

Home-Start Garden Drinks Party

What a glorious evening was had by over 150 guests who attended the Home-Start Garden Party on July 1st.

Iona Birchall kindly opened up her home, Cotswold Farm, which was built in 1700 and extended in the Arts and Crafts style by the architect Sidney Barnsley in the 1920s. Guests spent the evening strolling at leisure around the stunning gardens, munching delicious home-made canapés and enjoying wine kindly supplied at cost by Mark of Chamberlain Wines (01285 810566).



The Trustees would like to thank everyone for their generous support of this event which has so far raised in excess of £2000.

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 28 July Cirencester Tesco collection

Wed 3 Aug Cirencester picnic

Wed 10 Aug Cirencester picnic

Wed 10 Aug Stow picnic

Wed 17 Aug Cirencester picnic

Wed 24 Aug Cirencester picnic

Thurs 25 Aug Stow picnic

Wed 31 Aug Colouring competition
deadline

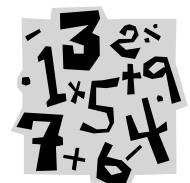
Thurs 22 Sept Stow Volunteer training

Wed 28 Sept Cirencester Volunteer
training

Tues 25 Oct 5th Birthday Celebration

Number Crunching

34 families currently
receiving weekly
visits from a
volunteer



50 trained home-visiting
volunteers in the scheme. Of
these: 34 visiting families, 5 in
the process of being matched
with a family, 11 resting.

40 families supported April 2011
to June 2011 inclusive.

Welcome to Phil Tubbs



Hi, I am Phil Tubbs , an inner city kid from Wood Green in North London who ended up in Lechlade nearly twenty years ago. I started my working life as a surveyor, and did a variety of managerial jobs before retiring from Nationwide three years ago. I am a magistrate in Swindon, Chairman of Cirencester Choral Society and also support adult learners at Swindon College.

I recently became a Trustee of Home-Start and my initial impressions are very positive. All the people I have met have been very helpful to me as a new, old boy and I look forward to working with the whole team.

Colouring Competition



Do you know any children under 11 who enjoy colouring???? Please give them the attached colouring sheet and ask them to enter our competition.

There will be fabulous prizes in three age categories pre-school, infants, juniors.

Closing date 31st August 2011. Prizes to be presented at our 5th birthday party on Tuesday 25 October.

For more copies of the colouring sheet call our office on 01285 885 391

AGM

On June 28th we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Cirencester. Clare Baker (Chair) and Tony Jones (Treasurer) spoke about our many achievements during the last year, and indeed the milestone of Home-Start Cotswolds reaching 5 years.

Hilary Morris and Paul Bickel were re-elected and will continue their work as trustees for Home-Start.

We were also delighted to welcome Kate Hicks Beach and Phil Tubbs, who were formally elected as new trustees.

Sadie Rowlands, one of our enthusiastic volunteers, spoke about her time and experiences with Home-Start.

Refreshments were provided afterwards.



North Cotswolds News

Easter Egg Hunt

Stow held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday the 19th April at Adlestrop Village Hall. The children were very excited and started by making and decorating Easter Baskets ready to fill with eggs. When we went outside the weather was perfect, the sun shone brilliantly whilst the children ran around hunting for chocolate eggs. Our biggest worry was that the eggs would melt before the children found them all! It was a magical day and everyone had a lovely time, mums, dads and grandparents all joined in the hunt. We had a beautiful Easter



tree decorated with eggs, chocolate lady-birds, Easter chicks and mini eggs which was donated by Rosemary Wills from Stow Baptist Church. We would like to thank the Community Awareness Group, the Baptist Church and the Stow Co-op for the very generous donation of Easter Eggs. Also to Penny from Tesco, Meg and Susan from the Community Awareness Group who gave their time and donated lots of yummy cakes. Thank you also to Corrine, a volunteer, who provided the materials to make Easter masks and helped the children decorate them.

Multi-Agency Volunteer Support Day



On the 26th May Stow hosted a Multi-Agency support day for volunteers. We had guest speakers from Citizens Advice Bureau, Stow Children's Centre, CPP (County Community Projects) and the Fire Service. It was great to hear about the support that these agencies can offer to our families, they all had far more to offer than we realised and it's helpful to know who we can turn to for extra support. We would like to say thank you to all the agencies that gave up their time to be with us on the day.

Fundraising by Stow volunteer

One of our volunteers in Stow Henny Kenny-Herbert held a fund raising event at her home on the 7th of June and she donated the proceeds to Home-Start and the Injured Jockeys fund. Henny filled her home with wonderful stalls offering a huge variety of shopping opportunities to suit most budgets. The stalls included jewellery, cakes, handmade bed covers, cashmere jumpers, a hide and Fleece stall, linen stall, wonderful accessories for your kitchen, handmade toiletries and many more. Lesley was amazed just how much Henny had managed to fit into her home, every room was full of stalls! Lunch was also included in the entrance donation. It was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of Home-Start and Henny raised a fantastic amount of money for us - £1,350! We would like to thank Henny for setting up this event and for her support of Home-Start.

5th Birthday Celebration for Home-Start Cotswolds

Are you going to come and help us celebrate 5 years of Home-Start in the Cotswolds? We are hoping lots of the volunteers, families, trustees and staff who have been involved with Home-Start over the past 5 years will join us during half term week on:



Tuesday 25th October 2011

11—2pm

@ Cirencester Baptist Church



There will be hot dogs, games, bouncy castle, cakes, sparkly nails, face painting, hoopla and much more.....

And it will all be FREE!

New Volunteer Prep Courses

Did you know we recruit most of our volunteers by word of mouth? So get chatting and tell the people you meet about our up and coming courses.

Volunteers need to have parenting experience and be available to attend a 40 hour training course over 10 weeks. After that they will need to give 3-4 hours weekly to Home-Start.

Stow course begins Thurs 22 Sept

Cirencester course begins Wed 28 Sept

Cirencester Summer Picnics

Once again during the summer holidays we will be holding picnics for Home-Start families and volunteers in St Michaels Park, Cirencester. Put the dates in your diary and pack up a picnic and come and join in the fun.



Wednesday 3rd August 12noon-2pm
Wednesday 10th August 12noon-2pm
Wednesday 17th August 12noon-2pm
Wednesday 24th August 12noon-2pm

Only cancelled in severe weather conditions!!!

Volunteer Support Day—Cooking with Families

12 of the Cirencester volunteers attended a volunteer day on Cooking with Families. It began with Frances sharing her experience of teaching a mother to cook. She gave helpful tips on not putting people off by using complicated weights and measures and improvising with limited utensils. Some of the things she has cooked with her family include vegetable soup, toad in the hole, spaghetti Bolognese, shepherds pie and cakes.



In small groups we looked at ideas for shopping with families, healthy eating and what items might make up a starter packs for families wanting to cook. We also collected together some simple recipes from the volunteers so we can produce a booklet to help us all when we are thinking of quick easy recipes for the family.