



2018 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our very first Newsletter!

Who is Alexandra House of Joy?

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Our Charity was Founded by Ian & Rachael Scott-Hunter, parents of Alexandra

Alexandra is 46 years of age and at 4 days old she suffered a very extensive brain bleed leaving her with profound disabilities.



Alexandra went to Gt Ormond St in London first, then to a special school in Chelsea. When she was 7 yrs old she moved with her family


to Oxfordshire where she went to school at Bardwell School in Bicester.



At 19yrs she joined the Day service in Kidlington run by the Local Authority.



Alexandra made lots of friends. In 2016 the L A closed 14 out of

22 Day Centres  It was a terrible decision. It brought a lot of sadness and anxiety. In 2017 the doors of the Centres closed. Our daughter and her friends were sent to one of the remaining Centres where elderly people with Dementia, Alzheimer's and Strokes were. This has brought all sorts of issues and problems for both groups





In 2017 God gave a Vision for a new Centre. The answer to all the worries and anxieties of the future.

Alexandra and her friends had faced too often continuous yearly cuts to their services.

Since that wonderful Vision much has happened and developed.

We named the Vision the **Alexandra House of Joy** and much work is now being done in order to bring God's Vision to fruition. We have a Mission to fulfil!

Firstly a Board of Trustees was

formed.  We

began with four – myself, Rachael (the Chair Founder), Khee Guan (Lawyer), Andrew (Accountant) and Stuart (Specialist fundraiser in the

Music Industry). We also have Honorary Members who are – Sarah (our Website Designer and editor of Facebook), Harriet (our Minute taker and volunteer with fundraising), Sioban (Adviser on Respite Services), Sister Frances (Founder of Helen & Douglas House Hospices and our Adviser on Hospice Care)



In this last two months another two people have been added, Trustee – Fiona (our Local Parish Councillor and an expert in Day Time Services) and Hon Member, Mark (District Council Housing grants Leader interested in Project Management).



We are very blessed with skilled and committed people looking to bringing about God's Plan for our lovely

Aradhna. They are extremely committed, and have already shown their willingness and support by raising money, and spreading the word about us. In addition we have two other volunteers - Jess and Jane, who have offered their time, support and skills to AHoJ. We are extremely thankful to each



one of them.

We have many great people already offering things to sell, making things to sell and selling things, holding coffee mornings, baking, etc etc for AHoJ...all to raise money. Too many people to name, but, they know who they are. We are very indebted to them for their belief in AHoJ and their tireless support. We couldn't do this without them.



SO WHAT NEXT???

SUMMER FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

JULY 6TH18.....BOARD MEETING

JULY 10TH18....EVENT DEVA CHAPEL, PRESTATYN – **RAISED- £362.50**

JULY 15TH18...STALL BABLOCK HYTHE DOG SHOW – **RAISED - £158.50**

JULY 20TH18...COFFEE MORNING AT KIT MURPHY'S – **RAISED - £250**

JULY 23RD18...BICESTER SCHOOL FUN DAY
RAISED - £770.12

JULY 27TH18...EVENT JAMES ST CHURCH, OXFORD – **RAISED £514.60**

AUGUST 1ST18...AHoJ PROFILE RAISED ON BBC TWO NEWSNIGHT @10.30PM

AUGUST 8TH18...MEETING WITH HEAD OF PLANNING CDC

AUGUST 15TH18...2ND CREAM TEA AT KIT'S IN KIDLINGTON – **RAISED £265**

AUGUST 16TH18...PUB QUIZ NIGHT HOSTED BY NIGHTINGALE PUB – **RAISED £309.55**

SEPTEMBER 5TH18...GIVING TALK ON CHARITY TO BICESTER INNER WHEEL, BICESTER

SEPTEMBER 10TH18...ATTEND 'BID WRITING WORKSHOP' LONDON

SEPTEMBER 13TH18...SUPPER QUIZ NIGHT, LITTLEBURY HOTEL BICESTER

SEPTEMBER 28TH18...'MEMOIRS OF ROYAL FOOTMAN', BY IAN AT CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE COME TO OUR EVENTS AND IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE LET US KNOW

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