations, breaktimes and lunchtimes.

The school were delighted to welcome back one of their former students to help with this task. Chellce Adams-Jackson (known at Chellce AJ to her listeners on the afternoon show at Imagine FM). The pole raised £250.00. Well done Skye!



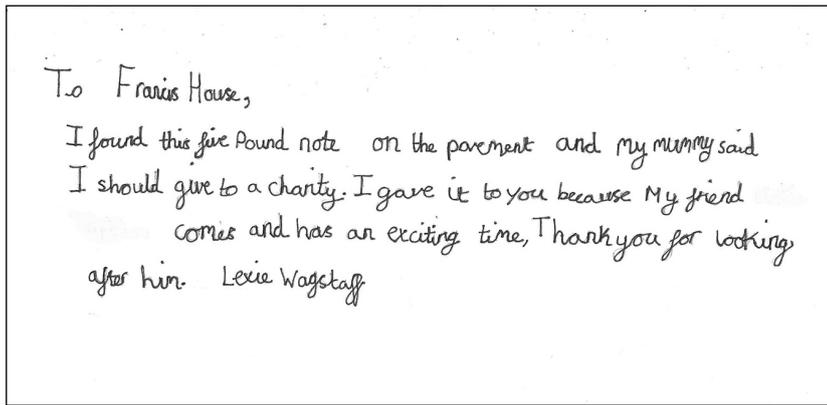
HALE HOLY ANGELS

Long-term supporter Eileen Fitzgibbon and friends from Holy Angels Church in Hale, arranged a fabulous Ladies Luncheon in October at the Player's Restaurant. Guests enjoyed browsing stalls and a delicious lunch along with a charity raffle. The event raised £3,355.



JUNIOR TRIATHLETES TEST THEIR LIMITS

St. Ambrose College pupils tested themselves to the limit through a sponsored triathlon, the first ever held for years 8, 9 and 10. The event comprised a 300m swim in the school's new pool, an 8k cycle around the perimeter of the school grounds and 4k run. Adam Spilsbury, aged 14 said: "When we heard how Francis House helps children with a short life expectancy we all wanted to do something extra special at St. Ambrose and everyone in the race tried especially hard." The event raised £622.17.



We have some wonderful supporters and this note arrived from one and make us feel very humble - thank you Lexie.

ABBEY COLLEGE CONTINUE SUPPORT

Kind-hearted students from Abbey College in Manchester raised a grand total of £2,640 through an array of fun and quirky events held throughout the academic year. Principal Liz Elam was joined by staff and students taking part in the Great Manchester Run. Liz Elam said: "It's been an action-packed year at the college and the excellent sum of £2,640 is testament to all the hard work and generosity of the entire college community.



SOMETHING TO WHET YOUR APPETITE!

Ray and Sue Hicks hosted a wine and tapas evening at their popular Scouthead pub The Three Crowns, in Oldham, on October 15th. Diners tucked into a delicious array of dishes. Washing it all down with a selection of fine wines. Please raise your glasses to an event raising £400!



WE ALL NEED GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Chorlton Good Neighbours presented Lucy with a wonderful cheque for £414.10. Arthur Brandreth who has been running the group voluntarily for over 30 years has a close connection with Francis House as his daughter Clare works on the Care Team. It was lovely to meet with Arthur, Clare and members of the group to hear all about their fundraising activities.



DIDSBURY GIRLS HAVE A BALL

Jordan trekker Jane Kemplar teamed up with friends Sue Baker, Fi Armstrong-Hall and Sue Hyde to host a ball at the spectacular Gorton Monastery in October to raise money towards Jane's fundraising desert challenge. Guests enjoyed an operatic recital, an auction for an array of exciting holidays including a week in New York and a Jonny Evan's football boot. The girls danced away until the early hours and raised £5,000 in the process!

We are most grateful to everyone who has already completed a Gift Aid Declaration. To date over 2000 supporters have signed up to the scheme.

We are able to claim 25p for every pound donated.

