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30  
YEARS OF CARING

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# News

For friends of Cherry Trees

Summer 2010

## Lasting impressions

**We wanted to celebrate 30 years of caring by producing a lasting reminder of our place in the local community and, at the same time, enhance the outside space at Cherry Trees with a sensory piece of art produced by local children.**

George Abbot Specialist School for the Arts loved the idea and suggested we collaborate with ceramic artist, Liliana Montoya, to produce a decorative tile mural. Ruth Cook, Community Arts Co-ordinator at George Abbot commented, "Liliana's experience working with people with disabilities and on community art projects made her the ideal person for the job."

**Each child has not only designed a tile but also made a hand print to form the border**

Funding was provided thanks to The Arts Council and Procter & Gamble and the project was launched at a Big Draw event last October at George Abbot School. Artwork from this event now brightens up the walls in our home. Since then Liliana has run over 43 workshops working with 575 Cherry Trees and local children plus many Cherry Trees supporters to produce 1,000 tiles. Each child or young person who has worked on this project has not only designed a tile but also made a hand print to form the border.



"Clay is a strong expressive medium. Children of all ages and abilities enjoy squishing, squelching, pinching, rolling, poking, stretching and pounding the clay. Some children find this particularly soothing and it can be useful for releasing tension or frustration," Liliana explained.

Liliana will be installing the mural at the end of June. Watch this space for details of public viewing days!



# Christmas at Cherry Trees

Christmas was a very exciting time at Cherry Trees with parties, presents and turkey enjoyed by children and staff alike. Thanks to the generosity of local company, Electronic Arts, the children not only received a gift each from their 'Christmas Giving Tree' but some Cherry Trees families were also treated to a visit to the pantomime at the Yvonne Arnaud theatre. Our children also benefitted from presents donated by the Eagle Radio listeners and one lucky family received tickets for the panto, courtesy of The Horsley Directory.



Children were surprised by a visit from Father Christmas at the Christmas party which took place at St. Teresa's School.

## And a very chocolatey Cherry Trees Easter



Left: Carla with the giant Belgian chocolate Easter egg donated by a Cherry Trees supporter. Above: Easter Sunday saw the children enjoying a walk through Hatchlands. Above right: Electronic Arts and Eagle Radio came up trumps again by donating Easter eggs.

# What Cherry Trees means to us



**We think Cherry Trees is a special place for special people, staffed by special people.**

We moved to Woking from Manchester in 1997 as a result of a job change for Paddy. At that time Rebecca had already been diagnosed with Lennox Gastaut syndrome (a severe form of epilepsy), severe learning difficulties, speech and language difficulties and behavioural problems and, with an 11 year old daughter (Gemma) plus a baby, we were thinking that we had bitten off more than we could chew.

Although we were looking forward to a new life in the south we were concerned that leaving grandparents and friends would not just be an emotionally difficult change but also a practical one.

Like many parents we have hoped that Rebecca would get better and lead a pretty normal life. However, by 2000 it was becoming clear that Rebecca's condition was more serious than thought and, as she has got older, her care has been more demanding. Without grandparents

nearby, with many family friends over 200 miles away and with the challenges that all parents have, the respite care provided by Cherry Trees has not just been helpful and convenient, it has at times we think been critical.

We were introduced to Cherry Trees when Rebecca was 12 as part of the overall care plan by her social worker. Initially the thought of leaving Rebecca with carers was a daunting one – will they really understand her needs? Will they be able to cope with her moods and, most importantly, will Rebecca feel safe and happy enough to stay? Of course, the answer to all of these was yes. Even better, the way the team at Cherry Trees and Rebecca's school communicate means we have the opportunity for Rebecca to go to school on Friday and be delivered directly to Cherry Trees after school, spend a weekend at Cherry Trees and then back to school again on Monday.

Even though a respite weekend or overnight is always welcome, we still find it difficult to leave her, but it is at times like this that we know Cherry Trees is the right place for her. I know that Cherry Trees aims to provide a second home for the kids and doesn't consider itself as just a "childminder with special skills". Rebecca has enjoyed some wonderful trips out throughout her years at CT including a "flight of dreams" to spot Santa at Christmas. She also loves the travelling farm and clown visits. I know through speaking to the staff and reading the reports of her stay at CT that she has been well cared for. Although Rebecca's language skills are limited, I can also tell that she likes to stay at CT by the way she sits up in the car when she realises that we are travelling down School Lane and then can't wait for me to open the tailgate of the car so she can pull out her weekend case and wheel it through the garden (she hasn't got used to the new entrance yet!), waving us goodbye before we even make it to the door! Cherry Trees really does feel like a second home, very warm and welcoming.

