



FitVits looking healthy for KidsAid



FitVits produce a range of vitamins supplements for children and are in the process of getting their products on shelves in major stores and supermarkets including Holland and Barrett, Asda and Superdrug. The company have adopted KidsAid to benefit from sales of their Gummy Bears and Gummy Sharks, with 10 pence from a large pack and 5 pence from a small pack going to the charity.

We are all very excited about this, and it could mean a really good extra income stream for KidsAid – free samples of the products are available from info@kidsaid.org.uk

Charity Concert a Resounding Success

On Saturday 15 May St Lawrence Church in Towcester was full to overflowing with a delighted audience as the Cwmbach Male Choir performed under the baton of their Deputy Musical Director, Norman Harris, to raise funds for KidsAid and other charities.

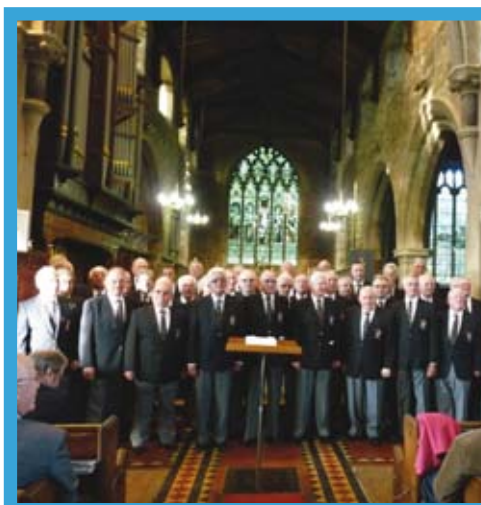
The event was organized by the Lions Club of Towcester & District and the Rotary Club of Towcester, and we thank Mavis and Dennis Gould for their devotion and hard work, and congratulate all concerned on a fabulous evening.

Thanks also to the Rev. Tony Bryer, Rector of St Lawrence, and John Smith, Director of Music, for providing the church facilities; to the Towcester Conservative Club for hosting the

after-concert buffet, and Prontaprint (MK) for helping with the programmes. Also performing were young woodwind players from Sponne School, tutored by Mara Harrison, who provided a delicate contrast to the powerful choral performance.

The evening was a huge success and everyone showed their appreciation, with the total raised for KidsAid reaching almost £3500, some of which will be used to refurbish and equip KidsAid's two Play Therapy rooms.

A huge Thank You to everyone who came along and helped make this excellent event such a success.



Barclaycard's valuable support

The Credit Risk Office and the HR Department at Barclaycard Northampton have adopted KidsAid and have been making tremendous efforts to support the charity in many ways. They have held raffles, quiz nights, cake bakes, they have come along to the KidsAid Indian evenings, and we have welcomed their teams on community projects to decorate and do all sorts of DIY at KidsAid House.

The total in money raised so far exceeds £4000 with the Barclaycard match funding, and they are planning further events such as a Three Peaks Challenge and a London to Northampton relay run, as well as sending yet more teams in to complete the work we still need doing at the premises.

We cannot thank all of the Barclaycard management and staff enough for this wonderful support.



County Golf Club Marathon

The Northamptonshire County Golf Club held a charity fundraiser last summer where 5 of their top golfers played 100 holes in one day! They started at around 6.30am and eventually completed this mammoth event at around 10pm. Together with £500 raised at their Centenary Pro Am event, they presented KidsAid with a cheque for the grand total of £5000.

Thanks to David Green and players Roy, Ian, Mark, Phil and Kev.



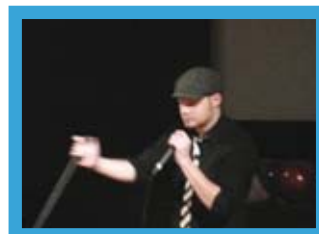
Red Letter Day

The postman delivered a wonderful surprise in March this year – an unexpected cheque for £12,000! This generous donation came from the Edith Taylor Charitable Trust, which was being wound up after making donations to Northamptonshire charities for the past 10 years.

Just as the Trust was deciding who to make the final donations to, a relative of one of the trustees mentioned KidsAid. The trustees had a look at our web site and did a bit of research, liked what they saw and sent the cheque! Everyone at KidsAid is extremely grateful – this really does make a difference.

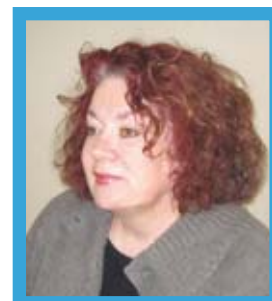
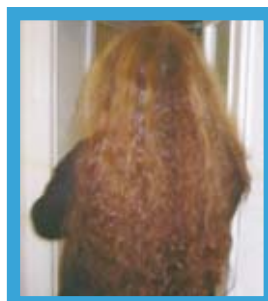
Talent show a winner!

Students at the University of Northampton organized a fundraising event called Northampton Uni's got Talent, with auditions at both campuses and the main event in the Avenue Hall. There were some pretty impressive performances and Dean Ashworth, KidsAid trustee, took his place as one of the judges. The event raised £400 for KidsAid and everyone had a terrific evening.



Cut a long story short!

Having had her very long locks for around 35 years, KidsAid Administrator Maggie Allen decided to submit to the stylist's scissors to raise money for the charity. Local salon director, Carlo Cardinale of the Outcast Hair Salon, Dychurch Lane, Northampton, was only too pleased to help and donated the cut and re-style free of charge, removing over 18 inches of Maggie's hair. Maggie raised just under £1000 in sponsorship and – as an added bonus – was really happy with Carlo's work!



