

WOODCOTE RALLY

14th – 15th JULY 2012

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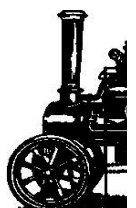
Dear Sirs

The attached Press Release is available for immediate release.

If you require any additional details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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Woodcote Rally 2011 Donations Evening

The Woodcote Rally is organised and run by the Woodcote Rally Committee on behalf of the WOODCOTE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION. 2011 has proved to be one of our most successful years and we are very pleased to be in a position to donate this year a tremendous £23,500 to the local charities and worthy good causes that we support each year. This amounts to almost a 20% increase on the amount that we donated last year and we have again concentrated our donations to the organisations within the village or close by. This now brings our total donations since we first started in 1964 to some £368,200.00.

The Woodcote Rally 2011 Donations Evening was held in the Woodcote Village Hall in the evening of Friday 02 December 2011. It is this event that makes it all worthwhile for the Rally Committee and Association members as they see that all their voluntary efforts and hard work have paid off.

Following the introduction by Mr Roger Temple, Chairman of the Woodcote Charitable Association, Mr David Taylor, Customer Relations Coordinator from Castrol Technology Centre (who have supported the Woodcote Rally since 1984), presented the awards to the best in class for the different types of exhibits at Woodcote Rally 2011. The class winners came along to receive their trophies (some coming from far away, but a large number of them being local people from around the Woodcote area) showing their huge interest in the preservation of vehicles such as cars, motor bikes and not to mention, of course, steam engines.

He presented the Castrol Research Cup to Mr Trevor Martin from Basingstoke for his 1963 Humber Sceptre in the K Class Motor Cars (1940 – 1972).

Mrs Sally Harrison then presented the Paul (“Butch”) Harrison Award to Mr Paul Stroud from Marlborough for his 1916 Ford Model “T” Light Van in the Exceptional Exhibit, Victorian period onwards Class.

Following a short interlude for refreshments, kindly provided by the Woodcote Village Hall Committee, Roger Temple and Martin Allwright, Rally Director, went on to conduct the all important part of the evening by presenting all the cheques to the local charities and organisations who so appreciate the support that they receive, thanks to the good folk of Woodcote and local villages supporting the Rally each year. Here are just a few of the highlights:

Woodcote/Stoke Row Football Club and Woodcote Cricket Club: - £800 towards the costs of the improvements to their changing rooms and the running of their junior teams;

1st Stoke Row Scout Group: - £750 towards their equipment fund;

Woodcote Village Hall: - £2,000 for the general upkeep and modernisation of the hall;

Woodcote Volunteers: - £750 towards the costs of petrol used by the volunteers in ferrying people to and from hospital/doctors’ appointments;



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Thames Valley Air Ambulance: - £1,000 to go towards their running costs in saving lives by the use of the helicopter;

Wallingford Army Cadet Force: - £1,500 – for the work they do in helping to manage the vehicle gates and general traffic control during the Rally;

St. John Ambulance: - £1,800 - for providing the first aid cover for the site for the weekend;

Woodcote Village Green Committee: - £500 for maintenance of the children's play-areas in the village and an additional £750 to buy replacement football nets for use by the village youngsters for a kick about on the village green;

Woodcote Library (OWL): - £500 to help support our local village library in its efforts to provide a viable service in the light of the cuts in its funding;

Griffiths Higgs Educational Trust: - £500 supporting the young people of Woodcote and South Stoke as they progress between primary and secondary schools; secondary and sixth form and from sixth form to University.

This is just, of course, a selection of the deserving causes and the full list, of the 44 deserving causes, is detailed below. We thank all the individuals and organisations that help make the Rally possible, many of whom are recognised in the list of donations.

2011 WOODCOTE RALLY DONATIONS - £23,500

SPORTS

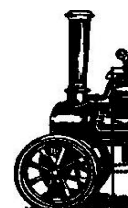
- £550* Woodcote Cricket Club
- £300* Woodcote Badminton Club
- £250 Woodcote/Stoke Row Football Club
- £450* RG8 Badminton Club, Woodcote
- £500 Almshouses Bowls Club (Goring Heath)

YOUTH

- £750* 1st Stoke Row Scout Group
- £750* Goring Heath Scout and Guide Group
- £1500* Army Cadet Force (Wallingford Detachment)

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- £2000 Woodcote Village Hall
- £500 Woodcote/Goring Medical Centre
- £400 Woodcote Community Centre
- £750 Woodcote Volunteers
- £400 Checkendon and District Aid in Sickness
- £200 Woodcote Conservation Group
- £1000 Thames Valley Air Ambulance
- £400* Thames Valley Police (Specials Welfare Fund)
- £1800* St John Ambulance
- £200* Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (The Firefighters Charity)
- £1000 Woodcote Youth Club



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£500 Woodcote Village Green Committee
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£300* Henley & District Young Farmers
£500 OWL (Our Woodcote Library)

SENIORS

£300 Woodcote Laurels Club
£300 Olga Mowforth House, Woodcote
£300 Goring Heath Almshouses

JUNIORS

£550* Cabin Pre-School Group
£450* Woodcote Pre-School Group
£200 Checkendon Pre-School Group
£550* Friends of Woodcote Primary School
£450* Checkendon Brownies

EDUCATION

£300 Langtree School, Woodcote
£500 Griffiths Higgs Educational Charity

CHURCHES

£300 Christ The King, Woodcote
£300 St Leonards, Woodcote

CHARITIES

£500 Sue Ryder Care, Nettlebed
£500 Macmillan Cancer Support (Oxfordshire)
£300 Multiple Sclerosis (Henley on Thames District)
£450* Marie Curie Cancer Care
£300 Thames Valley LUPUS Group
£300 Headway Thames Valley
£300 Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
£300 Dogs for the Disabled
£300 Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire

The full list is also detailed on our website at www.woodcoterally.org.uk.

Those donations indicated with an asterisk (*) reflect the assistance given by that organisation in the running of the 2011 Rally. The Rally Committee and the Woodcote Charitable Association wish to thank them all for their support in this and previous years, and would welcome their further support in coming years.

Thanks to Pat Booker and her family who donated one barrel of Abingdon Bridge beer from the Cannon Brewery in Abingdon and to Dave Meggs from the West Berkshire Brewery who donated a barrel of Mr. Chubbs Lunchtime Tipple.

The Woody Nook Restaurant, based here in Woodcote, also donated two bottles of their wines for the raffle.



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Next year our dates for Rally 2012 are 14th and 15th July so we look forward to seeing you there. Watch out for news of some of the exciting developments that should ensure the continuing success of the Woodcote Rally, and once again, we thank you all for your continued support.

And don't forget we will be celebrating our Golden Jubilee in 2013 on 13/14 July 2013 so watch out for further announcements about that too.

Andy Crockett
Publicity Officer
Woodcote Rally Committee

