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## From the editor...

One of the most important things that we can do for the families who use Francis House is to help them to make memories, good memories that will last far beyond the stress that surrounds debilitating illness and the sadness that comes at the end of life.

Over and over again parents tell us how important it is for their children's lives to have meaning, to be memorable. A parent's greatest concern is that their child will be forgotten.

Francis House specialises in helping create these good memories regardless of the young people's different abilities. Music, art, entertainment, sport all help to enhance living and whether it's a session in the art room, musical activities or time in the Jacuzzi, a visit from a celebrity or a moment of close emotional contact - it all matters, love is poured into difficult lives and it is love that endures through all things. Many of you will also be making memories as you raise funds to help our families. It might be a parachute jump or a sponsored cake bake, trekking in high mountains or toddler races in the park. Memories that will have enhanced your living whilst at the same time helping Francis House carry on with its valuable work.

May 2015 saw two significant milestones, it marks one year since our young people moved into the new Lodge but more importantly twenty five years since the Trust was established. That brought back memories of Sister Austin travelling to London to get the final signature and then to Liverpool to get the stamp of authorisation.

In May people of the Jewish and Christian traditions celebrate Pentecost. For Christians this marks the time that God's spirit came upon the first Apostles, changing their lives, making life worth living and taking away the fear of death. That spirit continues to work in the same way in our lives today. In your lives as you help us to raise funds, in the lives of the staff and volunteers who bring their skills to help others and in the lives of our families as they struggle through difficult times. The spirit that enhances life, making memories, the spirit that sees us through the times of sadness and takes away the fear of death.

May God's spirit be in you whatever your tradition and may his blessing be on you as you help us to help the Francis House families.

*David*

## Mr Robin Wood CBE

### Chairman Francis House 1992 - 2014

On the first day back after the Christmas holiday we heard of the untimely death of our former Chairman Robin Wood.

I first met Robin in 1990 when we began to look at the design for Francis House. Robin was then the Administrator of Martin House in Wetherby, the third children's hospice to be built. We became firm friends and Robin, along with Lenore the Head of Care at Martin House proved extremely helpful as we began to struggle with the new concept of children's hospice.

Forthright and pragmatic he didn't 'suffer fools gladly' but he proved an absolute rock as we struggled to launch a charity and build Francis House. He never ceased to be amazed at the speed in which Sister Aloysius accomplished her dream.

He was present at the launch of the charity (as you can see in the photo) and in 1992 he became the Chair of the Trustees, a role which he held until July 2014. He continued as a Trustee until his death and in the whole of his time on the Board he only missed one meeting.

Robin has led a very full and interesting life evacuated to Canada during the war he learned to drive at the age of ten. After school at Sedbergh he entered the family business later becoming the Chief Executive of the Wool, Jute and Flax Training Board. He received the CBE for his services as Chairman of Leeds West District Health Authority.

One of the most important relationships in a hospice is that between the Administrator and the Chairman. For both Sister Aloysius and myself that working relationship encompassed deep friendship. Robin will be sadly missed and Anne his wife and his family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

#### And our new Chairman...

In July 2014 Mr Christopher Roberts B.A.F.C.A took over the role of Chairman. Chris attended his first meeting on the day that Robin took over as Chairman. Married to Janet he has been a very committed member of our Council of Management serving for many years on the Finance and Management Committee where his accountancy experience has been invaluable.

Many of you will already know Chris and I'm sure that he will prove an able successor to Robin.



## Shining Stars

When a brother or sister dies the effect on their siblings can be life changing. All sorts of anger, guilt, fears and worries can change young lives and this can affect physical and mental health, social behaviour and school performance. All of this comes at a time when parents are going through their own grieving processes. For young brothers and sisters this can be a difficult time. Francis House provides support for these young people through a twelve months long programme of support known as 'Shining Stars'. Members of the Care team and particularly those trained in bereavement support help the young people through their journey.