If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't already signed up please consider completing and returning the slip overleaf, no donation is too small to be gift aided.

If you are planning a special occasion - wedding anniversary, birthday, christening etc and wish your guests to make their gift a donation to Francis House, we can supply small gift envelopes and cards to be sent out with your invitations.

We can only claim gift aid if the donors pay UK tax and we have their name and home address.

Please phone Pauline on 0161 434 7252 or email: pauline.armitage@francishouse.org.uk if we can help.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our new project means that we need to raise an additional 3.5 million pounds. Whilst this is happening we still have to keep Francis House and Francis Lodge operating.

Some years ago Sister Aloysius established the Friend in a Million appeal and many of you subscribe regularly. Later we asked people to donate regular amounts through standing orders and we are ever grateful to those of you who continue to support us in this way. However the need to establish regular income continues and so we are asking as many as possible to consider a regular gift weekly, monthly or annually. You can do this by completing the tear off slip or by going onto our website and emailing us a standing order. Better still ring Pauline on 0161 434 7252 and she will do all of the work for you.

To those of you who give already we send thanks from all at Francis House and to those of you who might be considering it, don't delay as every regular donation enables us to plan ahead and decide how we can best expand and develop the service for the benefit of the Francis House families.

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Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the
amount that all Charities and Community
Amateur Sports Clubs will reclaim,
against my gifts to them this year

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Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Calendar proves hot stuff for customers

Staff from a variety of departments at Midshire Business Systems produced a cheeky charity calendar '#HotCopiers' 2014 to boost the organisations' fundraising. The good looking guys at Midshire have already raised over £45,000 for Francis House this year, breaking a Guinness World Record in the process for the longest marathon football match, lasting 72 hours.

Companies who received a calendar were asked to make donations to Francis House - so far it has raised £100.00



Bang on Cue!

One of snookers true Legends, Steve Davis entertained a crowd of over 150 snooker enthusiasts at The Moor Club, Heaton Moor. The Ginger magician was challenged by Emmerdale actor Danny Miller who plays Aaron Livesey. The banter flowed as Steve played several frames with snooker enthusiasts who had qualified to play against him. Auction prizes including the chance to play a frame and raffle prizes raised £1,400.



Coast to Coast with Ken Daniel Sims

Mike Conley a good friend came up with a mad cap idea to ride coast to coast for his 50th Birthday celebrations. None of us were really avid cyclists and the challenge did seem daunting but he convinced a team of us to undertake his dream of completing it. Suffice to say he planned and managed the whole affair.

However I saw an opportunity to involve some of Sims Worldwide suppliers to help with the arrangements and a bigger opportunity to work with the team at Francis House, a relationship that we have enjoyed for many years.

Enza Motors of Trafford Park kindly donated two vehicles a van and a minibus to aid with the movement of personnel and bikes, whilst L&J work wear kindly created and supplied the team shirts for the event as per the attached photo.

Over two days we battled the weather and diverse terrain of the Lake District, Northumberland and County Durham, losing a team member [Jane] along the way, arriving in Sunderland on Saturday evening. We had planned a rowdy night of celebration but tired bodies and that euphoric first drink soon reduced us to a quiet one!!!



A personal thank you to Mike for his lunacy and friendship along with those of our sponsors and to our families and friends, business associates and all those that donated helping to raise £1,000.00

Manchester United Partnership Events



SUPPORTING OUR HOME TEAM

Ground collections – Manchester United vs. Stoke and Manchester United vs. Norwich

Another fantastic turnout for the Manchester United Ground Collection on Saturday 26th October and 24th April, our great supporters and students from Nottingham University helped us to raise £6188.00 at the Stoke game and £2,838.00 at the Norwich game.

Santa Fun Run

Our annual Santa Run at Old Trafford was superbly supported with a fantastic turnout of 94 Francis House runners joining over 2000 suited Santa's in total - a record year! Francis Mouse met up with his old friend Fred the Red and made a new one in Manchester United star Michael Carrick.

