

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



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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.



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

Adults. All very skilled with various areas of expertise.

What happened next?
Sister Frances organised a meeting with Design
Developers Montpelier Estates from Aylesbury, Bucks. As a result of that meeting they came on board with us and are leading the way to the eventual development of AhoJ.
Montpelier Estates are experts in Hospice and Respite centres



Next we needed land. And yes, God had it all worked out! In His Plan He was to provide land for AHoJ to be built on.



A wonderful Christian
Landowner in Bicester has
gifted us the land we need and
we are truly overjoyed. We are
still in shock and in awe at the
incredible generosity and

kindness of this gentleman. God is indeed awesome and this lovely man is a true Witness of being Christ-like.

Next we set about arranging a Bank Account, Registration with the HMRC for Gift Aid, Registration with an online giving tool My Donate, putting Licences in place and Insurances, creating a Website and setting up on Social Media. It has been very busy...and we continue to be very busy every day. Meetings to attend - Paper work, Research, Mailings, Talks about AHoJ, and Events to organise.

The main focus now is raising the funds to build, and our target is 2.5million.

In April this year I attended a Volunteer Connect Fair in



Bicester and was thrilled that out of it four young six form students have volunteered to work with us.

Nikita, Jasmine, Sophie and

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 6TH'18......BOARD MEETING

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{JULY 10^{TH}18}.... \textbf{EVENT DEVA CHAPEL}, \\ \textbf{PRESTATYN} - \underline{\textbf{RAISED-} \ \textbf{£362.50}} \end{array}$

JULY 15 TH 18... STALL BABLOCK HYTHE DOG SHOW - RAISED - $f_{15}8.50$

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

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

JULY 27^{TH} 18...EVENT JAMES ST CHURCH, OXFORD – RAISED f_5 14.60

AUGUST 18718...AH0J PROFILE RAISED ON BBC TWO NEWSNIGHT @10.30PM

AUGUST 8TH'18...MEETING WITH HEAD OF PLANNING CDC

AUGUST 15^{TH} $18...2^{\text{ND}}$ CREAM TEA AT KIT'S IN KIDLINGTON – RAISED £265

AUGUST 16TH·18...PUB QUIZ NIGHT HOSTED BY NIGHTINGALE PUB – **RAISED £309.55**

SEPTEMBER $5^{\text{TH}}18...$ GIVING TALK ON CHARITY TO BICESTER INNER WHEEL, BICESTER

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

SEPTEMBER 13 $^{\text{TH}}$ **18** ... SUPPER QUIZ NIGHT, LITTLEBURY HOTEL BICESTER

SEPTEMBER 28TH'18...'MEMOIRS OF ROYAL FOOTMAN', BY IAN AT CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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