



# Friends of the Family Ltd

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Welcome to the last newsletter of 2011. It has been an eventful year for the charity with changes to Board of Trustees, new volunteers, numerous successful fundraising events provided by volunteers and trustees and a brand new website. However, the most significant change is the charity becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee. As a direct result of this we now have a new Registered Charity Number, a Company Limited by Guarantee Number and our Trustees are now called Directors! You can read about the changes and how little how it affects us in the article below.



### NEWS FLASH!.....Friends of the Family has a great updated website

Courtesy of Winchester University and the Winchester Film Festival we have a new updated version of our website. Our original website was very kindly designed and produced some years ago by Quakers and Friends of the Family supporters, Steven and Shelia Stevens and has allowed us to share our work with so many people on the World Wide Web. However, when Christian Francis from Winchester University contacted Under 5s Project Leader Colette Dunford with the opportunity of becoming a named charity at the Winchester Film festival in May 2012 and having our website brought up to date for free we jumped at the chance! Christian has worked hard to produce the smart new image for the website and it has really help to bring our charity and its work with Winchester families to life.

Please take a look at the updated website at [www.friendsofthefamilywinchester.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthefamilywinchester.org.uk) and let us know what you think!



### SISTERS MAKE IT TO LANDS END!

Hannah Hawkins and Bex Thomas road their tandem bike all the way from Winchester to Lands End to raise funds for Friends of the Family.

The incredible 5 day journey through sunshine, rain and wind raised an amazing £1031.51!!! The girls only aimed to raise £500 initially but family and friends gave them so much more support both practically and financially than they ever thought was possible.

Friends of the Family are so grateful to both girls and everyone who supported them (including the bike!).

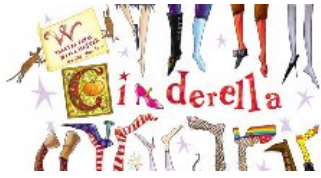
Thank you and congratulations on your personal achievement.



Friends of the family are very grateful to Hampshire Police Authority for awarding us a grant £2,300 for training.

At Friends of the Family we regularly attend the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee (MARAC) and pride ourselves on the training opportunities that we have to offer to volunteers. These include a comprehensive training programme for 5s to 13s volunteers and on going training opportunities for all our staff and volunteers.

Topics such as Bereavement, Alcohol Awareness, Depression, Autism and Safeguarding Children have been offered to both Under 5s and the 5s to 13s Volunteers. We hope to use some of this grant to run our 5<sup>th</sup> 5s to 13s training programme in the New Year and to also offer our volunteers 1<sup>st</sup> training from the St John's Ambulance.



Friends of the Family Families.....

.....you will go to the pantomime!

Emmaus have very generously donated the proceeds from their November Solidarity Sale to provide a Christmas treat for the children who are involved with Friends of the Family. The generous donation of £700 was kindly presented to 5s to 13s Project Leader, Sam Hunt by Community General Manager, Marianne Mackie and has been spent on Pantomime tickets for the children and their families. The families will be seeing "Cinderella" on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and have been promised a real treat by the Theatre Royal Winchester who kindly reduced the seat price to enable us to allow more children and their families to attend.

We are sure that the children will have a wonderful time being part of such a great event.



## **Friends of the Family Quiz Hits the Bull's-eye**

Ten teams met to contest this year's friends of the Family quiz held on 14<sup>th</sup> October in the hall of Holy Trinity Church. The quiz is fast becoming a firm favourite in the annual calendar of our fundraising events. This years contestants had to know who was on the throne in England in 1311 (Edward II) and the colour of the Olympic Archery Bull's-eye (gold). There was dead heat between the two top scoring teams, but the real winner was Friends of the Family who raised £1,070 from the evening!

Our thanks go to all the organisers of the event especially the quiz masters themselves Morse Family for a great if not challenging evening!

## **FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY WINCHESTER LTD!**

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Recently Friends of the Family decided to incorporate as a company by guarantee called "Friends of the Family Winchester Limited". This we have done by transferring all the assets of the charity to the new company and we have obtained Charity Commission registration of the company as a charity and so have a new charity number.