The sessions begin with a mutual agreement of the rules, rules which are adhered to in a very mature way. They produce a group agreement which embodies respect for each other and a willingness to listen carefully to others, particularly when their deepest feelings are being discussed. The team helps them to talk about themes such as expressing and controlling anger, respecting each other's precious memories, learning to trust each other and the people around them.

Through the year they are involved in lots of different activities. One session involves making candles designed and coloured to act as a memory of their brother, sister or cousin. They generally chose their siblings favourite colours and the sessions are very meaningful. The candles are all lit at the final session when they are each given the chance to talk about their brother or sister.

As the sessions progress albums and memory boxes are made, they experience the building of a fantasy island where they can control what happens. They play games and create a memory wall. Through it all there are opportunities to vent frustrations and the opportunity to express anger in a controlled environment. This might be through a water bomb fight or by stamping on paper cups, popping balloons, or writing things that annoy them on paper and then ripping them up. Puppet shows and art work all help them to turn their thoughts into creative rather than destructive acts.

Through it all they know that they are sharing with others who have similar experiences - they are not alone.

We never know how grief will affect these young people's lives in the future. All that we do know is that families tell us how much the Shining Stars programme helps not only the children involved, but the whole family at a very difficult time.

One of the unique aspects of the Francis House service is the care for the **whole** family and 'Shining Stars' is an important part of this holistic care.





## FUN RUN TO MARK COMIC'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Most people will know that the two Jim's, Jim Nicholas and Jimmy Cricket, (the legendary comedian) have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for Francis House over many years.

Jimmy Cricket will celebrate the arrival of his seventieth birthday with a special fun run near to the Rochdale location where he lives.

Jimmy was approached by Rochdale based fundraiser Andy O' Sullivan about the prospect of a birthday race. Andy an experienced race fixer, has been organising charity runs with the local Rochdale Harriers athletics club over many years.

To tie in with Jimmy's 70th birthday celebrations the race is scheduled for Sunday 18th October.

The start and end will be the Cock & Magpie pub in Whitworth. Jimmy will be there in person to start the race off at 11.30am, with the route planned to take in two laps of the spectacular Cowm reservoir, ensuring the race will be a true 5K. After the race Jimmy will also be on hand to present the prizes and perhaps offer a slice of birthday cake too!

Entry fee is £6.00 (an additional £1.00 to entrants who turn up on the day).

All proceeds from the fun run will be donated to Francis House.

If you would like to take part contact Andy on 01706 750620 or [info@andemrunners.co.uk](mailto:info@andemrunners.co.uk)



## Volunteers give Decades of Service

The dedication of two of our longest standing volunteers was acknowledged at the Volunteers Lunch in March. Harold Addie and Joan Green both celebrated their 90th Birthdays this year, and have been volunteering in the kitchen and on the reception at Francis House for over forty years between them.

Joan a former commercial secretary and teacher of business studies, started by providing secretarial support to Sister Aloysius in 1992. Harold has walked coast to coast and even abseiled from the roof at Old Trafford to raise thousands of pounds for the hospice.

After the presentation we found out that another of our volunteers, Doreen Davies who started as a volunteer in January 1993 had also reached her 90th year (but had kept very quiet about it!). Doreen started as a reception volunteer but later helped with housekeeping and then in the kitchen. Doreen, a former teacher at Adelphi House and later at De La Salle schools often meets former pupils at the hospice. A separate presentation was held for Doreen after she had served Wednesday lunch.

Thank you to Joan, Harold and Doreen you are living proof that volunteering at Francis House is good for your health – and thank you to all of our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you.



## CELEBRITY GALLERY

We've been mixing with the stars recently, check out some of the famous faces we captured on camera!



