



ROAD news

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



After a short stay at the Waterside South warehouse, we have relocated to
Unit 13, Lincoln Central Ind. Park, Tentercroft Street, Lincoln, LN5 7ED

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.



Short term drop off parking is available outside the warehouse.

Diary Dates

Members Meeting 7.30pm

16th February 2012

24th April 2012

Trustees Meeting

13th March 2012

20th June 2012

Warehouse Open

10am - noon

5th November 2011

26th November 2011*

(*Last day for Christmas Gifts)

4th February 2012



Chairmans Voice

As we begin to make plans for this year's Christmas Trip at the beginning of December I looked back and realised that ROAD have been taking Christmas presents to Romania since 1994. So for the last 17 years we, with your support, have been able to take thousands of Christmas gifts and family boxes to hundreds of children and families each year, making a real difference to their lives.

A teacher in one of the poorer village schools told us last year that a little boy in her nursery class does not always attend school as his family cannot afford the basics he needs for each day at school. However on the day he knew ROAD would be coming with the presents he made sure he was in class! She went on to say that for him and others in their school it would be the only gift they receive.

We are hoping once again to take as many Christmas presents as possible and therefore are once again appealing to as many of you as possible to get involved by buying a Christmas present or filling a shoebox, which will bring a child great happiness.

In these difficult economic times we are continually blessed by the incredible generosity of so many. It just remains for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kevin Smith - Chairman



Following the huge success of the Back To Nature Walk in May 2010, we are planning to repeat the event next year.

Although a firm date has not yet been made, it is likely to be in

May 2012.

It will again be held at The Whisby Nature Reserve near Lincoln.

All proceeds will go to ROAD.

Watch this space for more details.





GRADUATION DAY & NEXT CHAPTER

Over the past few years Ionutz Hadade has been studying for his BSc In Computer Science at Lincoln University.

ROAD are pleased to announce that Ionutz has achieved a 1st Class degree and also received the

Best Graduate Award for his department. Ionutz has now moved to Edinburgh University to study for a MSc in High Performance Computing.

Ionutz was proud to have his parents John & Nelly and his cousin Dana here in the UK for Graduation Day.

On Saturday 9th September, Ionutz was treated to a leaving party. Lots of burgers, sausages and cakes were eaten.

Many memories were shared, both from **Romania and the UK. Ionutz has been and I'm** sure will continue to be a great asset to the continuing work of ROAD in Romania. For many years he has provided translation on trips and translated correspondence.

Well done Ionutz and best wishes for the future.



LAUREN'S TEA PARTY

15 year old Lauren from Lincoln held a Tea Party on Saturday 24th September 2011.

The cakes all sold and she made a grand total of £72.00



CHRISTMAS 2011

We are once again hoping to take as many Christmas Presents as possible to Romania at the beginning of December 2011. 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
<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>

THE LAST DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IS: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26th 2011

If you have any queries, please contact:

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Official Opening of NoRo Pilot Centre for Rare Diseases



ROAD trustees, Melanie Smith, Jim Cork and Paul Erwin attended the official opening of the NoRo Pilot Centre for Rare Diseases on Tuesday 28th June 2011.

Following huge investment from Norway (Innovation Norway) and a number of smaller organisations including ROAD, the new centre has gone from being a vision of the future to reality in a very short time.

The centre provides state of the art equipment and specialists to help in diagnosis, therapies and rehabilitation for children from all over Romania.



The Education Room - will be used for group activities for children from Autistic Spectrum disorders and other disabilities. Among the activities will be music therapy, art therapy &

occupational therapy. There is also sensory equipment such as a Smart Table, Interactive Wall and Bubble Machine to make the activities more interesting and enjoyable for the children.





Hydrotherapy - is also available in a large jacuzzi. This is a method used for the recovery and rehabilitation of patients affected by rare disease. It is based on the external use of water for therapeutic purposes and benefits. It will be used under the guidance of the therapist.

Physical Therapy Room - is designed to provide services that help to restore motor function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit physical disability.



Other therapies are available including: Behavioural therapy, Speech therapy and Sensory therapy.

There is also a residential area where young people can be part of two projects.

Project One is a scheme for patient groups of the same disease to go for 5 days and receive training in the management of their disease and also rehabilitation.

Project Two involves groups of young people with disabilities who will spend several weekends in the centre, the main objective being training in skills for independent living.



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



Contact Paul with details on:
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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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