

Aiding mobility and independence

Welcome to Pidley Mountain Rescue Team's e-newsletter covering news of recent rescues, donations from supporters and reports on past fund-raising events and news of future ones. We hope you enjoy catching up with the work of the charity.

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team (PMRT) is a registered charity that provides specialised equipment to improve the quality of life and independence of children and adults living in Huntingdonshire who are coping with disabilities or mobility issues. If you would like more information logon to www.pidleymountainrescue.org.uk.

Our mailing list includes our generous members and fund-raisers, Facebook friends, health professionals and voluntary organisations working with the disabled and less abled, and those who we have 'rescued'. Please forward this email onto anyone you believe would be interested in our work.

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RECENT RESCUES

Georgia Hunt from Fenstanton suffers from difficulties with motor coordination, hypermobile joints and low muscle tone due to a small brain haemorrhage when she was born prematurely. Georgia, aged 11, needed to upgrade her specialised trike, purchased five years ago by PMRT which she had outgrown, to a larger model. We came to the rescue again with another special JCM trike.

Natalie has cerebral palsy, visual impairment and learning disabilities and is unable to sit or walk unaided. Mum and Dad have a special hoist fitted at home but they needed a mobile one for holidays and visits to grandma. PMRT came to the rescue and purchased a Molift for £1,950.

PARACHUTE JUMP

The Pidley Freefall Parachute Team raised £2,250 for PMRT by jumping out of a plane from 13,000 feet. Sam Barton, Jo Brett, Hollie Hennings, Gemma Pollock and Jonathan Orchard took part in their first freefall parachute jump at the North London Parachute Centre in Chatteris. The jump gained plenty of local support, as well as a celebrity backer with popstar Pixie Lott sponsoring John.

The parachutists were originally set to jump in mid-September, but the weather meant it was postponed until November 2010. "When we finally got up there it was worth the wait; a fantastic experience freefalling 8,000 feet in a tandem skydive. We're so pleased to have raised so much for such a worthy cause, but next time I'll do a sponsored sit-in at the Mad Cat Pub in Pidley," said team member Jo Brett.

Some of the money raised by the Freefall Team immediately went towards providing a recliner bike for Jack Ledsham from St Neots (see below).



RECENT RESCUES

Jack Ledsham, from St Neots, is a lively ten year old with cerebral palsy spastic quadraplegia who had outgrown his trike. He needed something similar that he could use during family outings so PMRT brought a recumbent bike which will give him that all important independence and exercise. If Jack becomes too tired whilst cycling with the family the bike's front wheel can be removed allowing his bike to be attached to the back of his father's bike for the journey home.

We have also given Joe, aged 14 year old, a Vilav S5 communicator. He has no speech and limited sign language due to his physical disabilities. The Vilav S5 communicator allows Joe to talk at the touch of a button using a touch screen key pad with simple signs and diagrams. He can now talk to family, carers and friends at his wheelchair club.



CAMBRIDGE NEWS COMMUNITY AWARDS

We won again! PMRT's Trevor Peacock and Francis Mizuro receiving the first prize for the charity's work in the special needs category at the 2010 Cambridge News Community Awards.

This is the third year in the row we have won and a huge thank-you to all our Facebook friends who voted for us.

SINGING HEROES

Many thanks to the members of the Pidley Male Voice Choir who went carol singing in Pidley village before Christmas 2010 and raised £258.85 for the PMRT. A wonderful evening - thanks to all who sang and helped out.

The Hunts Post [newspaper](#) made Pidley Mountain Rescue Team one of its top ten heroes of 2010. We were delighted by such a tribute and thank-you to The Hunts Post for its support.



DIARY DATES

Fund-raising events attended by PMRT

- 3 May Lakeside Lodge Ladies Golf Day
- 20 May Broughton Ball
- 25 June Somersham Carnival
- 10 July Lakeside Lodge Golf Club
- 20/21 August Ramsey 1940s Weekend
- 3 Sept Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

AND FINALLY...

We had an amazing 2010, providing mobility and specialised equipment for 15 people living in the Huntingdonshire area, from a 4-year old's first trike to encourage movement and independence through to a mobility scooter for a 90-year old.

As always we have been inspired by the generosity and hard-work of the local community in supporting the Mountain Rescue Team, and a huge thank-you goes to the Pidley Freerfall Parachute Team, and sponsors, for their leap into the unknown.

We hope to launch our new look website sometime in the next few weeks and update you all following our AGM on the plans for 2011.

In the meantime there are always more people who need our help and we would love to hear from individuals, organisations or local businesses who could offer additional support for the Team's work. Raising money is becoming more and more difficult but we hope we can rely on your support and continue our important work for the benefit of those less fortunate in our community.

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We've embraced social networking and created pages on Facebook for the Pidley Mountain Rescue Team. Please visit our pages and become a member.

Joining us on Facebook is an easy way to keep up to date with PMRT's activities. It's also a great way to introduce your friends and family to the work that the charity does.