Actor comedian John Thompson records the voiceover to our video



Paula Radcliffe with Francis House supporter Sally O'Shea



Artist Harold Riley with portrait of Sister Aloysius



Charles Hanson at Antiques Valuation Day

## News on our Fundraisers



David Woodrow Fundraiser  
Premier League Trophy visit

In June we bid a fond farewell to David Woodrow, one of our fundraising team's most recognisable faces as he retires after 15 years at Francis House.

David joined us on April 10th, 2000 as the Fundraising Office Manager, a position he held for ten years. He then carried on working 3 days a week for us as the ambassador throughout the highly successful partnership with Manchester United.

Everyone who met David cannot have failed to be impressed by his cheerfulness and bags of enthusiasm, and who can forget his booming voice and South African accent!

A former Headteacher and Superintendent at Selukwe Primary School in Zimbabwe, David and his wife Esther came to England in 1980. He was appointed Deputy Head at the Ryleys Preparatory School in Alderley Edge in 1984, David was very involved in supporting Francis House through fundraising at the school.

We wish David and his family all the best and no doubt we'll continue to see him around the hospice.

We also wanted to share the good news that our events fundraiser Lucy Thompson, has had a baby daughter Arabella. Congratulations to new parents Lucy and Paul.

## Saddleworth Parish Council Elects Francis House

Following the election on the 18th May of Cllr Neil Allsopp as Chairman of the Saddleworth Parish Council for 2015/16, we were delighted to be informed that Francis House has been chosen as one of the four main charities to benefit.

We look forward to an excellent year of fundraising, and thank Neil for choosing to support us. As David our Chief Executive lives in Dobcross, we'll be sure to let you know of any events and activities you can join in.





## WOOLLY WONDERS

Well you did it! The 2015 Easter Chick Appeal egg-ceded all egg-spectations, and brought in an eggshell-ent £11,133 for the hospice! Thank you to all the knitters, crème egg donors and woolly chick buyers. If you'd like to get started early, the knitting pattern can be found on our website.



## FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Although the mercury in the barometer is rising and the days are getting longer, our thoughts have already turned to Christmas Trees. We have secured sponsorship through Event City, L'Oreal and Perfect Events and continue to be grateful to the Management of the Lowry Outlet Mall for allowing us to hold this popular and well supported fundraising event.

If you're a member of an organisation or club that would like to decorate a tree to promote your activities, or if you have a business that would like to take advantage of free advertising for 5 weeks, then get in touch with Mary who would be delighted to tell you more about this great fundraising event on 0161 443 2200.



## THE IRISH ABROAD CHARITY BALL 2015

For over forty years this superb event has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds and this year's ball will be no exception. The Irish Abroad are delighted to confirm straight from the international circuit, singer Peter Corry as the main feature performer for 2015.

Tables are available to book at this unforgettable evening on Friday 20th November at the Hilton, Deansgate, Manchester.

Guests will enjoy a Champagne Reception, 4 Course Dinner, and evening of entertainment. Tables of 10 are £1000 with the opportunity for smaller groups to be accommodated. Sponsorship opportunities are available and Corporate support is welcome. Ticket and table information is available by calling Ann Billington on 07789 435330.

Last year's ball raised a staggering £28,000.00 for Francis House and we really appreciate the commitment that Ann, her team and her regular supporters have shown over the years.

## M & S STORES SUPPORT

Two Marks and Spencer stores in our region have been busy fundraising for us with bag packs and in-store seasonal activities. Des and the team at M & S in Sale handed over a cheque for £1,415 and the Chetham Hill store donated £2,000 - fantastic, our thanks to all staff and customers involved.



The good news doesn't stop there, we're thrilled to announce we have been chosen as the charity for the forthcoming year by the Manchester City Centre store. Look out for lots of in-store events and activities in support of Francis House.

