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THE ART MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2009

A message from our Director.....*This Newsletter comes with the wish that all who read it enjoy a very Happy Christmas. We should like to thank all the many volunteers and supporters who have made 2009 so creatively enjoyable for the members of their club and classes.....Angela Cotton*



Children with Learning Difficulties

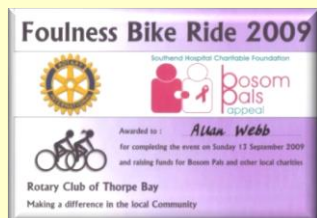


Mary Fawkes - Monday Class - Mary is Blind





CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES RIDES FOR ART MINISTRY



Allan Webb raised much needed funds for The Art Ministry by taking part in the Foulness Island Bike Ride on the 13th September 2009.

2000 riders turned out to tackle the 23 mile course which started outside Great Wakering Primary School in the High Street at 9.30 am.

Allan raised a total of £530.00 for The Art Ministry. Very well done, Allan



FUND RAISING by Kevin Robson

....thanks to the kindness of....

Superlative efforts from the team aided by Dawn and Pippa at CAVS have resulted in our fund, or lack of them, turning completely around. For the first time in the Art Ministry History we are looking to be confident of 10 months survival, our previous best was 6 months.

We've been fortunate in gaining funds from a benefactor who responded kindly and promptly, when we were at our lowest ebb.

2009 has been, as it has for many people, businesses and charities, a very tough year and our ability to be confident in our finances was questioned.

The good news is that thanks to

kindness from our benefactors, FSJ Fowler Smith and Jones (Tolhurst Fisher) who weighed in straight away with £2000 and are now in the process of sending us a second (£2000) and others, we are pulling through. Alix Mason who spearheads the FSJ Charity visited us and said she was impressed by the work that we do.

The Co Op have once more been kind with £2000 again for the second year running, and in the last few days betting giants Ladbrokes have sent us £1000. A classic car friend sent £250 and Ralph Glenister £50.

The Mayor selected us as one of his special charities with £520 donation and our Chairman of





FUND RAISING (Cont'd)

Trustees Allan Webb did a sponsored bike ride raising a similar amount.

We have many appeals out there so hopefully we can think about going forward rather than back.

The next Fund Raising event is our Coin Painting exercise outside Lloyds in Southend High Street on Sunday 20 December and it would be great to have as many volunteers as possible for that.

Likewise outside Morrisons for the first Friday and Saturday of the New Year 2010.



TASTING SESSION



■ Tucking in – Leslie Geale enjoys a hot drink and a pie as Art Ministry volunteer Claire Brown watches on
Picture: PAUL WATSON XYPMU_02

Tasty flavours for the blind

MEMBERS of an art group for the blind and visually impaired tucked in to some tasty new foods as part of a special project to help them expand their diet.

La Casa de Bocadillo, in Hadleigh, donated chicken dishes, salamis, bacon and prawns, as well as fruit and rustic breads for the artists to try during the event at

the Art Ministry in Church Road, Hadleigh.

Many blind or partially sighted people eat a restricted diet because they cannot see what they are buying and the tasting session, endorsed by Southend Blind Welfare Association, aimed to give them the confidence to try new things.

Organiser, the Rev Angela Cotton, of the Art Ministry, said: "It has been a great success thanks to La Casa. People found it very interesting and beneficial."

The Art Ministry runs a range of art classes for people with disabilities. For more information, call 01702 559853 or visit www.theartministry.org.uk

This article appeared in The Evening Echo following our first Tasting Session with the Visually Impaired Class. We are most grateful to Jill, proprietor of the cafe La Casa de Bocadillo in Hadleigh for doing this for us so admirably at short notice.



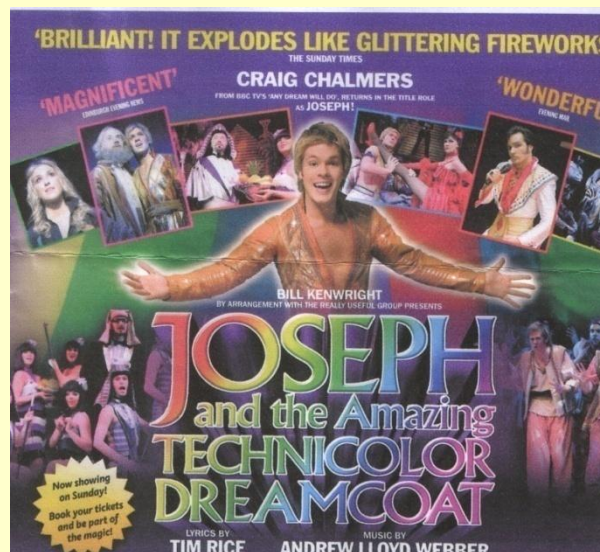


A FIRST TRIP TO THE THEATRE

It was a first for The Art Ministry when some members of the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Classes went to see “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on October 14th at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Pamela Keech of the Wednesday Class describes our experience.....*“We had good seats in the stalls, a clear view of the stage. It was a fantastic show with colourful costumes, singing and dancing. We all came out of the theatre feeling relaxed and happy. The show was a good tonic for us all”.*

We thank Kevin for providing transport without which the disabled amongst us would not have been able to go.



FAMILY WORKSHOP

The photos show parents and children enjoying a workshop where they made Christmas decorations out of salt dough. “Delightful” and “terrific” were two of the words used to describe it.



Joanna Fenttiman and Laura Smith were able to volunteer - we thank them for their help.

Parents and children came from the Mother and Toddler Group run by the United Reformed Church. We shall plan another Family Workshop for next term



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...”Terrific”....





LOOKING FORWARD

Among the things we are looking forward to next year is the completion of the collage for The Tyrrells Centre and an Exhibition of Artwork from all classes in February. Details will be available soon.

We hope that there will be lots of exciting events in the New Year and invite you all to take part in them.





*Enjoying a Christmas
Lunch at
The Salvation Army
Tea Rooms*



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