

ACES Newsletter August 2017

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Precis of Coralia's report on the Psycho-social project for children at risk.

After contact with various schools in the area our psychologist and social workers visited the parents of the children nominated for help, ascertaining their agreement and compiling background information before initiating the actual work with the children.

The children selected for their need arrive after school (education remains

part-time in El Salvador) and have lunch at the centre before their individual interview with Norma our psychologist. This is followed by group therapy. In this way, we are realising the project for which we had been preparing for some time.

Currently we are functioning for the children Tuesdays and Thursdays (parental visits presumably between these days). The team realise the initial process has been slow but we have made various contacts in the area, where there is a general need and feel sure responses will result.

As a team, we go forward with the hope and expectation that each case we help will have a successful outcome.

Fund Raising

Helen and Eddy

Regular attenders at Holy Redeemer Church and loyal supporters of ACES. Eddy makes marvellous marmalade and Helen sells it and makes pretty and useful aprons.



June

June 6th Coffee morning at Moreton

Unfortunately, Moreton in Marsh lived up to its name on what should have been a lovely summer day. The rain poured down in torrents, making Wellington boots highly desirable. Although the usual stalwart helpers valiantly set up stalls and prepared refreshments, the townspeople wisely stayed indoors and the tourists failed to come. The Coffee Morning was, forgive the pun, a wash-out but we still made £140 from the few intrepid souls who braved the weather and the things we bought for ourselves. Better luck next time!

June 24th Open Garden at Willersey

The weather forecast for Saturday 24th June was not good but it turned out to be a lovely sunny afternoon to enjoy the beautiful garden opened for ACES by Lord and Lady Dear in Willersey. Visitors were able to admire the flowers and shrubs or rest in strategically placed garden chairs allowing them to see different aspects of the planting. Meanwhile, Bron and Maureen presided over a stall of good quality items, Monica and Morag did a busy trade in Ann's home-made jams, and Sarah ran a magnificent raffle. Thanks to all of them and to Christine who sat and sold tickets at the gate.

Meanwhile, Peter, Teresa and Jane kept up a ready supply of tea/coffee, cakes and scones with jam and cream, in St. Peter's Church next door, also selling whole cakes made by several stalwart supporters. Thanks to them and to Nicky who, although she could not be there, baked a huge quantity of scones and supplied all the cream.

Lord and Lady Dear not only opened their garden for us but also went out of their way to ensure that we had everything we needed and willingly helped to set up stalls and arrange chairs. Grateful thanks to them, to St. Peter's Church for allowing us to organise refreshments there and to the Methodist Church for lending us trestle tables. The outcome of all these combined efforts was that £523.30 was raised for the children of El Salvador from those who came to support the event.

Many thanks to Margaret who superbly organised both of these events.

June 17th The sun blazed down on all but particularly **Charlton Country Fayre** whose arrangements committee as ever allocated a site for ACES where Mary Rose, Nicky, Celia, Angela and Bron sold their wares so kindly donated by you, our ACES friends. We made an incredible £236. Many thanks to donors, sellers and punters.

Charlton's natural beauty is much enhanced by its troughs of bright flowers lovingly tended for years by a local villager. She also makes and donates delicious cakes and similar to events for the church, school room, village and ACES. We have benefitted on numerous occasions from her generosity of scrumptious offerings. She's a very modest soul but I have to name her – Brenda many, many thanks for all you've done on behalf of the Salvadorian children.

Pershore District Scouts this year nominated ACES as one of the charities to receive the proceeds of the collection made at the St. Georges' Day parade and service at Pershore Abbey. We received £144.11 thanks to their generosity.

Anthony Harvey. AS ever many thanks to our Patron and Trustee chairman for his dedicated support. His latest donation is £845 from the proceeds of sale of his wife's (Julian Macmaster Harvey) beautifully expressed poems, meaningfully edited and annotated by Anthony.

June 24th Kath and Ted ably ran a stall at **Feckenham Wake.** A perfect summer afternoon at a village fete – the sun shone, the brass band played, the local school children performed a display of country dances, the barbeque sizzled, the classic cars gleamed, the cake stall sold out and the queue at the beer tent grew longer and longer. Each year this event grows bigger and more popular and the ACES stall was there for the third year. On sale was a good selection of cards and books, toiletries and jewellery, ornaments and art and craft items. The treasure hunt game proved popular with the children and adults and a little boy from Redditch won the prize for guessing the whereabouts of the hidden treasure on the pirate's map. Thanks to the person who kindly made a donation to ACES and to everyone who visited the stall. In all this raised £112. Well done to Kath and Ted!

July

An Appreciation.

In 1995 when AMOR opened in El Salvador a small group of us formed to support it over here. Enid visited there once and had remained a supporter ever since, Sally got us registered as a charity (and we became ACES) and Cathy who visited three times, found us a most useful contact with Toybox and for the last 19 years ran her famous 'Hay Jumble Sale'. Initially it was held at St John's Hall, spilling out onto the street, and then latterly in the Butter market. These endeavours necessitated major exertion, no mean cost and raised well over £1,000 each time.

Cathy was helped by the same loyal volunteers – Sally, Rose (a previous treasurer), Enid and her sister Liz Gareth have remained as supporters. In addition, there were locals Sheila, Pat, Linda and Eileen with her guide dog. Eileen died earlier this year filling St Mary's Hay and spilling well into the graveyard at her farewell. Someone should write a book of her actions and courageous attitudes in the face of all the vicissitudes of her life. Over the years Bellbank Club for the un- and partially sighted have contacted regularly and generously to ACES. I miss Eileen a great deal.



Cathy ran her last **'Hay Jumble**

, Margaret and I travelled over to a nostalgic occasion for me, greeting Cathy over 60 years when my parents moved into the area and where I suppose AMOR were sown. It was so good to see the whole team (named above) and we had a tiring, day.

an incredible £1,994. So, to all the helpers of Hay, the annual loyal helpers and a big thank you to Cathy for her inspired and hard work - a heartfelt muchisimos

Bron

August

August 13th. Picture a balmy Sunday summer evening down by the river Avon, boat rides, refreshments, sweet music played by musicians in a glorious garden! Throw in a few stalls and the good company of friends and family and you have the perfect event! **Water Music**. Thank you, Sarah, for including ACES in your fund-raising event. We all enjoyed it immensely – especially my seven-year-old grandson Harry who not only got to steer the boat for a short distance but also won the treasure hunt prize! He was so full of it!

All in all, ACES benefitted from £ 241.50.

Ruth



Future Events

Thursday September 14th. A **coffee morning** to be held by The Rev. Jim Gilligan Deacon at Holy Redeemer in aid of ACES. The event will be at 13, Loughmill Road, Pershore at 10 until 1pm. Tickets available at £3

Saturday October 21st. A **concert by The Calisto Duo** at 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, Evesham. These musicians have previously held a concert for us at this venue and kindly donated half the takings for the children in El Salvador. They are generously offering to do another concert with the same arrangements. A treat in store!

Saturday November 18th Fladbury Charity fair. Peter and Teresa are expecting to run a stall at the ever-popular pre-Christmas charity fair at Fladbury again this year.

In December we are hoping that **The Avon Singers** might do their lovely Christmas concert again to raise funds for ACES.



This photo was taken on 16th February 1992. It is of Christina and her son Carlos celebrating the signing of the Peace Accord. (Bron's comment is that the real peace is still awaited.)

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