## A TENOR PLUS A MIX OF OVER FOUR HUNDRED CHILDREN MAKES OVER £5,500.00

Renowned Manchester Sport's winning Tenor Martin Toal from Altrincham who has met and sung the National Anthem for Her Majesty the Queen and has sung at all the major UK sports stadia including Twickenham, Wembley stadium, Old Trafford and Eastlands produced a Christmas CD with all the children from St. Catherine's R C Primary School in Didsbury after spending several hours in rehearsals with them and music teacher Fran Dewsnapp.



On Thursday 11th December Martin and guest artists were joined by Year 5 and 6 children from St. Catherine's and the school choir to perform a spectacular concert of popular Christmas carols and music including songs from the CD at St Catherine's R.C. Church in Didsbury. They raised over £5,500.00 for Francis House Children's Hospice from CD sales, Christmas concert ticket sales and a raffle.

## ACCOUNTANTS TO GO THE EXTRA MILE

Accountancy firm Hurst has chosen us as its charity of the year for 2015.

HURST staff will test their fitness and endurance in a variety of sporting challenges during the year, hoping to raise thousands of pounds. A team of 28 from the firm have already taken part in the 10km Great Manchester Run in May.

Others will take part in the Great Manchester Swim at Salford Quays in July, the South Manchester Triathlon and the gruelling Tough Mudder North West events in September and the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge over the summer.



## ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL DOES IT AGAIN!



Every year the school raises funds and during a very busy advent period they raised £671.70.

Parents, families and friends of the school generously donated following the Infant Nativity in the school hall and after the Junior Nativity and Carol Service held at St Philip and St James Church. The school choir and school orchestra also performed much to the delight of Christmas shoppers outside the Waitrose Store.

## WELL PLANNED

Cullen Financial Planning celebrated their 15th birthday last year and for every new client introduction they donated £50 to Francis House their adopted charity with the aim of raising at least £10,000 over the next 12 months. The good news is that they have succeeded their target and are going to continue their referral donations for the foreseeable future. Thank you very much to Cullen Financial Planning for your continued support.

## WELL FOCUSED!

Staff at Focus Education in Scouthead, Saddleworth presented Kate with a cheque for £2,000.00 by holding a Raffle at Christmas at their offices amongst the staff. Thank you to Focus Education for their continued support.



## IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE

It was an absolute pleasure to visit The Barlow R C High School which is literally a stone's throw away from Francis House to accept a cheque for £1,000.00 from The Headteacher, Mrs C P McCarron, Head Boy, Liam Harris and Head Girl, Eleanor Taylor for various fundraising events over the Christmas period.

# GIFT AID

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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I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOREST PARK ACHIEVEMENTS ASSEMBLY

Forest Park Preparatory School in Sale invited Kate over to their achievements assembly on Friday. At the end of Assembly Kate presented the Head Boy & Head Girl with a certificate for £679.04 for holding a smartie tube challenge, an afternoon tea for parents, staff donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards to one another and taking part in the Christmas Toy Campaign.



ICELAND MANUFACTURING

Hardly a frosty reception from Iceland Manufacturing in Gorton when they presented a cheque for £900 proceeds from a Christmas Raffle organised by Louise Burton and John Popiolek and supported by over 330 staff. They are now keen to continue supporting us with our future events.

WHO BELIEVES IN FAIRY TALES?

We do especially when the Forensic & Investigative team from Grant Thornton held their annual ‘Quiz Night’ for Francis House at Tiger Tiger in Manchester and raised £1,422.00. The theme for the Quiz was ‘Fairy Tales’ and made all our wishes come true.



TWO DECADES OF SUPPORT

Members of the Alderley Edge Rotary Club have been supporting Francis House since 1994. In that time they have raised over £22,000. Most recently they donated £1,250 through a Christmas raffle. Francisco Resina, manager of the King William pub, generously welcomes members every year to sell tickets to his diners.

KEYSTONES CENTRE CAFE

Keystones Centre based in Wythenshawe Sports club provides day activity and support services for adults aged 19 years and over in South Manchester.

During January to May they raised £75.00 from the proceeds from their weekly Thursday morning café.

