

Newsletter Winter 2018



D.R.E.A.M. Centre Appeal Update



Thanks to the generosity of the many trusts, foundations, livery companies, individuals and businesses that have supported this appeal, we have now reached our target of £3.1 million!



Building began on site in April and since then, Sunninghill have been doing a fantastic job to ensure the centre will open in summer 2019. If you have visited the site recently you will have seen that the centre is taking shape now - exciting for all the young people and staff who pass by.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the appeal and made the D.R.E.A.M. Centre a reality.

What's New in Riding?

Our Therapeutic Horse Riding continues to be popular with more young people accessing the service than ever before.

We now have riding sessions running during the school day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with after school sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. After Christmas we will be adding sessions during the school day on Fridays and hope to provide additional after school sessions on Tuesdays.



Welcome to our new pony, Millie. Our previous horses have been loaned to us but thanks to the support of our donors, we were able to buy Millie.

She has good changes of pace so the rider really feels in charge of her movement and she is also very good in sensory sessions with pupils spending time learning about horses.



History Book Success



Just over a year ago, Ros Black published a biography of our founder, Dame Grace Kimmins. Following in-depth research and interviews with her descendants and former scholars, *Grace Kimmins and her Chailey Heritage*, was published in October 2017.

But the hard work didn't stop there as Ros has had a busy year giving talks at literary festivals, community groups and historical societies about Grace and the book over the past twelve months.

Ros very generously donates all of the proceeds from her book sales to Chailey Heritage Foundation, and through book sales and donations made at her talks, she has to date raised over £4,000. Our thanks go to Ros for this incredible achievement!

Grace Kimmins and her Chailey Heritage is on sale at our reception for £10. We are open from Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Alternatively, it can be purchased online for £12.20 (including postage and packaging) at www.rosblackcreative.com/buy-the-book.



OPEN EVENING

futures
Life Skills Centre

Reach for your Potential

The Futures Life Skills Centre is opening its doors on the 13th February 2019 from 5pm-6:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults with disabilities and professionals to come and have a look around our specialist facilities and talk to our friendly staff team.

To find out more, please email futureslifeskills@chf.org.uk or call **01825 723 723**.



Futures Hub has extended its opening hours with the Saturday Club running on the last Saturday of each month. From 10am-4pm, the club provides an opportunity for those aged 16+ with disabilities to participate in a wide range of activities in a social setting.

To join the club and take part in enriching activities for the day, email futureshub@chf.org.uk or call **01825 723 723**.

Lest We Forget



To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, we remembered the 28 'Heritage Boys' who served in the Great War by planting 28 poppies beside their memorial. These poppies remained in place until 28 November for all to remember as they passed by.

Sadly we only have details of two of these boys but some of the Chailey Heritage Old Scholars are continuing their research to find the names of the other 26 who served.

Walter Ernest Whitehorn was born in 1897, the son of Henry Walter Whitehorn. He was in the London Regiment Battalion: 19th (County of London) Battalion (St.Pancras); His regimental No. was 3420. He enlisted in Camden Town in January 1915 and was killed in action on 25 September 1915 and is remembered on the Loos Memorial at Loos-en-Gohelle, France. Walter was 18 years and 11 months on recruitment. His father received Walter's 1915 Star and Victory Medal.

Alfred James Blythe was born on 21 April 1891, the son of Herbert Henry Blythe. He had an old tubercular disease of the foot and a hernia. Alfred entered Chailey Heritage in 1905, was given LCC Cripple Scholarship on 2nd September 1906, paid up to 1909.

Alfred left on 24 May 1909 and went to work at Angus rolled top desks makers in Finsbury Park, London. He was paid 15 shillings per week, 21 shillings in 1913. In 1914, he joined Kitchener's Army, the 11th Battalion of the Essex Regiment, Regimental No.13789. He was reported missing, killed at Loos on 26 September, 1915 and is buried in Loos-en-Gohelle in France - Panel 85-87.



On the morning of Remembrance Day, Christopher, one of the young people who lives with us, laid a wreath at our memorial on site to commemorate the 28 'Heritage Boys' who served in the Great War.

Christopher wore his Great-Grandfather's medal which he earned from his service in the First World War.

Thank you to Christopher for laying the wreath and helping us to remember.

IN MEMORY OF WALTER WHITEHORN AGED 37.
PTE 35TH BN. LONDON REG^T T.A.
KILLED IN ACTION AT LOOS SEPT. 25TH 1915.
HE WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THIS GUILD TO
LAY DOWN HIS LIFE IN THE GREAT WAR.

Helping In More Ways Than One

Have you ever considered volunteering but the timing wasn't right or life got in the way? We're looking for people who are able to help us in a variety of roles at Chailey Heritage Foundation.



Volunteer Driver

Our invaluable driving service need volunteer drivers. This role is essential in ensuring the children and young people in our care can attend appointments and activities out in the community.

No day is the same and as such, this is a hugely varied and rewarding role.



Fundraising Lead Volunteer

We are currently seeking sociable, self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals to take on one of our new Lead Volunteer roles.

Each year we are invited to many interesting events and challenges to raise money for Chailey Heritage Foundation. As a Lead Volunteer you will be supporting our small fundraising team by attending community events on our behalf.



