



A Gorgeous Summer's Day

by Beth Jackson

The youth support group is run for children with additional needs, including ASD, ADHD and cerebral palsy, and their siblings.

Beth from the group was impressed with the personal service that they received stating "Right from the start Lynn was so helpful, listening to the concerns we had about the different needs of the children."

The group were lucky enough to have a gorgeous summer's day. The children were involved from the off, taking turns to steer the narrow boat. When they approached the locks, the parents and children worked together to operate them, which the children loved. At lunchtime the crew found a lovely picnic spot for them with a few of the parents sneaking off to the nearby pub for a well-earned drink whilst the children played football.

The afternoon was spent slowly retracing their journey, with no one wanting the day to end. One of the many highlights was the crew dressing up in fancy dress.

Beth enthused, "The day was completely hands on, no matter what the child's need, they were encouraged to take part and feel a valuable member of the team.



All the staff were friendly, approachable and made the parents and children feel special. Nothing was too much trouble and it made our day a success, so much so that children and parents have asked us to repeat the activity, so we are returning in May."

In September the mums at Tanglewood youth support decided that they wanted to do something a bit different for their Family Summer day out, so they got in touch with the trust. The result was a fun day out for the group and their families on Symphony.

Marathon Man

by Rachel Williams



Stuart Teare will be pushing himself to the limit when he takes part in the 2015 Virgin Money London Marathon in April to raise funds for the Peter Le Marchant Trust. Stuart will be swapping pints with friends in the pub for chilly evening runs around South London as he puts in the necessary preparation for one of the world's most famous running events. On cutting back those pub visits Stuart

says: "Those who know me well will fully understand how much of a difficult task this will be due to my hatred of running and my love of alcohol! But, due to my big mouth and a moment of madness I agreed to sign up and run!!"

It's personal for Stuart as his dad Richard is the CEO of the Trust:
"The Trust offers fantastic experiences

for the disabled and seriously ill, for children, adults and families who are living with disabilities. It is a Trust very close to my family; as in early 2014 my father took on the role of C.E.O."

Please sponsor Stuart by visiting uk.virginmoneygiving.com/stuartteare and help him reach his target of raising £3000 for the Trust.

Volunteers End of Season Cruise

by Richard Teare

October saw the Annual End of Season Volunteers Cruise which was a big thank you to all those who dedicate their free time to support the trust.

49 Volunteers were in attendance and both Symphony and Serenade boats were used to take them on a cruise up to the Plough pub in Normanton for a bite to eat and a drink. Volunteer, John Beasley said "We had a lovely time. It was a nice opportunity to get to know other



Volunteers as we're so busy we don't always get the chance. A great way to team build."

Volunteers also created their own puddings for the return journey with a range

of homemade cakes and pies to finish off the trip. "It was a thoroughly enjoyable day out being able to meet up with co-volunteers, it was also nice to have someone else steering the boat!" said Volunteer crew member Colin Saunders.



Anything Goes

by Rachel Williams

In September the Beeston Musical Theatre Group used Serenade for a photo shoot promoting their new musical 'Anything Goes'. As a thank you the group provided a donation to the Trust.

Mickley Hall Nursing Home

by Dave Tagg

Mickley Hall is a forty bedded nursing home with care for the disabled. Three or four times a year some of the residents travel down to Loughborough to the Peter Le Marchant Trust for a trip for the day along the canals on one of their barges. The residents love the experience and so too do the carers who accompany them on the trips. The staff and Volunteers from Peter Le Marchant are very friendly and accommodating and several of them know some good stories to tell about their times on the canals. Once a year the residents also



take advantage of a full five days on the barge and trips around the canals. These are extremely satisfying and you get the Skipper with you on the whole trip, he is very happy to help out and deal with any problems we may have. The whole experience is amazing and I

highly recommend them to anybody. The Peter Le Marchant Trust is a great organisation and should be proud of their staff and Volunteers who do a tremendous job. I personally am looking forward to this year's trips and I feel I speak for everyone at Mickley Hall.

Amy Howarth 1993 – 2014

It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that Amy lost her fight against brain cancer in September 2014.

As you may remember, we shared Amy's story in our last newsletter, where we arranged a special day out on one of our boats for Amy and her family through Rainbows hospice to help her to create some lasting memories for her loved ones.

May we offer our deepest sympathies to Amy's family.



Business Update

It has been a very successful 2014 season for the Peter Le Marchant Trust. We carried 4,000 passengers, split between Serenade, our holiday boat, Symphony our day boat and Melody. 18 new Groups utilised our services and many more returned. The day trips were provided at a nominal cost of £9 per person, per day which will be the same this season, with a minimal rise in 2016 to £10.

The Trust intends to raise its profile within the East Midlands and will be attending a number of events in 2015.

Working Together With Loughborough University

by Richard Teare

During the last 6 months the Trust has been looking to create strong relationships with the University. The Loughborough Students Rag received a Grant Application from us which was accepted with £2500 provided to cover the Licence Fees for a year for our 3 Boats. Very much appreciated.

Additionally, contact was made with VP Action, Loughborough Student's Union, and much to our delight, on two occasions teams of enthusiastic students came

down to the Base to paint, wash down the windows and help with general garden maintenance. This will hopefully continue this year.

The Loughborough Students Canoe Club approached us due to our proximity to the Grand Union Canal and this has allowed them access for the canoes, storage and a shorter distance to travel. Recently some assessments have been carried out and more Canoeists are venturing down.



Thank You

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We welcome donations, large and small, which help us to provide day trips and holidays at a very low cost to a large number of groups and individuals who otherwise could not afford it.

We would also like to say a huge Thank You to the following:
Trent Bridge Rotary for funding Ash Lea School to come on our day trips on "Symphony"

Most importantly we would like to express our most grateful thanks to ALL our Volunteers who give freely of their time to support us.

A special notice of thanks is extended to those that have helped us with the following:
Winter work on all three of our boats.
Work around the base both inside and out.

We would like to offer a special thank you to Carl from Black Cat Ironwork for the Majestic gates which he created and donated to the trust.



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Thank you to all those donations on a regular basis from the Friends Association which contribute to the Trust and help with the running of the charity.

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