Thursday regulars Jonathon, Lokesh, Claire, James and Harry made a special trip to Francis House to hand over the donation.

Claire said “it’s a great charity and we were happy to raise money for here, we’ve known lots of children who have been to Francis House.” Our grateful thanks to everyone at Keystones.



Cash in the attic?

Since the spring, TV auctioneer and antiques expert Charles Hanson and his team of valuers have been casting an eye over antiques brought by members of the public at a series of special Valuation Days held in Wilmslow.

Charles, a regular on the BBC’s The Antiques Road Trip, Cash in the Attic and Bargain Hunt, visited the hospice earlier this year, and after being asked by Wilmslow residents Louise and Robert Craft to hold local valuations, he offered to bring his Derby based team of experts to Wilmslow to further help Francis House.

A Samurai sword, silver jug, jewellery and ceramics have been amongst the items valued in return for a donation to the hospice. Knowing the true value of an item can enable the owner to decide if they prefer to sell it at auction or keep it in the family, maybe with an increase on the household insurance!

The next Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers Charity Valuation Day is to be held on Thursday 16th July from 11am till 3pm at the Coach & Four, 69/71 Alderley Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1PA.

We are very grateful to Charles, his team of valuers including Margie Cooper, Louise and Robert and the Coach & Four for giving their valuable time and resources to support us.

We want as many of you as possible to dig out your treasured antiques, rare toys, books, glass, jewellery, silver and collectables and go along on Thursdays 11am to 3pm on 16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 15th October and 19th November 2015.



Kathleen Whitehead RIP

Kathleen Whitehead, one of our longstanding voluntary fundraisers sadly died earlier this year. Kathleen and her family have supported Francis House since the early days. Her late husband Alan was pictured in our 1994 newsletter donating toys that he had made. Every year Kathleen, supported by her friends but especially by her daughter Michelle and her grandson held their own open day and afternoon tea. Money was donated in her memory and our pictures shows Michelle handing the cheque to Sister Austin. Kathleen will be greatly missed by people across the community.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ALDERLEY TEAM

Around Manchester and beyond we are encouraging people to create their own fundraising networks. These vary according to local circumstances. This issue we are concentrating on the Alderley Team.

For many years these loyal supporters have assisted with some of our big events. 2014 saw some real effort co-ordinated by Carole Geary.

The year began with RNCM Opera followed by supper in a marquee hosted by Mr and Mrs Powell. This was followed by the Summer Fete at Alderley Edge Cricket Club.

Next came an amazing series of marquee events at Jill Kimber’s home, lunch with Margaret Turner with a presentation on garden planters, a concert by the fabulous Newton Faulkner, supported by Jazz musicians from Chethams School of Music and the star of the Francis House video, Liam McClair. The concluding event was entitled ‘A Day in the Life of a Sky Cyclist’ given by the team doctor.

Other events included a bridge drive in Hale and a Christmas sing along back at the Powells. 2014 was a good year for this dedicated team and they raised a magnificent £21,500.00 for Francis House.

Planning is well underway for 2015 and we can only say a huge thank you to the Alderley Edge team of ladies.





## Pounding the streets for Francis House

The team at Francis House were thrilled to have been chosen as one of the Gold Charities for this year's Morrison's Great Manchester Run which took place on Sunday 10th May.

We are fortunate that Europe's biggest 10k running event is right on our doorstep and proud to be involved. The opportunity has proven to be hugely successful - with over 260 people running and raising money for the hospice, we hope to exceed our target of £40,000. Based in the Charity Village at Manchester Central on race day, lots of you came to see us from groups of colleagues challenging one another, to family members running in memory and celebration of a loved one who had been cared for at Francis House. We even had a few superheroes drop by!

Lots of you have taken part in other challenge events this year - including the Wilmslow Half Marathon, and the prestigious - the Virgin Money London Marathon in April. Three runners took part - including Steve Higginson who sent us a picture from the finish line.