Riding Volunteer

If you have an interest in assisting young people with disabilities, horses and like being outdoors, we may have the role for you.

We are recruiting for new volunteers to assist our Hippotherapy team with both morning, afternoon and after school sessions. Perfect for any horse lover!



Occasional Fundraising Volunteer

We are also looking for support to assist us with occasional fundraising volunteering.

In these roles you may be cheering on some of our amazing runners at the Brighton Half Marathon, selling raffle tickets at a fundraising ball, bucket collecting at a local bonfire display and many more fun opportunities to help us.

If any of the volunteering opportunities mentioned here take your interest, we'd love to hear from you.

Please visit www.chf.org.uk/volunteering, email hr@chf.org.uk or call **01825 724 444 ext. 709**.

We couldn't do the work we do without our volunteers. Any time is greatly appreciated.

Christmas at Chailey



Here at Chailey Heritage, we're gearing up for the festive calendar and have plenty in store for the young people.

St Martin's and Seymour departments kicked off the season early by holding a Christmas market in late November. It was a fantastic sensory experience where the young people took in the smells of Christmas spices and listened to classic Christmas songs.

The school departments are busy rehearsing for their annual theatre performances with the St Martin's nativity, Seymour's Christmas play and Hanbury's panto. These performances include every pupil and are a great way for the children to work together and build their confidence.

As well as the school, Futures Life Skills Centre is also putting on festive workshops for people aged 16+. From cooking a puff pastry tree to crafting garlands and wreaths, there's something for everyone this December. Find out more by email to futureslifefskills@chf.org.uk or call **01825 723 723**.



**PATCHWORK
FARM**



Patchwork Farm celebrated its first birthday over the summer and continues to go from strength to strength.

Providing a unique hands-on experience with animals (from ducks to donkeys), the facility enables young people with complex disabilities a great sensory experience whilst teaching them about animal handling and life processes.

Consider giving the gift of animal sponsorship this Christmas!

Sponsor your own guinea pig for as little as £2 per month or £24 per year and help Patchwork Farm reach more young people. For more information, visit www.chf.org.uk/animal-sponsorship or call **01825 724 752**.

Welcome Lesley!

Sadly we said goodbye to our Farm Co-ordinator Alex, who helped create Patchwork Farm and played a key role in getting the farm off the ground.

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Lesley, who has taken over as Farm Manager.

Sign up to receive updates about Patchwork Farm by emailing fundraising@chf.org.uk.

The Big Give



This year we took part in The Big Give Christmas Challenge. During the week of 27th November - 4th December, every pound donated was doubled.

Funds raised will enable us to purchase new Eyegaze equipment for our classrooms and residential bungalows. Using eye movement alone, Eyegaze allows young people to be able to do anything that could usually be done by controlling a mouse.

Thanks to your support, we reached our £15,000 target towards this brilliant resource. Thank you to everyone who donated and the organisations who supported us by matching donations: Candis, E3 Events, Sunninghill Construction and Buxted Construction.

Give While You Shop

When you get round to your Christmas shopping, you could raise money for Chailey Heritage Foundation on every purchase you make, at no extra cost to you.

Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising are just two of the online shopping websites which you can do this through. If you're interested in giving the gift of a smile this festive season, email fundraising@chf.org.uk or call **01825 724 752** to find out more.



The Early Bird Catches the Worm



Early bird tickets for our 2019 Focus 10K are now on sale! We'll be returning to Borde Hill Garden on Sunday 2nd June and we hope you'll be there too. Take part in our 10K, 5K, Mini Mile or our brand new team relay. The NEW COURSE for 2019 will not only pass through beautiful parkland but will also take in scenic woodland.

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of equipment needed to help young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs towards greater independence.

Early bird tickets start from £5 plus booking fees. Find out more at www.focus10k.com – but don't leave it too long as only a limited number of reduced price tickets are available and they're going fast!



Upcoming Fundraising Events



15th Dec 2018	Carols on the Green at Horsted Keynes Starting at 5:30pm, this is the perfect family event leading up to Christmas.
20th - 29th Dec 2018	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime We've been kindly chosen as the beneficiary for the 22 nd and 23 rd December performances. Book your tickets now at www.jackinbrighton.com .
21st Feb 2019	Midsummer Ball Launch Party Come for a sneak preview of this year's Midsummer Ball - 'A Night at the Moulin Rouge'. It's set to be a fabulous evening of entertainment and dancing.
24th Feb 2019	The Grand Brighton Half Marathon Beat the January blues by joining Team Chailey - we have 11 runners already!
14th Apr 2019	Brighton Marathon Snap up our <i>last</i> place and join our team of five marathon runners.

To find out more about any of the above events, visit www.chf.org.uk/event-calendar or contact the Fundraising Team by email to fundraising@chf.org.uk or call **01825 724 752**.



**Thank you for your continued support throughout 2018.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



We're extremely grateful to receive any donations during the season of goodwill. If you choose to donate, complete this form and return to Chailey Heritage Foundation at the address below.

Title First Name Surname

Address

Postcode

Email Telephone

Please donate by cheque (payable to Chailey Heritage Foundation) or by bank transfer. Details as follows:

Account number: 10953396

Sort code: 60-10-26

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