Festival of Christmas Trees

The 7th Annual Festival of Christmas Trees at the Lowry Outlet Mall got off to a star studded start when Fred the Red, Manchester United Foundation's Street Reds Dance Crew and Francis Mouse opened the popular 'pop up shop'. The spectacle of over 40 decorated trees included a 'Celeb-ri-tree' with signed baubles by TV chef Paul Hollywood, stars from Strictly Come Dancing and A Question of Sport. £26,000 was raised through auctioning trees, selling raffle tickets and Christmas merchandise. Additional thanks to the Lowry Outlet for providing the unit free of charge and Mary and Alan Gillatt for their festive decorating skills.

Abseil - Saturday 22nd March 2014

One of our most successful partnership events, the Manchester United abseil this year saw 200 daredevils taking the plunge and raising a staggering £12,000.00. If you fancy abseiling 140ft from the roof of the North Stand, don't delay and register your interest today by contacting Lucy on 0161 443 2200 or email lucy.heald@francishouse.org.uk



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Runners complete London Marathon

With a decade separating them and a combined age of 110 years David Parish, 50, and Phil Holden, 60 pounded the streets of London for Francis House. Together with our other hospice runners Dominic Aldcroft and Grace Hendon, the pair joined 36,000 competitors in the 26.2 mile Virgin London Marathon. David, a Senior Partner at St James's Place, a Didsbury based Wealth Management Company, started running in his early 40's. After competing in the Manchester 10k he caught the running bug.

"I've lived in Didsbury for over 20 years and Francis House has been around all that time. So many times I've run past the hospice on Parrswood Road and thought if I could do something for a charity on my doorstep that would motivate me much more."

Well done to our runners, who all finished the course in under 4 hours 15 minutes and raised £11,000.00 plus Gift Aid in sponsorship.

Huge thanks to everyone who has taken part in running events for us. If you'd like to take part in the Marathon in 2015 we have 3 charity places available.

Plus later this year on Sunday 28th September 2014, the 41st BMW Berlin Marathon takes place, around the same time as the world-famous Oktoberfest Beer Festival! For information please contact emma.siddle@francishouse.org.uk or call 0161 443 2200.



We're egg-static!

A huge thank you to our dedicated band of hospice chick knitters who once again got their needles out for their Easter chick knit. For the second year running hundreds of fellow knitters joined in the fun and sent in over 6,300 little chicks for our Easter Chick Appeal 2014. They flew in from all over the UK, from the Orkney Islands to Cornwall, even Spain, Italy and France!

We also received donations of over 6,000 crème eggs, which we popped inside the chicks, distributed to local schools and businesses and sold to raise funds. The story proved extremely popular with the press, appearing on the BBC's North West Tonight, Radio Manchester and BBC News online website as well as the Manchester Evening News, plus Twitter of course!

Almost £6,000 had been raised before Easter, with more money still to come in!



Radio Rocks for Francis House

At the end of last year Francis House hit the airwaves courtesy of Real Radio XS when the classic rock station hosted a month long campaign the 'Power of Music'. The aim was to raise funds towards a new music therapist. Music therapy has a huge impact on the well-being of young people in hospices. It gives them the ability to express themselves and with a new music therapist, we'll be able to offer further music therapy treatment.

DJ Mike Sweeney and show's producer Paul Fernley (aka QP or Quiet Paul) called upon listeners of the Breakfast Show to get involved in raising money. The response was overwhelming and culminated in Sween's All Day Christmas Party. Broadcast live from the Rebellion Bar in city centre Manchester, the marathon 13 hour show included music performances from around the Metrolink network as well as interviews with staff, families and celebrity supporters John Thomson and Sally Dynevor. Grateful thanks to Sween's, QP, programme controller Mark Matthews and all the staff at the station as well as their fantastic listeners for raising a staggering £7,493.50!



Running and Jumping for Cameron



Every year Kim Longden does something special to celebrate her son Cameron's birthday. Cameron died at Francis House and to mark what would have been his 10th birthday, Kimberley took on the challenge of running from Manchester to Blackpool in under 10 hours. She then took to the air finishing off her fundraising with a skydive!

