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NEWSLETTER

Annual membership now due

The Trust is doing really well with its fundraising and you as members are our biggest resource, with membership fees making up the largest single contribution to our funds.

As the Trust was launched in April 2004, most annual memberships are now due. A renewal form is enclosed with this newsletter and we would be very pleased if you would continue to support our cause by completing and returning it to the address indicated.

We realise that some of you may not have been members for a whole year but the administrative task would be too great if everyone was to be sent a renewal on the anniversary of their joining. As most people became members at the Trust's launch, we thought the easiest thing was to have an annual renewal date. We hope people understand and are sympathetic to this decision. Anyone joining after 1 January 2005, does not need to renew their membership until 2006.

Thank you for your help with our campaign so far and we hope that we can count on your continued membership and support.

How are we doing?

At the beginning of the year, the Trust paid its first instalment of £40,000. We still have a long way to go to reach our target of £120,000 but the money is steadily coming in. £33,500 has been raised and a further £38,500 has been given as interest free loans, bringing the total amount to £72,000.

Expertise required

If anyone has any knowledge or personal experience of land management, fund raising or grant applications, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Stuart Parsons on 01748 823456 or 077142 17162 or Frank Gibbon on 01748 821002.

Help needed with Grand Draw raffle tickets

One of the big fundraising events this summer is an evening of wine and music at Aske Hall on Saturday 16 July. As part of the event, there will be a Grand Draw with a spectacular range of prizes, including a day at the races, £100 in cash, Saks hair and beauty appointments, Georgian Theatre tickets and a Sunday lunch for two.

We are trying to sell as many raffle tickets as possible and have included a set of five (£1 each) with this newsletter, hoping that you can sell them to family and friends. Please send any completed stubs and payment to ROSA, 21 Westfields, Richmond, DL10 4DD by 30 June. Thank you for making this event as successful as possible.

Easter egg hunt

Over 200 children invaded Westfields on Good Friday taking part in an Easter egg hunt. By the end of the afternoon, there were many happy, chocolate-filled children dragging their shattered parents home for tea!

The event was held not as a fundraiser but as a way of thanking the community for its support and encouraging people to enjoy the land that we are trying to save. Next year, ROSA hopes to hold the event on one of the other four open spaces.

Round-up of events

The Trust has held a number of events recently and for many of us these fundraisers have become an integral part of our social calendars. Thank you for turning up so regularly and for your continued help with their organisation.

The Trust also works with other local charities and a few of our events are joint ventures. For this reason, some of the figures below represent only a proportion of the total amounts raised.

Station Book Fair - £353

Family Fun Ceilidh - £426

Mike Porter Film Show - £297 (joint event)

'Last Night's Fun' Concert - £256 (joint event)

Market Collections - £641

Dates for the diary

Saturday 2 July – Coffee Morning

Join us for coffee and other light refreshments in the Town Hall from 9am-12 noon. Offers of help, raffle prizes and donations for a cake stall would be much appreciated.

Saturday 2 July – Last Night of the Proms

Enjoy the sounds of the Alan Owens Big Band in the grounds of Richmond Castle. Bring your own picnic and chairs. Gates open at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available in advance from Stuart Parsons, Tel: 01748 823456 or 077142 17162. Tickets on the night are £15. Joint event with other local charities.

Saturday 16 July – A Summer Evening at Aske Hall

A perfect mix of wine, canapés and live classical music in the elegant surroundings of Aske Hall and its gardens – 7-9pm. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Margaret Hodgson, Tel: 01748 829416.

Saturday 6 August – Open Day at 25 Westfields

Following the success of last year's event, Jean Robertson is opening her home and garden between 10am-4pm. Donations for a tombola, raffle, cake and plant stall are welcome.

Sunday 18 September – Sandford House Garden Party

An event will be taking place at Sandford House, Richmond, courtesy of the Trust's patron, Baroness Hale. Details to

Working together

There are a number of initiatives in the town at the moment to preserve our heritage and environment and the Trust already works alongside other charities in a relationship of mutual support.

Recently, there have been discussions about other open spaces in Richmond – additional to the land we have bought. The Trust is aware of this and has been contacted by the District Council regarding certain areas of land.

There is nothing definite to report at the moment but we will keep members informed of any future developments affecting the Trust.

Further information

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