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Mobility matters

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Explore the South West's Countryside!

In our mobility centre we have leaflets on the all terrain Tramper on behalf of the countryside mobility project for Living Options Devon. The Tramper is an electric go anywhere buggy designed specifically to cover rough ground, mud and grass safely. The Trampers are available for hire through the Countryside Mobility project.



The Tramper is currently available in three places throughout Devon. These are:
Berry Head National Nature Reserve Gillard Road TQ5 9AP, Brixham, Devon, 01803 882619.

Haldon Forest Park, Kennford, EX6 7XR, Exeter, Devon, 01392 834233.

Stover Country Park, Stover, TQ12 6QG, Newton Abbot, 01626 835236.

Gig in the Garden!!

The Gig in the Garden was held at Woodleigh Coach House on Saturday 4th of September and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd of people, of different age groups, all entertained by a variety of brilliant groups who played blues, soul, pop, rock, and reggae something for everyone.

Next year's Gig in the Garden will be held on Saturday 3rd September 2011 at the same venue with the following groups already confirmed.

Eventine

Barracoodas

Fab Beatles

Bad Mojo

Blue Swayed Blues

This event raised £1031 for ECTA and next year's event will be even bigger.



Meet the Staff

Interview with Claire Rigby

Hi Claire what is your role in E.C.T.A?

I am the E.C.T.A Charity Shop Manager .

As Manager what are your day to day duties?

I manage the charity shop's staff and volunteers, organising volunteer rotas making sure I have continuous help throughout the working week. I sort through new donations for the shop, identifying items of value for sale on eBay, pricing the new goods to sell onwards. I serve behind the till when needed and help customers locate any items they may wish to purchase whilst striving to meet the target sales that help sustain E.C.T.A and the service it provides. I maintain a smooth running environment for the shop and its staff and volunteers and also help any volunteers with their NVQ training schedule and I cash the till up at the end of the day.

Do you find your job rewarding?

Extremely, knowing the work I do helps people in need of E.C.T.A and its services and helping the volunteers that work at the store improve their skills through E.C.T.A's NVQ training program which in turn improves their prospects of returning to work is immensely satisfying.

What does E.C.T.A retail sell?

We sell clothes of all sizes, men's, women's and children's, bric-a-brac, toys, books, DVDs, Videos and CDs, furniture and electrical goods.

What is the strangest donation that you have received?

An Olympic sized rowing machine (sold for £800 on eBay), three large boxes of vintage Cut Throat Razors and unfortunately soiled underwear.

With the Christmas season approaching what goods would you like to receive in the shop?

We are happy to receive any and all donations to the shop.



Forthcoming Events

November Ring & Ride Lunch Club



Thursday 18th November
At the Twisted Oak
Ide (near Exeter) £3.00



Pantomime in December

We have planned an outing to the Pantomime Snow White on Saturday 18th December 1pm Matinee Performance at the Corn Exchange Exeter starring Sandra Dickinson. Access is good for people with mobility difficulty.

Ticket costs £17 and are selling fast, this includes the admission to the Pantomime and transport to and from the show.

February 2011, Holiday on Ice Energia

Events to look:- out for in the future.
Holiday on Ice-Energia, at Westpoint
Details in our next issue.

If you would like any additional information on these events please contact the office on 01392 494001.

Fundraising round up: Successful applications this quarter, DCF £7,000, St Edmund and St Mary Major Charity £1,000, Doctor and Mrs Darlington Trust £1,000 and £50 from the St David's Players.



The Staff and Trustee's of E.C.T.A wish to extend Seasons Greeting to all our service users and volunteers. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year.