If you've been inspired and would like to take on a challenge for us, whether on a bike, in the water, up a mountain or on the streets, do let us know! We can support you with lots of advice and information, plus fundraising materials including t-shirts. Call Emma in the Fundraising Office on 0161 443 2200 or email [emma.siddle@francishouse.org.uk](mailto:emma.siddle@francishouse.org.uk)

**RUNNING NEWS:** Applications are now open for the 2016 London Marathon - we have 6 charity places to offer to our supporters - for more details and to download a form go to [www.francishouse.org.uk/running-and-cycling-for-francis-house](http://www.francishouse.org.uk/running-and-cycling-for-francis-house)



## FOOTBALL LEGENDS PITCH IN FOR FRANCIS HOUSE

Back in May, Francis House was the benefiting charity of a Manchester United and Oldham AFC Legends match, which took place at Oldham's Boundary Park. The match, kindly organised by amateur side AFC Gold Cup players and supporters Nathan Ashcroft and friend Johnny, featured former Oldham players including Andy Ritchie, and former Manchester United Legend, Paul Scholes.

BBC Radio Manchester's Mike Sweeney also laced up his boots to help raise funds on the night. One lucky fan even won the chance to play for 15 minutes alongside the legends team!

Over 1,100 fans attended helping to raise £1876.40  
Nathan himself settled the match netting the winner and ending the tie 4-3.



## MCFC

As we approach the end of the 2014/2015 Premiership Football season we congratulate Manchester City Football Club on their success and thank them for the support they have given Francis House over the same period. This has included charity ground collections, participation in a Live the Dream football tournament at the Etihad Complex and signed baubles by the Premiership players for our Festival of Christmas Trees.

## GOLF DAYS

Already this year, golf clubs in the region have donated over £8000 through captains and lady captains nominating Francis House as their chosen charity. Many golf clubs have donated games of golf for four to be used as prizes throughout our golf calendar.

Our holidays are fully ATOL protected and enjoyed by golfers and non-golfers who just come for the 'craic'.

Bulgaria in May, Spain in October. Why not give it a try? All categories of golfers are welcome. Last year in Spain, we welcomed 37 gentlemen golfers and 36 lady golfers.

## BACK THE BIG BBQ IN AUGUST

With summer on its way, we can't wait to fire up the BBQ!

In fact, we can't wait for ALL of you to do the same. This August, we are encouraging all of our supporters to create their very own BIG BBQ event for Francis House. BBQs are a great way for family and friends to get together, and at the hospice we enable families to spend valuable time together by providing a place of friendship, fun and relaxation.

Last year we were very grateful for the support of Celebrity Chef Simon Rimmer, who got his grill on to kick off the month long fundraiser.

It's easy, invite friends and family over and create your own flame grilled fundraiser this August. Ask your guests for a donation in return for a burger - or two, have fun and raise funds!

To request your fundraising pack full of tips, recipe ideas, a collection box and a poster to tell your friends when you are hosting your event contact [chris.swinton@francishouse.org.uk](mailto:chris.swinton@francishouse.org.uk) or call 0161 443 2200 - Happy Barbecuing!



## Corporate and Private Hospitality with Francis House Children's Hospice

The concert offers a fantastic opportunity to entertain friends, clients and colleagues in a luxurious marquee with stunning views of the lake and stage, all in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice.

Come and enjoy a great evening of music in the wonderful surroundings of Tatton Park. Hospitality in previous years has been very successful so to avoid disappointment please book early.

