

## Running for HomeStart Uttlesford

A SAFFRON Walden dad has helped raise money for Home-Start by running in this year's Virgin London Marathon. **Trevor Bissett** was delighted to get round the gruelling 26.2 mile course in 3hrs 27 mins. The former Saffron Walden Town Football Club player reckons he set off too fast in the first half of the race - but still completed the course in an impressive time. He said: I was pleased with the time in the heat. The crowds were brilliant and it was especially great to see my wife and children on the way round.



**Mr Bissett has raised £1,500 for the charity.**

Home-Start Uttlesford chairman of trustees Helen Wood said: "We all congratulate Trevor on his marathon effort and thank him for running for our charity. "He trained long and hard to raise a significant sum of money. This will go a long way towards helping us meet our target of raising £15,000 so that we continue to work with the young children and families of Uttlesford who need our support."

## Friends of HomeStart Uttlesford

On the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March, Friends of Home-Start Junior Committee held their annual fundraising "Nearly New Designer" clothes sale. The event was well attended and raised in excess of £2800. The money raised goes towards vital resources for HomeStart Uttlesford.

We intend to do the same event next year (with a slight twist) and will of course keep you posted to our date and venue. Should you be sorting out your wardrobe at all over the forthcoming year, we would be very happy to take on any good quality clothes that you no longer need - just give me a call and we can arrange a pick up or drop off.

Once again I would like to thank all those who attended for your support and look forward to seeing you again next year.

**Tanya Romyn (01799 522933)**

## Saffron Walden Carnival



HomeStart staff, trustees & volunteers got into the Saffron Walden Carnival 2011 spirit by dressing up as the Land Girls.

The theme of the procession, held on Saturday July 2, was 'Heroes'.

The team, who joined with the Citizens Advice Bureau on a 'float' - a 4x4 Land Rover kindly donated for the day and suitably adorned with straw, Union Jack flags, balloons and charity banners - walked their socks off along the four-mile route to show their support for the event and to promote the charity.

### CAKE BAKE

**There will be a cake stall outside Boots  
in Saffron Walden on the morning of  
17<sup>th</sup> September**

## Volunteer Thank you Day



Volunteers get into the groove during the Zumba lesson

VOLUNTEERS of HomeStart Uttlesford were given a special 'thank you' day in recognition of their efforts.

The event was held as an opportunity for the staff to thank each and every one of the volunteers who give so much time to supporting families in the area. The day - which was attended by 23 of the charity's volunteers - started with some training and was followed by a fun hour's Zumba lesson, led by teacher Luisa Curbelo.

Senior co-ordinator Linda Robinson said: "Everyone who took part really enjoyed the Zumba, and certainly many calories were burnt off whilst exercising to Latin American fitness music"

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a well deserved lunch and another vote of thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

### Date for Diary Friends Christmas Lunch November 24th

#### 100 Club Winners

**April** - Margaret Hudson, John Whitehead  
Deborah Gilder

**May** - Mandi Collins, Pat Taylor, Amy Rowson

**June** - David Hessayon, Christine Grierson  
Caroline Griffin

**July** - Jan Trundle, Sheila Chambers,  
Jenny Wyatt

## New appointments for HomeStart Uttlesford

We are delighted to announce some new appointments to our Board.

**Chair** - Claire Durrant: Claire's background is in Education. She has been Headteacher, Governor and, most recently, Business Development Manager for a number of schools in Haringey. She has extensive experience of working with children with special educational needs. She's also a talented musician!

**Trustee** - Caroline Philipps: Caroline's career began at KPMG where she became a Senior Tax Manager. Whilst her children were still young she changed career to that of peripatetic music teacher in schools, later becoming a Governor of SWCHS and Finance Director of Saffron Screen. Caroline is also a volunteer for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**Trustee** - Kathryn Winfield: Kathryn brings front line experience of working with disadvantaged children. Formerly a qualified child protection social worker, she has recently completed a stint as Chair of the Friends School PTA and actively supports MIND in Saffron Walden, facilitating a 'Get into Reading' group. She also is very musical!

### IN BRIEF

**The recent Friends event at Sworder's Auction Room raised £1570. More information to follow in the next edition.**

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](http://www.homestartuttlesford.org.uk) Call 01799 520728 or e-mail [homestartuttlesford@btinternet.com](mailto:homestartuttlesford@btinternet.com)**