Champions for Charity

Tom Nicholson approached KidsAid with his idea for a charity martial arts tournament and we were honoured to be chosen as one of the two beneficiaries of this amazing event.

Tom's company MAshop.co.uk and ProAction set about organizing this multi-style martial arts event and it was held at

the Northampton School for Girls on Sunday 18 July 2010.

A first of its kind, the event not only attracted participants and sponsors, but managed to raise a grand total of around £5000 which was split between KidsAid and Lupus UK. We call that a knock-out!!



KidsAid's David Mackintosh congratulates a winner

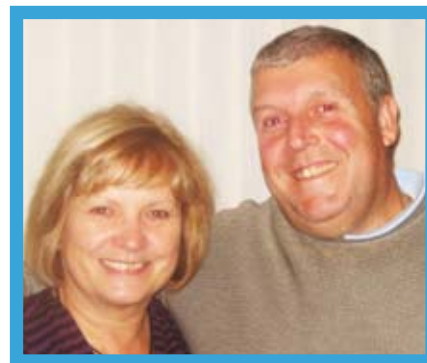


MA competitors ready for action

Golf helps weight loss!!

Dave Razzell and other players held a fundraiser at Brampton Heath Golf Course in memory of their friend Mick Middleton. The money raised on the day, together with Dave and partner Sue Campling's sponsored weight loss, brought the total to £700 for KidsAid.

Dave and Sue lost 70 pounds between them – well done to all concerned and thanks to Marilyn Middleton for nominating KidsAid.



Harry Potter's magic donation!

A film company working on behalf of Warner Brothers filmed some helicopter footage over an area of Northampton, which will appear in the next Harry Potter film. They wrote to local residents asking for a charity to be nominated so they could make a donation in return for filming over the residential area.

As luck would have it, not only does the KidsAid Administrator live there, but also several of our volunteers and supporters, so we all e-mailed the film company with KidsAid's details. As a result, KidsAid received a cheque for £500. Thanks to Harry and his pals!

Success with Spuds!

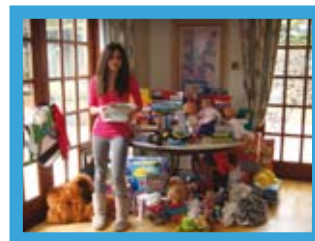
The Mail on Sunday challenged 7 celebrities to grow potatoes for charity and staunch KidsAid supporter Natalie Pinkham took part, nominating KidsAid to receive the £500 donation given by the newspaper to each competitor. Thank you, Natalie – hope you had a bumper crop!

Student Alexa hits the right note

Alexa Dimitri, a student at Spratton Hall School, adopted KidsAid for her community project and has proved herself to be innovative and industrious. Quite the accomplished musician, she and a friend went busking and raised £141.41 for KidsAid.

Alexa also made use of her parents' restaurant, the Pytchley in West Haddon, where they had a 'Pound of Pudding' event and donated £1 from every dessert sold over a weekend. Total raised for KidsAid was £308.51 and Alexa also made an impressive collection of toys and games which she presented to KidsAid.

The project was well received by the school and won Alexa a well earned good grade. Well done and thank you!



Policemen Step Forward

A team of 6 police officers from Newport Pagnell organized a sponsored walk to raise money for KidsAid after the charity had worked with the son of one of the officers when the family suffered the dreadful loss of a child.

The officer's family wanted to help KidsAid in some way, and their colleagues were pleased to present the charity with a cheque for £522

KidsAid gets shirty!

Football hopefuls at Bedford Town had no main sponsor for their new kit and so decided to support KidsAid by having our logo printed on their shirts.

The Under-12 Eagles Youth Squad chairman Ray Schram, who knows of KidsAid's work, decided that the lack of a sponsor opened up the opportunity to support a charity, and says the club will offer this to other charities in the future.

Good luck in the forthcoming season!

Save money and support KidsAid!

We are asking people to join this scheme to buy and recycle printer cartridges through Wise Recycling. It's easy to join and you will either pay the same as your current prices OR you might even save money! Wise can supply both branded and compatible cartridges in a wide range of makes. Companies can offer this as a staff incentive scheme so that employees can buy cartridges for their own printers at home, even if the company is unable to join in.

Please do ask about this –
info@kidsaid.org.uk or go to our web site www.kidsaid.org.uk and click on the link at the bottom of the Home page to see how this works. Every cartridge bought or recycled brings a little donation to KidsAid. Thank you.



Saying Au Revoir

2009 saw the retirement from the Board of Trustees of Jenny Thomas, who was part of the founding group and who headed up our Clinical Team. Jenny had already retired from her career as a Community Psychiatric Nurse for the Northamptonshire Health Authority, after a long career in caring for adults with mental health issues.

She has seen many changes over the years in the provision of such support services, and we thank her for her contribution to helping set up KidsAid and for managing the Clinical Team. Jenny keeps in touch and is still keen to help in any way she can, so this is not so much goodbye as simply 'au revoir'.

Drama Room Opening

Our sincere thanks to the family of Ryan Davies who donated £1000 for the new Drama Therapy room, which is now fully complete and ready for use.

Thanks to our lovely volunteers from Barclaycard Credit Risk Office for the superb work on the stage – very dramatic!

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Become a member of KidsAid and receive details of all our events and fundraisers, receive our newsletter so you can keep up to date, and enjoy the benefits of joining our network of supporters. There's always something going on! and you may decide you want to get more involved. Only £10 for a year's membership

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