



Playground Update January 2012

Looking Forward:

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU - AND A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! Now, a birthday does require the occasion to be marked, but we have decided to go one better and devote the WHOLE of 2012 to celebrating our 30 years in action. There will be lots of celebratory activities both at the Playground and on the fundraising front - and YOUR help will be vital if we are to make this year a big success, and put ourselves in good stead as we set off on the next 30! We have a whole section of the website devoted to The Big Birthday Bash, www.tvap.co.uk/thebigbirthdaybash, where you can find information on ways to get involved and to find out what events are coming up. Do, please, join us - we would love to have your support - give us a call, or email celebrate@tvap.co.uk!

Looking Back:

We hope you were good enough last year to warrant a visit from a certain jolly chap bringing everything you asked for! We also hope that the Christmas period was a happy time for everyone and we would like to thank all the Parents and Users who were kind enough to bring us in chocolates and biscuits, I can assure they went to good homes! The Christmas parties this year were some of the most successful parties we have ever held at The Playground, with a 100% turnout! So thank you to everyone who came along and took part as well as all the volunteers who came in to help (it really wouldn't be possible without you).

Volunteers News:

We are looking for volunteers to get involved in fundraising activities, not just taking part, but helping to set things up, sell tickets and generally spread the word. If you have any ideas, do, please, contact Nicky on 01628 628051.

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Donations/Fundraising:

A huge thank you to all those businesses who remembered us over the festive season - your support continues to play a crucial part in keeping the Playground going.

Thank you, too, to all the individuals who undertook amazing challenges during 2011, raising over £6,000.

Taplow Youth Choir's concert in December raised a superb £1875, with the Playground's Quiz Night amassing nearly £1300. Next up four fit fellows are undertaking The Big Bike Ride, and will be cycling from Cape Wrath to Dover to raise funds for the Playground. www.capewrathtodover2012.moonfruit.com.

Events:

Amongst the flurry of events coming up, we have

13th-18th March - an Open Week for potential users - daily 11-2!

14th April - a friendly, fundraising Table Tennis Tournament.

Our anniversary Sponsored Walk is being held on 19th May.

www.tvap.co.uk/sponsoredwalk. Our virtual walker Sid will be at it again, so, if you would like to support the event, but don't fancy walking, you could always 'Sponsor Sid'!

June is Party Month - jelly, icecream, fun and games at the Mega Birthday Bash on 16th June, and we are hoping to get schools, and individuals involved in hosting their own Birthday Party in aid of the Playground to help raise funds.

Also coming up - a Plant Sale, a Family Fun Day on 11th August, Comedy & Quiz Nights, a Bridge Afternoon, a Playground music 'fest' and much, much more.

As part of our Birthday celebrations, we are looking for people to take part in our 30-Something Fitness Challenge. We are hoping to join forces with local and national gyms this year, so, if you are looking to get fit and shake of those extra bits of Turkey and stuffing, then let us know.

For more details on how to get involved, contact the Playground on 01628 628599 or email celebrate@tvap.co.uk.

The Little Wish List:

We are always desperate for the following and would be very grateful to anyone who can provide any of them for us:

- Toilet Roll
- Batteries (all sizes but mainly AA, AAA)
- Tracksuit trousers (all sizes, boys and girls)

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