



KHoCA NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

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Autumn 2011

Friday October 7th 2011
Gift Fair

at Brands Hatch Thistle Hotel

November 19th 2011
CHILDREN'S PARTY
Hildenborough

November 25th 2011
Afternoon Bridge & Tea
Kippington Hall
Sevenoaks

March 14th 2012
Fashion Show
by The Find of Sevenoaks
and Cranbrook, at
Dulwich Prep School,
Cranbrook

March 23rd 2012
Bridge and Lunch
Rolvenden Village Hall

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BUY YOUR
GRAND DRAW
RAFFLE TICKETS!
FABULOUS PRIZES**



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On behalf of the Chairman

Welcome to the KHoCA newsletter. We have had a very busy and productive year despite the economic climate. It is a credit to the committee and you our supporters that funds continue to be raised in these straightened times, not least to fill the gap in local government funding.

Clare Cannon, our Chairman has resigned from the committee. We thank her for all her efforts and hope she will join us again soon. In her place Anne Billings and Juliet Atherton, (Vice-Chairmen) are working together. A new Chairman will be appointed at the AGM in January.

We are seeking keen pro-active new committee members, do contact us if you are interested.

provided a great setting for a good afternoon's play and the usual mouthwatering selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes which were much appreciated by the players. We raised over £1,400.

Winter brought the snow, which disrupted the Children's Party this year. Appalling conditions meant the cancellation of the party much to everyone's disappointment. However, those who had bought tickets generously donated the money anyway and amazingly over £4,000 was raised.

The children's disco went swimmingly with party games and disco fun at The Scotts Project and £1,300 was raised.

The lunch and bridge afternoon in Rolvenden proved a success (to be repeated next year), and raised £1,440.



A group of 8 intrepid sixth form students from Worth School swam the English Channel in July to raise funds for KHoCA. Patrick Thick, Conor Keating, Charlotte Butter, Christopher Cannon, Henry Palmer, Edwin Tsui, Illan Aboitiz and

Peter Dommet were the superstar team and we thank them all for their superb achievement. So far they have raised over £7,000. To sponsor their efforts go to the Just Giving website and search for KHoCA.

*Do take note of our future events,
in particular The Gift Fair on 7th October,
this year at Brands Hatch Thistle.
We hope to see you there!*

The Gift Fair proved it is as popular as ever, and raised over £9,000 in October. Thanks are due again to the governors at the Schools at Somerhill for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities, and to all the staff who were so helpful on the day.

November saw a new venue for our bridge tea which was very successful. Kippington Hall in Sevenoaks

MEMBERSHIP

Please return this slip if you would like to become a Friend of K.H.O.C.A. and we will send you details.

Name
Address
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(Please note that all of the forms in this mail-shot can be returned together, in a single envelope, to any of the people mentioned - you do not need a stamp for each! If you receive more than one set, please let us know and we will correct our address database. Thank you)

Donations Made in the Past Year

Art for Life	£6,000
Medway Council for Martin Joy	£1,500
Scotts Project 6 beds	£1,410
Rose Farm garden equipment	£434.64
Martha Trust Hydrotherapy pool	£10,000
3H Fund Holidays	£1,000
Tonbridge Mencap activities	£1,000
Maidstone Mencap summer respite care 2010 & 2011	£4,000
Scotts Project Christmas card	£100
Vale of Elham Christmas card	£25
Fifth Trust Christmas card	£200
Riding for Disabled livery	£2,000
Five a side Fun, hall hire	£3,500
Spadework irrigation system	£1,656
John Graham Centre ponies	£4,000

TOTAL £36,825.64

Christmas Card Competition

Every year KHoCA run a competition to design our Christmas card, open to any person with mental disabilities in Kent. This year we had some super entries and judging was very difficult. The winning cards will be available to buy at our Gift Fair or can be ordered via the KHoCA website.



First Prize
'Rudolf'
by Katy Fitzhugh
The Fifth Trust



Third Prize
'Plum Pudding' by Alison Rumens
The Fifth Trust



Second Prize
'Mary and Joseph'
by Maxwell Reid
Scotts Project Trust

OUT & ABOUT

Happy Birthday to Archie Donovan, who celebrated his 18th birthday recently.



Archie is keen on catering and is hoping to go to college in Somerset next year.



Committee members attended the opening of the new plant and garden centre at Elham Valley Vineyard, opened by actress Pam Ferris. Do pop in and support them if you are in the area.

KHoCA has funded 2 ponies at the John Graham Centre, a farming and learning centre near Canterbury for adults with a

learning disability. They report the ponies have settled very well and are much-loved by the students.



Anchor Support Services have sent some wonderful pictures of their recent X Factor event. They meet regularly at Strood Library for social events sponsored by KHoCA. Their ambitions do not stop at the X Factor as they are working on the pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz'!



Maidstone Mencap run a respite care centre for children over the long summer holidays. It provides a life line to parents when all other care is suspended, and gives families a breather. The children have a wonderful time and have the opportunity to make friends and enjoy outings in a safe and caring environment.