Last week Rebecca celebrated her 18th birthday and we had a lovely tea party at the house, lots of cake and lots of tea...and lots of reflecting on her life so far. Despite Rebecca's so called "special needs" she has brought us many "special times" and allowed others to show and experience "special skills". She has allowed us, as parents, to meet some "very special people" – and we think that's what Cherry trees is to us – a special place for special people, staffed by special people.

*Deb Brierley*

# 30 YEARS OF CARING

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The Cherry Trees 30th Anniversary Corporate Challenge, where businesses and organisations were invited to hold fun events to raise money for Cherry Trees, was launched on January 26th. The evening was hosted by Electronic Arts at its UK centre in Onslow House, Guildford.

Kate Booth of Electronic Arts said: "It feels absolutely right for a young company with a young audience like EA to help children and young people who have disabilities. Cherry Trees does a brilliant job, providing a lifeline to families that is really appreciated. We are delighted to support such a super local charity."

As well as sponsoring the launch, Electronic Arts was also the first company to take up the CT 30th Anniversary Corporate Challenge, raising nearly £2,000 through a sale of computer games.

Around 50 people representing more than 15 businesses and organisations attended the launch of the CT 30th Anniversary Corporate Challenge. The challenge is for work colleagues or members of an organisation to get together and organise a fundraising event.



Over 130 people attended the Charity Ball at Wotton Hatch on 15th May enjoying a delicious meal and entertainment from The Singing Waiters and local band, The Instigators. TV antiques specialist Mark Stacey ensured that the auction went with a bang and the whole event raised a fantastic £12,000. We are very grateful to the Guildford Lions, Mark Stacey and everyone involved for all their hard work in making this evening such a success.



Above: The Guildford Lions Charity Ball was a huge success  
Below: Attendees of the Cherry Trees Corporate Challenge launch pose for photos.



When Ruth Bareau was planning the celebrations for her birthday this year she decided to support the fundraising effort for the 30th Anniversary Fund by inviting 'Sixty for Lunch' – guests were free to choose from one or more dates throughout the year to join Ruth in celebrating and raise funds for Cherry Trees at the same time.



Early in the year Cherry Trees launched its new style web site, packed full of information for parents, children and supporters alike.

To download a fundraising pack for any of our 30th anniversary events or just to take a look at our new site visit [www.cherry-trees.co.uk](http://www.cherry-trees.co.uk)

## WIN £50 of Gift Vouchers

£1 will be donated to Cherry Trees for every entry received

Tungate Square Shopping Centre is offering you the chance to win £50 worth of gift vouchers to spend at participating stores and will donate £1 for every entry received. To be in with a chance simply answer the following question on the entry form below and post to: Tungate Square Competition, 98-110 High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3HE or hand it to any Tungate Square store by Wednesday 30 June 2010.



Q. How much money will be donated for every entry received?

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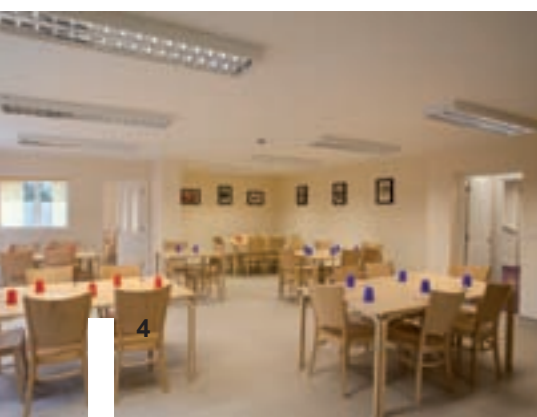
Terms and Conditions: The prize is £50 worth of gift vouchers valid until 31 July 2010. The winner will be chosen at random after the closing date of Wednesday 30 June 2010. The winner will be notified directly by Tungate Square Shopping Centre. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Neither Tungate Square Shopping Centre nor any connected agencies accept liability for entries that have been lost or stolen. There is no cash alternative. £1 will be donated to Cherry Trees for every entry received up to a maximum of £1,000. Entries received after the closing date will not be included in the draw. Contact details are for Tungate Square Shopping Centre purposes only and not for any other third party. Closing date for all entries is Wednesday 30 June 2010.

