

Chernobyl Childrens Life Line

We are already in preparation for the 2013 visit and would ask that anyone interested in Hosting children during the next visit get in touch as soon as possible as we have to have all placements confirmed by the end of December. We do want to invite 20 children again this year however, the problem of the UKBA now charging for Visas may mean that we have to bring less children. Since the Chernobyl Childrens Charities started no Government has charged for the children's visas as they were exempted because they are travelling for Health Recuperation. The UK Government has decided to withdraw the free visas as from this March, As a result many Links of our Charity and many smaller Charities may either bring fewer children and some will fail altogether as this will add an additional cost of 86.00 per child, per visit. For this Link that is an additional 1720.00 that has to be raised.

We are trying to get as many people as possible to sign our Epetition as if we can reach the required amount of signatures the matter must by law, be debated in Parliament. However, 100,000 signatures are needed which is a pretty daunting task. If we can force a parliamentary debate this could result in the charges being lowered or removed altogether. This will cost you nothing but a few minutes of your time and would be much appreciated, if you can pass it in to anyone in your address book, to sign the petition please visit:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37945>

Our Charity shop continues to thrive thanks to the very kind donations from our supporters and we hope that this will continue as with 20 children coming next year we are even more in need of items for them. We would also appreciate anyone who is able to spare a few hours to help in the shop getting in touch. Even if you cannot cover a regular slot, spot cover for people who are on holiday/ill is always appreciated. There are always two people on duty and each shift is either 10 till 1 or 1 till 4.

Recycling: A great asset to our Fundraising is the collecting of textiles, clothing, shoes, bags and belts which go for recycling and for which we are paid. We take everything with the exception of pillows and duvets (coverings are fine) even if they are not in a wearable/saleable condition. We have been told that some schemes offer to take these items as " your local Charity Shop will not take them", that is definitely not true as far as we are concerned. If you have more than you are able to drop into the shop please call me and we will arrange collection.

Please support our Chocolate Bingo event on November 17th, a fun filled evening for all the family, please see our separate advert for further details or give me a call on the number below. Lastly, if you would like to be kept updated with the progress of the children we do have an email distribution list which we use to give everyone the latest news, we absolutely promise you details will never be passed on and you will never receive any unwanted advertising or spam. Please email to enquiries@ccllmidssuffolk.org.uk if you wish to be included. With grateful thanks as always to all of our supporters.

Elizabeth Parker, Link Chair, 01449 760343. www.ccllmidssuffolk.org.uk

Christmas Wreath Making workshop

<http://www.suffolkonline.net/events.php/753>

Sunday 2nd December 2012 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Burstall Village Hall

All the profit from this will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care. We will also have a raffle. Cost for the workshop is £10 per person this includes , tuition, a foam wreath base and seasonal refreshments. Please bring a large carrier bag full of foliage and any ribbons and decorations you would like to use. Also some garden scissors and gloves especially if you are using holly! There will be wires and polypropylene ribbon available free of charge. This is always a very popular workshop, very friendly and sociable. The wreaths are always fabulous - if you have not done this before please be assured yours will be beautiful. It is much easier than you expect and a tutor will be on hand to guide you.

Booking is essential as numbers are limited by space

Hope to see you there

Contact Ann Burchnall 01473 652262 or email ann.burchnall@virgin.net



**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
RAYDON**

A Christmas Concert

With the Suffolk Phoenix Brass

Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm

Interval with wine and refreshments

Tickets £6.00 - Children under 12 FREE

Contact 01473 310320 or 312123

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Howard at the Cathedral of Reims

At this time of year, as one peers out first thing in the morning from the warmth of the Gibbons' residence one remembers those lines of Keats: "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close-bosom friend of the maturing sun". Just before darkness descended and the smell of woodsmoke was all around, I escaped for a Rolls-Royce weekend ensconced in the Champagne region of France. My chauffeur Frank was given the weekend off and I was driven through France by a younger and more racy model in a shiny Black Bentley Continental sedan coupe. There were some thirty five cars and we had lovely weather which enabled the roof panels of the Bentley to be removed. I winced as we departed from Colchester at 5 in the morning but we were soon flying along the wide roads of France and following another friend in his red fastback Bentley S2 model. We stayed at Hotel du Golf de l'Ailette at Chamouille and there I awoke to a vista over a magnificent lake with mists too. I enjoyed lovely lunches and dinners, a visit to J de Belmont Champagne and even entertained the 70 participants with a "cabaret" one evening. My photographer has done an excellent job this month and the picture finds me in the magnificent setting of the Cathedral of Reims. I am sporting the green gussets and gaiters of the Nuns of Reims. And this is what I do to relax.

The more astute amongst you will know that my birthday will soon be upon me. You my readers and clients are too kind. Many of you tell me that when you meet me in the flesh I appear much younger than you had imagined. One lady placed me at 39 and a friend says that the last time I saw that figure was on someone's front door. I do recommend the application of a little Nivea for Men moisturising cream just before retiring at night to keep those wrinkles at bay.

I don't want you to end up with wrinkles and headaches as a result of your conveyancing transactions - the way to avoid those is to come to see me. Some banks (such as HSBC) are insisting that one of a small national panel of solicitors should act for the bank. We can still act for you and provide the personal service that you need and so don't be driven into the arms of some call centre type firm of solicitors. Do telephone us to discuss your circumstances. It is also very important that you ensure that you have your Wills in place and also tucked away in your drawer a Lasting Power of Attorney.

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