To book or for more information about hospitality and other package available please call Judy on 01260 223320 or email [judy@francishouse.org.uk](mailto:judy@francishouse.org.uk)

In Aid of Francis House Children's Hospice  
Friday 4th December 2015



# Showtime

At the Mere Golf Resort & Spa

Black Tie

Tables of 10 £800/£700

7.15pm Drinks Reception

7.45pm Dinner

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2015

28th June	Village Fete	Alderley Edge Cricket Club	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
4th July	Altrincham Festival	Beech Fields, Timperley	Mary Gillatt 0161 443 2200 mary.gillatt@franchishouse.org.uk
5th July	Open Garden & One Day Art Exhibition	3 Victoria Grove, Fallowfield	Peter Brighthouse 07587 075590 / 0161 225 5281
10th July	Heyrod Brass Band in Concert	St Peter's Church, Stalybridge	Trevor trev.trid@gmail.com Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
12th July	Didsbury Car Show	Didsbury Park	www.didsburycarshow.org
16th July	Hanson's Auctioneers & Valuation Day	Coach & Four, Wilmslow	Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
18th July	Cantare and Greater Manchester Police Male Voice Choir Performance	Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester	Rachel Astill 0161 443 2200 rachel.astill@franchishouse.org.uk
August	Big BBQ	Host your own BBQ event	Chris Swinton 0161 443 2200 chris.swinton@franchishouse.org.uk
2nd August	Tatton Park Picnic Concert featuring the Halle Orchestra	Tatton Park	Judy Bailey 01260 223320 judy@franchishouse.org.uk
20th August	Charity Valuation Day by TV Auctioneer Charles Hanson & Hanson's Auctioneers	Coach & Four, Wilmslow	Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
3rd September	Stockport Annual Golf Day	Stockport Golf Club	John Andrew 07711 817503 john.andrew@franchishouse.org.uk
12th & 13th September	Tough Mudder North West		Emma Siddle 0161 443 2200 emma.siddle@franchishouse.org.uk
17th September	Hanson's Auctioneers & Valuation Day	Coach & Four, Wilmslow	Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
TBA Sept	Abseil	Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport	Emma Siddle 0161 443 2200 emma.siddle@franchishouse.org.uk
1st October	Colours Fashion Show	The Heaton's Sports Club	Emma Siddle 0161 443 2200 emma.siddle@franchishouse.org.uk
3rd October	Jazz Concert - Chicago Teddy Bears Society	Our Lady & English Martyrs, Urmston	Phil Brown 0161 747 9332
14th October	Trek 2 Morocco		Emma Siddle 0161 443 2200 emma.siddle@franchishouse.org.uk
14th October	Bridge Drive	Hale	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com
15th October	Hanson's Auctioneers & Valuation Day	Coach & Four, Wilmslow	Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
15th October - 22nd October	Francis House Golf Week	Almerimar, Spain	John Andrew 07711 817503 john.andrew@franchishouse.org.uk
1st November - 6th December	Festival of Christmas Trees	Lowry Outlet Mall	Mary Gillatt 0161 443 2200 mary.gillatt@franchishouse.org.uk
19th November	Hanson's Auctioneers & Valuation Day	Coach & Four, Wilmslow	Kate Puc 0161 443 2200 kate.puc@franchishouse.org.uk
7th November	Viewing Day	Francis House	0161 434 4118
20th November	Irish Abroad Dinner Dance	Hilton Hotel, Manchester	Ann Billington 07789 435330 ann.bill@ntlworld.com
29th November	Francis House Christmas Fair	The Heatons Sports Club, Green Lane, SK4 2NF	Emma Siddle 0161 443 2200 emma.siddle@franchishouse.org.uk
30th November	Production of Vicar of Dibley	Playhouse 2 Theatre, Shaw, Oldham	Judith Houghton 01706 844366 judithurc@gmail.com
1st December	Memory Lights Service	East Didsbury Methodist Church, Parrswood Road	0161 434 4118
4th December	Francis House Showtime Christmas Ball	Mere Golf Resort & Spa	Judy Bailey 01260 223320 judy@franchishouse.org.uk
17th December	Carols at the Farm	Mobberley	Carole Geary 01625 583995 carolegeary@aol.com