

# ROAD news

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



After a short stay at the Friars Lane warehouse, we have relocated to  
**Unit 7, Waterside South,  
Lincoln, LN5 7EU**

Due to the fact that Lincolnshire Cooperative generously provide us with warehouse space free of charge, we have to move out at short notice if they have a paying tenant wishing to lease the building.

It is therefore advisable to check either on the website or by contacting Kevin before travelling to drop items off at the warehouse.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to it's City Centre location, parking is not permitted outside. It is strictly drop off only.

## Diary Dates

### Members Meeting 7.30pm

13th July 2011 (AGM)

17th October 2011

### Trustees Meeting

16th August 2011

16th November 2011

### Warehouse Open

10am - noon

2nd July 2011

6th August 2011

3rd September 2011

1st October 2011



# Chairmans Voice

Welcome to Issue 12 of ROAD news, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you all for your continued support. This is something we don't take for granted and at times the two words 'Thank You' simply do not seem enough.

It is a few months since we visited Romania but three of our Trustees will be going at the end of June to attend the Opening of a new National Centre for Autism and Disability in Zalau, which has been the vision of our dear friends Dorica and Tibi Dan who were partners in the Pasi Spre Viitor project. It is an honour to be invited and we wish them every success with their new project.

We have decided for the Christmas trip in December 2011 to make two places available to our supporters to join us as we travel to Romania, yes this means you! This would give you the opportunity to meet the people we work with and see first-hand the many projects you have supported. Unfortunately as we all pay for our own travel costs to Romania and for accommodation, there will be a cost involved but I would urge everyone to seriously consider applying to join us on the trip as it is an experience to remember. Details of how to apply and further information are included later in this Newsletter.

We are continually trying to think of new ways of raising funds for ROAD, so if you would like to organise an event or have any great ideas please contact us. *KEVIN SMITH*

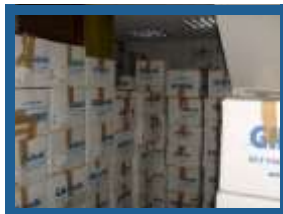


AVG is a worldwide supplier of computer anti-virus software

They have kindly donated 16,000 t-shirts that were surplus to requirements.

A big thank you to the staff at AVG in Newark who helped to load the two van loads. Thanks also to Tony from Feathers Vehicle Hire in Lincoln for arranging a van at very short notice to transport the 200 boxes from Newark to Lincoln. Paul Erwin would also like to thank Matthew Erwin for spending the day helping him transport the boxes.

As you can see from the photograph, they are now in the new warehouse waiting for transportation to Romania.





Firstly, we would like to thank the people who have already supported ROAD by donating items to sell on e-bay, donated DVD's & CD's to send to Music Magpie and for the car that has been donated via Give A Car.

*To get involved in any of the fund raising ways listed above follow the instructions below:*



**GIVE A CAR** - Working in conjunction with a nationwide salvage operator, Giveacar is able to collect any car or vehicle from anywhere in the UK, at no cost to you. Giveacar also cares for the environment, and cars that are not auctionable are de-polluted, recycled and disposed of in accordance with DVLA and Environmental Agency guidelines. Figures from the DVLA show that every year, approximately two million vehicles are taken off the road, yet only 50% of these cars are disposed of in an environmentally-friendly way. Giveacar only uses authorised treatment facilities, and a minimum of 85% of the weight of your car is recycled. Each car donated through Giveacar raises an average of £80 for charity. This month, generous donations of unwanted cars from the public will raise over £30,000 for registered charities in the UK. Telling your friends and family about ROAD's partnership with Giveacar will help us to tap into this new source of revenue that can make a huge difference. Visit their website - ([www.giveacar.co.uk/donate-a-car-to-charity/romanian-aid-distribution](http://www.giveacar.co.uk/donate-a-car-to-charity/romanian-aid-distribution)) or call Paul Erwin on 07786 551920



**OLD DVD's & CD's** - Music Magpie are the UK's largest trader of 2nd hand CD's & DVD's. If you have any unwanted CDs (albums only) or DVDs, that are in their original cases, why not donate them to ROAD. At present we only have collection points in Lincoln. The collection points are: The ROAD Warehouse on open days or by contacting Paul Erwin on 07786 551920.



**MOBILE PHONES** - Donate your old mobile phone to ROAD. Again, at present we only have collection points in Lincoln. The collection points are: The ROAD Warehouse on open days or by contacting Paul Erwin on 07786 551920.