**Tungate Square Shopping Centre**  
 Open 7 days a week - up the cobbled High Street opposite House of Fraser  
 Entry forms may also be downloaded from our website: [www.tungate.co.uk](http://www.tungate.co.uk)

## Bursary update

Cherry Trees' challenge during our 30th anniversary year is to raise money towards a bursary fund that will enable us to continue to help local families. It is also anticipated that Central Government funding will decrease in real terms over the next few years making the need for such a fund more vital than ever. To date we have raised nearly £35,500 and we are very grateful to the Lynas family who asked for donations in memory of Brian and his legacy to Cherry Trees to go towards this fund. Thank you also to the numerous individuals, companies and to the J. R. Lang Trust, the Chapman Charitable Trust and the Worshipful Company of Grocers whose generosity has got this fund off to such a good start. For more information or to make a donation please contact fundraising on 01483 222507 or email [fundraising@cherry-trees.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@cherry-trees.co.uk).

## Kitchen & dining room official opening



May 7th saw Cherry Trees Founder and President, Dr Helen Foley, officially open the new facilities at Cherry Trees. Helen was joined by staff, Trustees, organisations and individuals who donated funds or time to make this project possible. On

cutting the ribbon Helen commented, "I am delighted to see this new facility open and making such a difference to the day to day life of our home."

The new dining room proved to be the ideal setting for this event with over 50 people joining us to celebrate. It

was the perfect opportunity to show our supporters around the new facilities and to explain how both the children and staff have benefitted from these improvements.

Our wonderful new kitchen and dining room which are now in use.



# Helping us to make a difference



Examples of the food and flowers demonstrated by Two Many Cooks and Kim Shaw just before Easter.



Above: The OTM team help improve the garden  
Below: Harry Drummond's 21st birthday rugby



## Entertaining in style

Just before Easter Two Many Cooks and Kimberley Shaw Flowers joined forces to put on a highly enjoyable day for Cherry Trees supporters. Following a demonstration of spring recipes in the morning, a delicious lunch was served and Kim Shaw then shared tricks of the florist trade with the audience. This event raised over £1,400 and we are very grateful for the ongoing support of both companies.

## Consultants who care

Every year OTM Consulting, an independent firm of technology management consultants based in Guildford, donate a percentage of their profits to charity. This year Cherry Trees was one of the beneficiaries but their kindness didn't stop there; in April 19 members of staff spent a day at Cherry Trees painting murals on the bedroom walls and ensuring the garden area was spick and span ready for the summer. Thank you to everyone at OTM; your support means a lot to us.

## Harry's 21st winner for Cherry Trees

Harry Drummond decided that a rugby match was the ideal way to celebrate his 21st but he also wanted to raise money for Cherry Trees as it is a vital part of his cousin Olivia's life. Joined by over 400 family and friends, this event raised a fantastic £1,096 and we are very grateful to Harry and all his family for their on-going support.

## Bridge League

The 10th year of Cherry Trees Bridge League was the best yet with 35 teams playing, raising over £9,500. Our sincere thanks to Angus and Wanda Lloyd, Mike Scott and Helene Oberg for all their help in ensuring its continued success.

## Congratulations to this year's winners:

**Overall winners:**  
Mike & Susan Sadler

**Runners Up:**  
Richard & Janna McClean

**3rd Place:**  
Sheila Ford & Francoise Moremont

## Grand Slams:

**Group 2** Richard & Janna McClean

**Group 4** Vivien Walker & Valerie Hepplewhite

**Group 10** Anne Griffin & Mary Smit

**Group 26** Derek & Pippa Lyons

**Group 28** Hugh & Pam Proctor

If you are interested in joining our Bridge League for 2010/11, please contact Fundraising on 01483 222507 or via fundraising@cherry-trees.co.uk.

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## Chairman's award



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## focus on volunteers



Cherry Trees relies on volunteers to help in all manner of areas, from fundraising and legal advice to administration and property management, including the overseeing of the building of the new kitchen and dining room.

Trustee Colin Bailey's relationship with Cherry Trees dates back to 1986 when his eldest son, Andrew, first attended Cherry Trees and, on taking early retirement in 2004, he became a Trustee taking over the role of Property Manager in 2005. Since 2007 Colin has devoted many, many hours to the kitchen and dining room project, liaising with the architect, planning officers, builders and reporting back to the Executive Committee.