The process of incorporation is very common for charities. Instead of a "constitution" which we had for the old charity, we now have "Articles of Association" and the Articles that we have adopted are in the form recommended by the Charity Commission as being suitable for charity companies. Our Mission remains the same and, in effect, nothing else changes. The advantages of incorporation are twofold. First it allows trustees to limit their personal liability which can be a deterrent to attracting and retaining trustees. Secondly it gives Friends of the Family a legal personality which allows us greater flexibility in case we need to enter into contracts for service provision or other reasons.

We have also taken the opportunity to launch a membership drive to attract new members who will offer use their interest and support and who as members will be entitled to vote in our general meetings and help shape our future as a Winchester charity. Details on membership can be obtained from trustee Jonathan Flory at [jonathanflory@aol.com](mailto:jonathanflory@aol.com)

## **Doing Xmas shopping online?**

Don't forget easyfundraising.org.uk

Every time you buy something on the internet there is potential to raise funds for Friends of the Family.

It's so simple – just register with

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

And start raising funds at the click of your mouse!

It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through easyfundraising as the retailers that you shop with make the donation.....not you!

So go on you can really make a difference to our good cause even while you shop!!!

Thank you



[www.bangkokbrasserie.co.uk](http://www.bangkokbrasserie.co.uk)

Friends of the Family would like to invite you and your friends to a Thai gourmet delight at the

**Bangkok Brasserie,  
Jewry Street,  
Winchester**  
on  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

The evening's delights begin at 7pm with welcome drinks followed at 7.30pm by a sumptuous buffet style dinner all for £20 a head of which £10 comes directly to Friends of the Family.

To make a reservation and support this fund raising event please contact Miff at The Bangkok Brasserie on 01962 869966 or email [miff@bangkokbrasserie.co.uk](mailto:miff@bangkokbrasserie.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Events

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Professor Michael Wheeler will be conducting a talk in the Prior's Hall on "The Victorian Way of Death".

Tickets cost £20 each which includes a drink and nibbles. To book tickets please contact Viv Wheeler on 07851 630413 or email her at [vivwheeler70@hotmail.com](mailto:vivwheeler70@hotmail.com)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Take a tour of the Winchester Cathedral Tower followed by refreshments. Cost of tour is £15 per person. Spaces are limited and are time allocated throughout the day so do not miss out on the time you would like and book early! Tickets and more information about the tour is available from Angela Moody on 01962 863730

## **“Recipes and Rhymes from Friends of the Family”**

Under 5s volunteer Iris Gould has collated a super booklet with, as the title suggests recipes and rhymes from Friends of the Family.

Each booklet has delicious recipes that have been tried and tested by FOF volunteers and a selection of poems and rhymes that Iris has written about Friends of the Family supporters.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the booklet for a mere £3 with all profits to Friends of the Family then they are available direct from Iris on 01962 863247 or from the Friends of the Family Office on 01962 864466.

### **Eclectic mix for the Charity Market Stall!**

Friends of the Family provided a wonderful eclectic mix of goodies this year on their stall at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Charity Market on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the Guild Hall. They had delicious home made cakes, bulb planters, polished stones, house portraits for commission and many other unique gifts. The event was a great success with not only the charity's profile raised in the local community but also £164!



*Many thanks once again go to all our dedicated volunteers, supporters, fund raisers/givers and of course the families for another truly remarkable year.*

*From us all at Friends of the Family, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and very happy 2012.*



# Why not commission an original “portrait” of your house or garden?



The Deane House, Sparsholt, Hampshire

Andrew Rutter, Conservation Architect is offering to create pen and wash drawings, which can be reduced and printed in colour as a Christmas card or letter heading by a firm like Sarsen Press. Andrew charges £30 an hour after discussing your requirements

**NO HOUSE TOO SMALL!**

The fee will go directly to support

## **Friends** *of the* **Family, Winchester**

A local charity supporting vulnerable families and their children aged 0- 13 years in the Winchester area.



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