**UNWANTED ITEMS** - When selling an item on ebay, why not give a percentage of the sale to ROAD. When filling the listing, you will notice a section called ebay charity. Click on SELECT NEW CHARITY, then click R, then click on ROAD. Add the percentage you wish to donate, ebay will do the rest.

WHY NOT HOLD A GARDEN PARTY?



14 year old Lauren from Lincoln wants to raise funds for ROAD over the summer months. She has decided to hold a garden party where she will sell cup cakes and cups of tea.

Why not organise one yourself and invite your family, friends and neighbours.



IF YOU HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA AND NEED ANY HELP OR INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US FOR ADVICE.



On Sunday 26th June 2011, ROAD trustees Melanie Smith, Jim Cork and Paul Erwin are travelling to Romania. The main purpose of their visit is to attend the official opening of the new National Centre for Autism and Disability.

The centre will help many individuals and their families from all over Romania. Facilities at the centre will include a hydrotherapy pool, access to medical advice, therapists and much more. ROAD have supported the centre by being a partner charity. Full details of the opening will be on the website and in the next newsletter.



Site of new centre



Artists impression of new centre



Work in progress

Whilst in Romania, the trustees are planning to visit contacts of potential projects for the future.



**Don't miss this years AGM.**  
**It is on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at 7.30pm.**  
**The venue is still to be confirmed, so if you are**  
**planning to attend, look at the website**  
**or call nearer the time.**



As seen being used on the front cover, this is a typical village water pump. Many villages still do not have mains water, so rely on these essential facilities.



# A Chain Reaction

Reacting to the needs of people at home & abroad

On Saturday 14th May 2011, eleven cyclists rode 14 miles from Bardney (near Lincoln) to Woodhall Spa and back.

The weather started out quite sunny, but during the ride the grey clouds caught up with the riders giving them the occasional few drops of rain. The wind was behind them all the way which proved helpful.

Whilst stopped for lunch there was a heavy shower, but everyone was able to take shelter. Once refuelled, the riders set off back to Bardney. The problem with having the wind behind them on the way meant it was against them going back! This with the ever increasing sore bottoms and aching legs proved quite hard work.

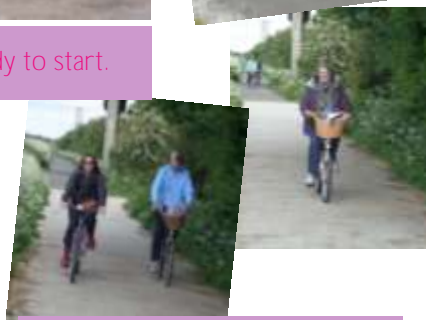
Everyone arrived back safely and now have the task of collecting the sponsor money. Early indications are that £1100 will be raised. This will be split 50/50 with ROAD and Acts Trust. When the total is known an update will be posted on the ROAD website. Thank you to all the riders who gave up their time and also to everyone who sponsored them.



The eleven cyclists lined up in Bardney ready to start.



Well deserved rest & lunch.



Keep pedaling, nearly lunchtime!





As Kevin mentioned in the 'Chairman's Voice', it has been decided that two places will be made available for supporters on this year's Christmas trip. Below are some details regarding the trip, but if you need more information or have any questions, contact Kevin Smith on 01522 807975.

#### BRIEF DETAILS OF THE TRIP:

The team fly from Luton airport early on the Friday morning. The flight is around 3 hours, and then it is a 3 hour drive in a hired minibus to Zalau, where the accommodation is located.

Accommodation is provided by families in apartments near the city centre of Zalau.

During the week you will visit the many projects that ROAD support, and of course, you will visit a number of small village schools to personally deliver the Christmas presents that have been kindly donated.

There is no doubt that the trip is a great opportunity to see first-hand what goes on after you have donated items, time or money, but please bear in mind that it is hard work and very tiring.

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

Dates: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Cost: This will be approximately £150 (Subject to flights, transport, fuel costs etc.)

Travel Insurance: ROAD have a blanket policy that covers all members on the trip. The upper age limit of this policy is 75 years of age.

Passport: A valid passport will be required.

If you are interested in joining the team, send a letter of application to Kevin Smith (address on back page of newsletter) by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011, giving the following details:

Your name, date of birth, address and telephone number.

If you attend a group, club or church that supports ROAD, please include details.

Write a brief description of why you would like to be part of this year's team.



Do you have any news items that could feature in future newsletters?  
Are you holding a fundraising event?



Contact Paul with details on:  
07786 551920  
Or e-mail :  
paul.erwin@romaid.org.uk

*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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