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FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS

Members Meeting 7.30pm

10th May 2010

14th July (AGM) 2010

14th Sept 2010

18th Nov 2010

Trustees Meeting

22nd June 2010

16th Aug 2010

Warehouse Open 10am - noon

5th June 2010

3rd July 2010

7th Aug 2010

4th Sept 2010

Back To Nature Walk

15th May 2010

Dunholme Village Fete

26th June 2010



It is hard to believe that May is almost upon us as it only seems a moment ago that we were in Romania distributing Christmas presents.

As our thoughts turn to the year ahead I would like to encourage you to help us raise funds both for [ROAD](#) and the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance by booking in and coming along to the "Back to Nature" walk on Saturday May 15th. The details of which can be found in this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.

As many of you will know the building work on the 'Steps to the Future' project is complete but we remain committed to supporting the young people in their future training and development. However we now need to move forward and to this end we are currently researching new project ideas. We need to be mindful that in the current economic climate we use our resources wisely ensuring we choose the right way forward.

I would like to conclude by welcoming Paul & Alison Elliott back to the UK after their adventures in the Falklands. Even though they were involved from afar it's great to have them back with us as part of the [ROAD](#) group.

SPONSORED WALK

Why not join us for a leisurely stroll around the beautiful lakes at Whisby Nature Park near Lincoln.

The walk will take place on Saturday 15th May 2010 starting at 1pm.

Money raised will be split between

ROAD and The Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Registration is required, so for more information and information pack,

contact Paul or Joanne on: 07786 551920

Or email: backtonaturewalk@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend the walk yourself, why not sponsor one of the participants. For more details contact Paul on 07886 551920 or visit www.charitygiving.co.uk and enter *Paul Erwin* into *Search for a friend's page*. You can donate by cheque, debit or credit card.

Member of Giving page



Dunholme Village Fete



Once again, ROAD will be having a stall at the Dunholme Village Fete this year. It is held in Dunholme, near Lincoln on Saturday 26th June 2010 from 12 noon till 4pm.

The stall will be providing information about ROAD and also having a sweet tombola and raffle. Any donations of sweets for the tombola would be gratefully received (no chocolate please).





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Charity Giving is a website that enables users to donate to their chosen charity or to an individual fundraiser. Donors can pay by cheque, debit or credit card. Gift Aid is collected and funds transferred to the chosen charity.

To donate to ROAD, type '*Romanian Aid Distribution*' in the search for charity box and follow the instructions.

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 .org.uk



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Go to www.youtube.com and type 'romanianaid' in the search box.

YouTube is a website that allows users to upload videos to share with other users. ROAD have a number of videos available to view. Follow the instructions above.

facebook

Go to www.facebook.com, then login and type 'Romanian Aid Distribution' in the search box.

facebook is a social networking site. ROAD is a group that can be contacted by members. You can chat, see updates and look at photographs. Follow the instructions above.



Help & Support

Thanks to the help and support of ROAD members, whether it be time, goods or money, ROAD are able to continue assisting with a number of projects and individual needs in Romania.

Chocoholics raised over £120 this year.



After visiting Zalău last September, GP Rachel Smith (nee Bowater) organised a Christmas Raffle of Hampers at the Pines Surgery in Northampton where she is a partner. The hampers were made up by staff members and then due to the generosity of both patients and staff, they raised £900 for ROAD.



Many blankets and baby clothes have been knitted by groups and individuals



Thanks to volunteers, ROAD are able to open the warehouse to receive goods, pack boxes, load lorries, collect aid from around the county, hold presentations in schools and groups and much more.....



100's of Christmas presents are donated each year. Group members distribute presents personally to the poor and needy.



If you would like to know more about ROAD, have any fundraising ideas, future events planned, items you may think could be useful or would like to make a donation; please contact Kevin Smith (his contact details on the back page).



Every little helps



ROCKY ROAD Crunch BARS

INGREDIENTS

- 125g soft butter
- 300g chocolate (min. 70% cocoa solids)
broken into pieces
- 3 x 15ml tablespoons golden syrup
- 200g Rich Tea biscuits
- 100g mini marshmallows
- 2 teaspoons icing sugar for dusting



METHOD

1. Melt the butter, chocolate and golden syrup in a saucepan. Scoop out about 125ml of the melted mixture and put to one side.
2. Put the biscuits into a freezer bag and then bash them with a rolling pin. You are aiming for both crumbs and pieces of biscuit.
3. Fold the biscuit pieces and crumbs into the melted chocolate mixture in the saucepan, and then add the marshmallows.
4. Tip into a foil tray (24cm square); flatten as best you can with a spatula. Pour the reserved 125ml of melted chocolate mixture and smooth the top.
5. Refrigerate for about 2 hours or overnight.
6. Cut into 24 fingers and dust with icing sugar.



The **ROAD** to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.

~ Author Unknown



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Items That Just Missed the Last Issue

We would like to say a belated Thank You to Gary at Falcon Motors in Newark who kindly donated a van to transport Christmas presents from Newark to the Lincoln warehouse.



The presents were from: Barnby Gate Junior School, Barnby Gate Methodist Sunday School, St Giles Church, Balderton Methodist Church and London Road Congregational Church.

Newark Fountain WI held a Christmas Fun Quiz. The quiz compere was Mrs Angela Linford. A raffle was held and raised £100 for ROAD. A book and bric a brac stall also raised an additional £18.



Update

ROAD Director Paul Elliott returns to Lincolnshire following Falkland tour of duty.



ROAD Director Paul Elliott and his wife Alison have returned to Lincolnshire following their two and a half year tour of duty in the Falkland Islands where Paul was Chief of Police and Prison Governor. Paul has now left the police after 32 years service and has now been appointed as the Chief Executive of the Lincolnshire Equality & Human Rights Commission. Paul said "I am delighted to be back in Lincolnshire and look forward to being able to once again being 'hands on' involved with ROAD, rather than being a distant supporter 8000 miles away". Paul's e-mail and telephone details have changed and have been updated on the 'Contact Us' page of the website.





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