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Dates For Your Diary :

Warehouse Open 10am - noon Members Meeting 7.30pm

7th November 2009

10th November 2009

28th November 2009

Trustees Meeting

5th December 2009

13th October 2009

Lorry Loading

28th November 2009 (PM)



Christmas Trip

Saturday 28th November 2009 (AM). The warehouse will be open.

This will be the last opportunity to drop off any Christmas presents.

Saturday 28th November 2009. (PM). The lorry will be loaded.

If you are free and able to help pack boxes and load the lorry, it would be gratefully appreciated.

The lorry will then leave Lincoln for its long trip to Zalau.

Friday 4th December 2009. A group of ROAD members will fly to Romania.

Saturday to Thursday. ROAD group to visit churches, families and school.

Friday 11th December 2009. The group will return to UK.

CHAIRMANS VOICE.....

" It is hard to believe that Autumn is upon us and as our thoughts turn towards our annual Christmas Trip I wonder where has the year gone!

Once again a group of ROAD members will visit Romania in early December to distribute Christmas presents to school children and family boxes to those in need. As always, we must rely on the support and generosity of many schools, organisations and individuals who donate the numerous Christmas presents and family boxes for us to distribute.

Throughout the year your continued support both financially and through donation of many items in difficult economic times has been a real blessing for us and our heartfelt thanks go to all of you.

May I take this early opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, a **Happy New Year and a great 2010."**

Kevin Smith ~ Chairman



As part of Lincoln New Life Church Missions' Weekend, a group took part in a sponsored bike ride from Lincoln to Boston (33 miles). The money they raised was added to the total raised over the weekend, then divided between various

organisations. ROAD were pleased to accept £7000 from the amounts raised.



Photo taken at the start of the ride.

DUNHOLME GARDEN FETE 2009



£195 was raised at this years Dunholme Fete.

There was a sweet tombola and a raffle to win a Waitrose hamper.

EARLY START ON CHARITY WORK

'Newark Advertiser'

A five year old raised more than £200 for charity by organising a tea party on 13th June 2009. Thomas Linford, of Lacey Green, Balderton (nr. Newark), prepared everything for the event at his house. More than 40 people, mainly friends and family, attended and helped raise £210 for Romanian Aid Distribution.

The chairman of the charity, Mr Kevin Smith, was among those who attended.



Thomas, a pupil at John Hunt Primary School, Balderton, made his own posters, contacted people to donate items such as tombola prizes – and counted the money at the end of the day.

His ideas came from attending similar charity events with his family.

His parents, Mr & Mrs Richard Linford, hoped other children could copy his example.

Mrs Angela Linford, said: "He really stuck at organising it. It just shows what a five year old can do given the opportunity."



CHRISTMAS TRIP DECEMBER 2009



CHRISTMAS 2009

We will once again be taking Christmas Presents / Food parcels and Toiletry Boxes to Romania for the children and families we work with. Please find below what you can do to help. Please feel free to phone if you have any queries. We need to have everything collected by **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th**. As ever thank you all for your ongoing support and we will be in Romania at the beginning of December to personally deliver as much as possible.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

1. Buy a NEW gift up, approximately to the value of £5.
2. Wrap in Christmas paper.
3. Write on the tag for Girl or Boy and what age range it is suitable for. (e.g 3 to 5 / 4 to 8 / 12 to 15 etc)

Some people prefer to put a few small gifts into a shoe box. Again this is always nice as you can put in a gift plus chocolates and say pens or scarf. Here are a few ideas if you're struggling.....

Cars & Trucks / Selection Boxes / Pens, Crayons and Colouring Books / Art or Craft Sets / Calculators & Notepads / Football's (always a favourite!) / Dolls etc. Presents for children aged eleven plus are always in short supply!



FOOD PARCELS

It is a few years since we were able to take food parcels but since Romania was admitted to the EU this has been changed. Many poor families really appreciate a parcel. A food parcel can be placed in a 'photocopy paper sized box'.

We suggest items such as:

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| Tea | Chocolate |
| Coffee | Biscuits |
| Sugar | Tinned Items |
| Rice | Toilet Roll |
| Flour | Pasta |
| Cooking Oil | Any Christmas luxuries! |



TOILETRY BOXES

We have been taking the toiletry boxes for many years – often to the elderly in the Old People's Homes. They usually go into a shoebox and can contain the following:

Pack of Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Soap
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Shaving Foam (men!)
Razors
Tissues
Chocolate / Sweets.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, ROAD HAS SENT A NUMBER OF DISPOSABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ROMANIA. SOME OF THE SUPPLIES WILL BE USED IN THE NEW MEDICAL CENTRE IN TINCA (RUN BY ROMANIAN RELIEF). OTHERS WILL BE USED IN HOSPITALS INCLUDING ZALAU.



LOADING DAY



ROAD had a stand in the Expo area at this years Grapevine Festival.

Information leaflets and pens were given away.



ROAD also served bacon baps and toast for breakfast. This raised £670.

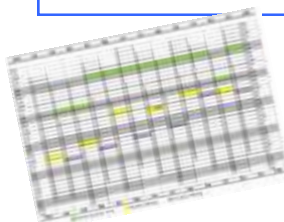


We now have the facility to send future newsletters by e-mail in pdf form. This would save money on printing costs and also on postage.

If you would like future issues to be sent to you via e-mail, send an e-mail to

roadpaulerwin@gmail.com

Put 'Newsletter' as the subject and then your name, postal address and e-mail address in the message box.



2010 PLANNER NOW AVAILABLE:

Keep up to date with warehouse open mornings, members' meetings etc. for the whole year

Call **Kevin** for postal requests or email **Paula** at roadpaulerwin@gmail.com for a PDF copy

Project Update



RPWA



Christmas Production at Centre

The Romanian Prader Willi Association – RPWA was created in May 2003, in order to bring together the efforts of patients, specialists and families to ensure a better life for all people with disabilities in Romania. In October 2005 they opened an *Information Centre for Rare Genetic Diseases*. This was the first centre of this type in Romania.

The next exciting project that RPWA are embarking on is a new facility in the centre of Zalau. It will, amongst other things, be a national centre for Autism. Again, this will be the first in Romania. ROAD are pleased to be able to support the project. As you will see from the photos there is a lot of work to be done.

THE BUILDING AS IT IS NOW



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF HOW IT WILL LOOK AFTER WORK COMPLETED



updates will follow.....



Do you have any news items that could feature in future newsletters?



Are you holding a fundraising events?

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