

Goodbye to a Long Standing Volunteer



Anne Parcell recently left Home-Start after 19 years as one of our volunteers. Anne's commitment has amazed us all. Anne became interested in children with autism and during her time with Home-Start she has helped many parents cope with this very difficult condition. We all thank Ann for her support and wish her well for the future.

Recipe Book

Andrea, a mum who receives Home-Start support, has been collecting favourite recipes from parents, volunteers and staff to go into a Home-Start Uttlesford cookbook. There is a collection of 52 recipes, sweet and savoury. A new one to try for each week of the year!

This cookbook is currently in the process of being published and will then be available for purchase. Watch this space for details of how you can buy your copy. All funds from the book will go to Home-Start Uttlesford.

Thank you Andrea for all your hard work



Family Group Summer Outing

This year the Families spent a lovely day at Clacton. We had lots of great feedback from those who were there.

"It was lovely because all we had to think about was getting on the coach. Everything else was done for us"

"We had a lovely meal of fish & chips. It saved us lots of money and my son ate fish for the first time."

"Conner really enjoyed the beach and found a dead crab which he has taken to school!"

"We would all like to thank everyone who helps raise money for us all. We had a great summer outing"

Christmas Party for our Family Groups

What a wonderful Christmas Party we had this year for our mums and children at the Family Groups. Littlebury and Duxford churches very kindly gave us the presents from their Christmas services. Each one was wrapped up beautifully and given not only to the children present but for their siblings as well.

Jezzo the entertainer was a great success and kept all the children entertained.

There was food in abundance and a great treat to see the children really having so much fun

Volunteer Preparation Course



Our 31st Preparation Course for new volunteers began on 5th October. We have 15 people on the course which is the most we have ever had and this is really encouraging. We look forward to working with Sara, Debbie, Debbie, Amelia, Jo, Camilla, Tracey, Julie, Christine, Suzanne, Maggie, Alex, Mary, Emma and Laura.

100 Club Winners

September – Monica Peake, Daisy Sturgess, Jacqueline Innes
October – Jean Schofield, Helen Wood, Sheila Chambers
November – Amy Rowson, Irene Lennard, Mike Griffin

HomeStart Uttlesford is part of a national charity which supports thousands of families with pre school children across the UK. These families are struggling to cope for many reasons; including illness, disability, bereavement and social isolation. Home-Start volunteers, who have parenting experience themselves, work to build the confidence and encourage the independence of these families. The charity relies on 16,000 trained volunteers throughout the country. Without your support this good work would not be possible

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Home-Start or would like to make a donation or would simply like to find out more about our organisation then please visit our website at www.homestartuttlesford.org.uk
Call 01799 520728 or
e-mail homestartuttlesford@btinternet.com

Friends of HomeStart Uttlesford

Once again we had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch. Many, many thanks for all those who helped make the day successful, raising £4958. The meal was absolutely delicious and everyone commented on what a lovely afternoon they had.

We very aware of the hard work it takes to put on such an afternoon and it really is very much appreciated by us all.



Young Friends – Cake Stall

Many thanks for all those who made cakes for the cake stall which was held outside Boots. The £416 raised was really an amazing amount of money. I do hope those who were selling these wonderful cakes have now thawed out.

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to those who held a “Jamie at Home” coffee morning raising a total of £368.

New Office Procedure

In September we implemented our enquiry form for Referrers. We now do not hold a waiting list. At present we have 8 enquiries. As volunteers become available we will contact the Referrers asking for a formal referral. We now meet the Safe Guarding Standard to protect children.