Friends Vicky and Richard, backed Kimberley's bid as they were also supported by the hospice when their son Liam died. Much to Richard's surprise he discovered he too had been booked to take part in the skydive. Kimberley said: "Reaching the Blackpool Tower gave me a huge sense of achievement. This was a massive challenge, however nothing compares to the challenges that Francis House families face every day of their lives. Throwing myself out of a plane at 15,000ft was an amazing feeling, such a sense of freedom when you're above the clouds. I guess this is how our boys feel." Thank you to Kimberley and Richard for raising fabulous total of £1,900.

and there's more...

Our great friends Jimmy Cricket and impresario Jim Nicholas hosted their 'Stars Come Out' Variety Show once again on 10th April 2014. The acts included Harris & Day, Julie Scott and saw the debut of a young star in the making Molly. Top of the bill were 60's legends the Ivy League who were sensational.

The show played once again to a packed house raising £5,500.00 and the evening brought the two Jimmies fundraising total to £116,00-00.

Everyone at Francis House wants to congratulate Jim Nicholas on his Papal Medal awarded for his work in the Diocese and especially helping to promote Francis House. Jim was awarded the 'Bene Merent' medal (which means well deserved and it certainly is!!).



and more!

Many congratulations to Hannah Stephens and Leon Byk for completing their tandem sky-dives and raising an amazing £1,016.38 through sponsorship and match funding from Royal Bank of Scotland.

Text donations and JustGiving are a quicker, easier and more secure ways of donating and if you're a UK tax payer will automatically give us gift aid helping donations go that extra mile!



Landmark climb

Thomas Little took part in a unique climb up the Millennium Dome, renamed the O2 Arena, one of London's most famous landmarks and raised a fantastic £407.00!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

21st June	Music at the Farm	Mobberley	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
28th June	A Disco Evening of Sir Cliff Richard's Music	Masonic Hall, Swinton, M27 4EY	Jim Nicholas 07594 567916
29th June	Alderley Fete	Alderley Edge Tennis Club	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
August	The Francis House Big BBQ	At Your Own Venue	Lucy Thompson 0161 443 2200 lucy.thompson@francishouse.org.uk
29th August	Benefit Night	Chandos Sports & Social Club	0161 736 9161
6th Sept	Morecambe Bay Walk	Morecambe Bay	Lucy Thompson 0161 443 2200 lucy.thompson@francishouse.org.uk
28th Sept	Summer Spectacular! Matinee 2pm / Evening 7.30pm	The Moor Suite Heaton Moor, SK4 4PB	Mrs M Manock 0161 443 2153
9th - 16th Oct	Francis House Charity Golf Event	Islantilla Golf Resort Costa de la Luz	John Andrew 0161 443 2200 john.andrew@francishouse.org.uk Tarleton Travel 01604 633633 golf@tarletontravel.com
15th Oct	Bridge Afternoon	St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Hale	Carole Geary 01625 583995
5th Dec	Francis House Viva Carnival Christmas Ball	Mere Golf Resort & Spa	Judy Bailey 01260 223320 judy@francishouse.org.uk
7th June 2015	Macclesfield 3 Peaks Walk	Start at Teggs Nose Visitor Centre	Lucy Thompson 0161 443 2200 lucy.thompson@francishouse.org.uk

STOP PRESS!

ACROSS THE SANDS

Join Cedric Robinson the Queens Official guide on Saturday 6th September at 3.15pm to walk across the Morecombe Bay sands. Starting from Arnside to Kent's Banks, registration is £20.00 per adult. For further information on this ever popular walk please contact Lucy Thompson on lucy.thompson@francishouse.org.uk or 0161 443 2200.



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VIVA CARNIVAL

Friday 5th December 2014

Black Tie
Tables of 10 £800/£700

7.15pm Drinks Reception
7.45pm Dinner
1.30am Carriages

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