Colin quickly realised the extent of this project and called on his friend, Jack Griffith, to help. Since first fitting the temporary kitchen over a year and a half ago, Jack has become a regular at Cherry Trees. When anything breaks or needs building, Jack has willingly given his time. His latest venture has been to build a bike shelter by the side of the Barn. If that's not enough, both Colin and Jack are volunteer mini-bus drivers.

Cherry Trees is extremely grateful to both Colin and Jack for all the volunteer hours they have put in. We couldn't manage without you!

## diary dates 2010

- 3rd July – Surrey Hills Festival Gala Concert at St. Teresa's School, Effingham
- 18th July – Albury Free Festival
- 4th October – Bridge Tea at Burhill Golf Club
- 16th October – Quiz Night at St Teresa's School, Effingham
- 28th October – Golf Day at Worplesdon Golf Club

For further information, please visit  
www.cherry-trees.co.uk or phone 01483 222507



# Thank you

## General

- Dr C McMullan
- East Clandon Carol Concert
- Harry Drummond
- Jenny Richardson
- Mr & Mrs A Johnson
- Mr & Mrs A Lloyd
- Mr & Mrs A Umney
- Mr & Mrs D Cade
- Mr & Mrs G Roynon
- Mr & Mrs M Halsey
- Mr & Mrs Oldfield
- Mr & Mrs R Malthouse
- Mr & Mrs Stevens
- Mr E Thatcher
- Mrs A Elson
- Mr A Elliot
- Mr A fford
- Mr D Crane
- Mr D McKinlay
- Mr H Mansor
- Mr J Jeffrey
- Mr T Tilbury

- Mrs B Thomlinson
- Mrs C Anderson Bridge Tea
- Mrs J Steele Carol Singing
- Mrs L Cox
- Mrs M Blackburn
- Mrs Y Chapman
- Surrey Community Action
- Surrey Police
- Tim Payne
- Downside & Hatchford Sports Day

## Clubs & Societies

- Capel Choral
- County Club
- Foresters Friendly Society
- Horsley Brownies
- Serendipity
- The Probus Club of the Horsleys
- Weyside Masonic Lodge
- The Guildford Lions

## Golf Clubs

- Silly Billies Golf Society
- Sporting Perfection

## Schools

- Aldro
- Boxgrove
- Eastwick
- Guildford High School
- Howard of Effingham
- Parkside
- Pewley Down
- Ripley Court

## Trusts

- Benzecry Trust
- Chapman Trust
- David Williamson Trust
- Ian Karten Trust
- Ingram Trust
- Ratcliffe Trust
- Rose Flatau Charitable Trust
- Russel Lang Trust
- The Worshipful

- Company of Grocers
- Welfare Trust

## Churches

- St Francis
- Esher PCC
- St Lawrence PCC
- St Mary's, Ripley
- St Mary's, Stoke d'Aberton
- St Peter's, Hascombe
- Worplesdon PCC

## Businesses

- Anchor & Horseshoes
- Beaufield Homes
- Ben & Jerry's, Windsor
- Café Gurkha
- David Harland Photography
- Denbies
- Duke of Wellington
- Electronic Arts
- Hurst Warne Chartered Surveyors

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- Martin's, Merrow
- OTM Consulting
- Prince of Wales
- RLH Advertising
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- Sibley's
- Tata Consulting
- The Barley Mow
- The Horsley Directory
- The Queen's Head
- The William Bray
- Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre
- Two Many Cooks

## In Memory

- Margaret Amor
- Brian Lynas
- Andrew Bailey



**Regular income, no matter what the size, is vital to Cherry Trees. It helps us to plan, secure in the knowledge that we have the much needed funds to run Cherry Trees. Giving through a regular standing order from your bank also saves Cherry Trees money as it cuts down on administration costs.**

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**Your gift can be worth 28% more!**

In this harsh economic climate, tax efficient giving is more important than ever allowing us to maximise our income from donations. If you are a UK tax payer Cherry Trees can reclaim £2.82 for every £10 donated.

**Thank you for your support. Your gift will help ensure that children with disabilities and their families continue to receive respite care.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Your donation:

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I would like to pay Cherry Trees the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly / £ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly / £ \_\_\_\_\_ annually starting on \_\_\_\_\_

### Your bank details:

Bank/Building Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please credit Cherry Trees, Account Number 03419207 at NatWest Plc (Sort code 60-09-21) with the amount shown on the date specified and on the same date thereafter until I give you notice in writing. Please quote reference \_\_\_\_\_

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