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AUTUMN 2007

SUMMER BALL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Summer Ball Extravaganza was held on Friday 29th June 2007 at the home of Exeter Chiefs, Sandy Park. The event was one of the greatest Dream-A-Way successes ever raising a staggering **£19,000** ALL OF WHICH will be used to pay for holidays and outings. Even the weather was friendly to us, which made a change as it had been raining for days beforehand. The University Jazz Band opened the event with outdoor entertainers and a bar. A sumptuous 3 course meal was enjoyed by the 300 guests and this was followed by Irish Bingo, an auction, and dancing to the Fab Beatles. We also enjoyed the MITIE Casino and a chocolate fountain, roll-a-dice and Scalextric racing!



Dream-A-Way Organising Ball Committee, L to R
Bob Beer Gill Freeman George Sloan Kate Clarke Jeff MerrettMBE

Dream-A-Way would sincerely like to thank the following supporters of our Summer Ball:

David Freeman & MITIE Group, George Sloan & Rob Skinner – Timepiece, Mike Hocking - Premier Homes Turkey, Ali Anvari - Night Owl Security, Marc Astley - Express & Echo, Julian Voisey - Straight 8 International, Mark Tyler - West Country Television, Julian Tagg - Exeter City Football Club, Silver Street Motors Taunton, Supreme Cleaning Services, J.F.E. Nissan, Claude The Comedy Waiter, The Longbrook, South West Telecommunications, Taylor Catering Foods, Elemis, Kinetika, Lyn Playford, Wellington Motor Group, The Snugglesac Company, SouthWest Beauty Training Academy, Laser Summer Camp, With Love Gifts, The Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Lord Burnett, Westerly BMW, Coors Brewery, Vine Print & Design, Courage, M.A.T. Electrics, Heavitree Brewery, Firewatch South West, Dartline Coaches, Exeter Chiefs, Raceworld, Stanley Casino, Total Event Hire, Focal Point Photographic, Acer, La Senza, Bath Rugby Club, Total Triumph, Segway, Stagecoach.

THE DREAM-A-WAY CRYSTAL BALL 2008 with 'Soul Agents'

The Summer 2008 Ball will be held on Friday June 20th at Sandy Park, Exeter. Tickets for this prestigious event will be on sale in the New Year priced at £45 each. Once again we expect to be oversubscribed so early booking is advised. Full details to follow in January Newsletter.

ANNUAL Dream-A-Way/MITIE GOLF DAY 2007

The Annual golf day took place at Woodbury Park and was well supported. A fantastic total of over £18,000 was raised and great thanks are due to Gill Freeman and Jeff Merrett for all the hard work that goes into organizing such a professional event. 160 golfers took part and winners took away many prizes including golfing holidays in Andalucia and Turkey. There was an amazing prize table thanks to MITIE and other sponsors.

OTHER FUNDRAISERS

The mixed Netball tournament organised by Andree Merrett in September raised a fantastic £2,217

The Rotary Raffle is on target to raise over £2,000

Thanks to Heavitree Brewery and the staff at the Prospect Inn on the Quay for organizing the August Bank Holiday weather and the 3 fun days with bands. We raised £1,165

AGM

The AGM took place on Wednesday 18th July 2007 at Timepiece in Exeter.

It was well attended by over 100 people and afterwards there was a hog roast and entertainment. Thanks to George Sloan & Rob Skinner for hosting this event free of charge



George Sloan and Jeff Merrett MBE

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

[If you would like more details or want to help please contact us](#)

November

14th INDOOR KARTING at Raceworld

December 14th 21st 28th and January 3rd PANTO TRIPS to see Jack & The Beanstalk at Princess Theatre. Contact Jeff for tickets – FREE for disabled and £15 for adults £10 for child/OAP

December 2nd Exeter Police & Community Xmas choir concert with Sidmouth Town Band. 7pm St Peters School Exeter. £6

December 5th INDOOR KARTING at Raceworld. £120 per team of 6 drivers.

January 28th to February 2nd 2008

Exeter Police & Hospital Players Panto. Little Red Riding Hood. Tickets available from Jeff.

January 26th 2008

Dream-A-Way coach trip to watch Forest Green versus Exeter City FC. FREE for Disabled supporters. Contact Jeff Merrett.

February 29th 2008

Thick as Thieves band at Exeter Golf & Country Club. £8 a ticket.

June 20th 2008

Crystal Ball at Sandy Park with Soul Agents (21 piece Jazz Band) and the MITIE Casino. £45 a ticket – selling fast!

June 26th 2008

Ladies Golf day at Stover

September 12th 2008

Annual MITIE/ DREAM-A-WAY Golf Day at Woodbury Park.

DREAM-A-WAY CARAVANS

2007 was another fantastic year for holidays in our six luxury holiday homes at Haven Holidays, Sandy Bay, Exmouth. Over 1,000 clients & guests enjoyed holidays there this year.

Bookings are being taken for 2008 so if you know anyone who is disabled and would like a free holiday please send a s.a.e. to Jeff Merrett and he will be sending out the confirmations in January. Thanks are due to the cleaning team of Shirley, Stu, Lyn & Jean who worked so hard to keep the caravans immaculate.

We are looking for a 'handyman' who lives near Exmouth who could give up an hour or so on Saturdays in 2008 to help out.

LADIES GOLF DAY 2007

The 5th Annual Ladies Golf Day held on July 12th (The Chairman's Birthday!) promised to improve on previous years and it certainly did that! This event has continued to ensure the event goes from strength to strength since its beginnings at The Fingle Glen Golf Club. 42 teams took part and the event raised £3,000 in support of Dream-A-Way. We are already taking bookings for 2008!

STOP PRESS!!!



Dream-A-Way are proud to announce that we have been selected as Bradleys Group charity from 2008. We look forward to working together.

Dream-A-Way has also been nominated by the Express & Echo for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service

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GHANDI REOPENING

Friends and supporters of DREAM-A-WAY joined Sir John EVANS, the charities founding Patron to celebrate the official reopening of the extended GANDHI INDIAN RESTAURANT near Exeter's Clock Tower. They were treated to a superb Indian feast - at the conclusion of which restaurant owner Mahmudur RAHMAN very generously donated all the money from the cost of the meals to Dream-A-Way as a donation. This resulted in a total of £693 being raised for Dream-A-Way.

