

ROAD news

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*"Dare to reach out your hand
into the darkness, to pull
another hand into the light."*

Norman B. Rice

FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS

Members Meeting 7.30pm

18th Nov 2010

18th Jan 2011

16th Mar 2010

Trustees Meeting

11th Oct 2010

15th Dec 2010

23rd Feb 2011

Warehouse Open

10am - noon

2nd Oct 2010

6th Nov 2010

27th Nov 2010 (For Christmas Boxes)

4th Dec 2010

5th Feb 2011

5th Mar 2011



Chairmans Voice

We are currently finalising the details for our Christmas trip to Romania and our annual Christmas present appeal. I am very aware that in the current economic climate the purse strings have to be tightened but I would urge as many of our supporters as possible to donate a Christmas present as this really does make a difference to a child this Christmas. In some cases this will be the only gift they receive.

Thank you for your continued support over the last year, it never ceases to amaze me the amount of donated items we receive. Without this we could not continue our valuable work in Romania. As this is our last Newsletter of 2010 may I take this early opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2011.

SPONSORED WALK Update

52 walkers & 8 dogs took part in a sponsored walk around Whisby Nature Park near Lincoln.

The total raised is £1155.60 (inc. Gift Aid). The money has been split 50/50 with ROAD and the Lincolnshire

& Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Thanks to all the participants and their supporters.



ROAD Chairman Kevin Smith, fellow trustees Jim Cork, Paul Erwin and Paul Elliott, along with Lincoln YMCA Chief Executive Malcolm Barham travel to Romania from October 8th to 11th. The purpose of this visit is to explore new project ideas and identify areas of need.

They will be travelling further afield than usual with the possibility of working with new partners in different regions of Romania. This is an

important fact finding mission as it will shape the future direction of our work in Romania.





CHRISTMAS 2010



We are once again hoping to take as many Christmas Presents as possible to Romania at the end of November 2010. These will be distributed to children in schools and villages by ROAD volunteers.

Many things have changed in Romania, but the poverty in some areas remains the same and there is still a need, particularly in rural areas.

Choosing gifts to put in your shoebox is a really fun part of getting involved in ROAD's Christmas Appeal. There is something very rewarding about giving to a child you will probably never meet in this world – especially when you know your simple act of kindness will be felt and appreciated in more ways than you can ever imagine. Once you have decided whether to give your shoebox to a boy or girl, you need to think carefully about gifts that would be most appropriate for the age group you have selected.



When you have filled your box, please wrap it and label it stating Boy or Girl and chosen Age Range.

AGE RANGES - 2 to 4 / 5 to 7 / 8 to 11 / 12 to 14 / 14 +

YES PLEASE! – HERE ARE SOME IDEAS	NO THANKS - PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THESE
<p>Toys- Cars & Trucks, Dolls, Footballs, Balls, Soft Toys, Yo-Yo, Jigsaw</p> <p>Stationary items- Pens, Crayons and Colouring Books, Art or Craft Sets, Calculators, Notepads, Pencil Cases.</p> <p>Other items- Selection Boxes, Sweets, Winter hats, scarves & gloves, Girls' hair accessories, Toothbrush & Toothpaste.</p> <p>All gifts should be new</p>	<p>No Food - other than sweets or chocolate.</p> <p>No medicine - or vitamins of any kind.</p> <p>No war related items -toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind.</p> <p>No fragile items - such as glass containers.</p> <p>No dangerous items - such as sharp objects, scissors, razors, candles or matches.</p> <p>No second hand or used items</p> <p>THANK YOU</p>

**THE LAST DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IS:
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2010**

*If you have any queries, please contact:
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OUR SHOE BOXES

by Christine Young

*A Shoebox sent with so much love
Seems like a gift from up above
Such simple things bring joy to all
A pen, pencil, a comb, toy or ball
A scarf, a hat, some sweets or socks
All wrapped up in an old shoebox
Their little faces, a joy to see
Unwrap their box with so much glee
We give our gift, which seems quite small
It's well received and thanks to you all.*



During the run up to Christmas, why not host a Chocolate Party. You can nominate ROAD as your chosen charity and earn commission for them.



The Chocolates are good too!!

For more details contact :Paul on 07786 551920



Website Update:

The new website is up and running. There are 7 sections on the site. They are: Home, News, About, Projects, Gallery, Contact and Give.

The **Home** page give brief details of current news and a slideshow of project photos.

The **News** page gives more details and photos of current news.

The **About** page gives a history of ROAD and link to Charity Commission site.

The **Projects** page give details of past, present and future projects which ROAD have been involved in. There are also lots of photos.

The **Gallery** page has various folders of photos to look at.

The **Contact** page gives details of the trustees including email facilities.

The **Give** page will be a link to PayPal, but due to technical problems, this is not yet live.

If you have internet access, why not take a look. The website address is:

www.romaid.org.uk



AGM

This years Annual General Meeting was held on: Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm.

The venue was:
North Hykeham Memorial Hall,



The meeting was attended by the 6 ROAD Trustees and 14 ROAD supporters. Kevin Smith (Chairman) read the Annual Report, which highlighted the work ROAD has been doing over the past year. The report is available on the ROAD website or can be requested by post. He then explained the Financial Report, highlighting where money had come from and where money had been spent.

All current ROAD Trustees were re-elected in their posts for the coming year.





GRAPEVINE BREAKFASTS

Following the success of last year, ROAD partnered with CPA (Christian Partners In Africa) again this year to serve breakfast at Grapevine.

Bacon Baps, Toast and Hot & Cold Drinks were sold each morning.

A big thank you to everyone who got up early to get things prepared and serve the cold and hungry customers.

Also a big thank you to all the customers for visiting us for breakfast.

Roads' share of the profits is £503.32



Steps To The Future - Update

We are now beginning to see the results of our Vision for the young people living at the centre. All of the young people who undertook a Carpentry Course gained their Diploma with three of the young



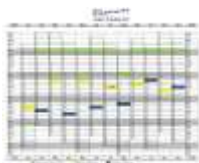
people currently on a 30 day probationary period with the company that provided the training course, with a view to keeping them on in full time employment.

Two of the young men are about to commence driving lessons and we will update you on their progress in due course. One young woman has already moved on to live independently but continues to be mentored and supported by the staff from the centre.

We are encouraged by the early results from the centre and impressed by the staff who care for the young people in a calm, professional and compassionate manner.



2011 Planner Now Available



Download from website or request one from the address below.

If you would like to support ROAD by becoming a member, please send £5 with your name & address to:

Kevin Smith, at the address below

This money helps towards day to day administration costs, newsletters and postage etc.

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