

As I sit here writing this SUMMER edition of the newsletter I am wondering where the summer has gone, I hope it's not all over already!!! After another day stuck indoors playing, doing puzzles and colouring everything (including the patio doors) I thought I would put in some ideas for summer activities, hoping that the weather settles, we have a long, hot summer and get a chance to enjoy the outdoors. Enjoy reading this newsletter!

Programme

There will be an activity or visitor arranged for all meetings, if anyone has anything that they would like to do or hear about please let Louisa know:

- Mon 18th June – Sing & Sign
- 1st – 7th July – T, T & M week
- Mon 2nd July – First Aid Quiz
- SAT 14th JULY – SUMMER PARTY**
- Mon 16th July – Pharmacist
- Mon 6th Aug – Playtime & Songs
- Mon 20th Aug – Playtime & Songs
- Mon 3rd Sept – 1st Birthday Party & Paper Plate Animals
- Mon 17th Sept – Library Story Service
- Mon 1st Oct – Salt Box Music
- Mon 15th Oct – Baby College
- Mon 5th Nov – Recycling Day
- Mon 19th Nov – Mini IQ
- Mon 3rd Dec – Xmas Decorations
- Mon 17th Dec – Xmas Party

Twins, Triplets & More Week 1st to 7th July 2007

Witney Twins Plus is a member of TAMBA, a national charity that supports the UK's growing number of multiple births. It is easy to become isolated and Twins clubs are an ideal way to meet up with other multiple birth families that understand the issues that parents come up against. TAMBA raffle tickets are available to all members, only £1 per ticket and 40% commission will be given back to the club, also we will be running an exciting **Sponsored Sunflower Challenge** for the little ones – see who can grow the biggest – Sunflower Seeds & Sponsorship Forms available at the next meeting.

SUMMER PARTY



Saturday 14th July
2.30pm to 5pm
Cogges Church Centre, Witney
Hopefully this date is already in your diary! We are hoping for excellent weather, as there is an outside play area. We are trying to organise food so please see the list at the next club meeting, and sign up to bring something. We will also be looking for helpers to set up and clear away afterwards, all help welcome and gratefully received!

Website - Have you visited the club website yet? We have several pages set up now, which you can use to: check up meeting dates, find links to helpful websites and find out about membership discounts. Please visit soon and let us have your feedback on anything you would like included - follow this link:

<http://www.wospweb.com/site/Witney-Twins-Plus/index.htm>

WANTED!

Can you help out at club sessions; we are looking to draw up a parent rota to help out with setting up and clearing away at our club meetings. It would involve being at the hall at 9.45am to set up and the putting away would go on no longer than 12.15pm. If you can help out at either end of the meetings please let one of the committee know.

Thank You

REMINDERS – The **Lending Library** is up and running now – many books are available to borrow including Toddler Taming (see Book review on reverse). **Family Membership** is only £5 per year and for that you get a whole heap of discounts! See Website for more details of discount scheme participants. We are going to try to put more **Photos on the Website**, please let chairman know in writing if you do not want your child's picture included.

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We have been asked to remind you that the Church provides a Café service at our Monday meetings, including teas, coffees and biscuits. You can also bring along your child's favourite snack but be aware that some babies may not be allowed/able to digest your child's favourite snack!

Photos for Christmas 2007

We are hoping to get a photographer to come to one of our meetings in Oct/Nov to take pictures of the children, these will then be available to purchase and would make ideal Christmas presents for Grandparents, Godparents, etc

Interested? - Lets us know

Quick Cheese Sauce

In a saucepan heat $\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk, 1oz butter and 1oz plain flour, *ensure that you stir all the time*. The sauce will gradually thicken and when it boils you can take it off the heat. Then add cheese, the residual heat from the sauce will melt the cheese and you will have a nice rich cheese sauce. Optional extra, add a pinch of mustard powder to bring out the flavour of the cheese

Fruit Juice Jellies

Take 1 pint pure fruit juice, cover 4 sheets gelatine with enough juice to soak, heat the rest of the juice in a saucepan with 2 dessertspoons caster sugar, do not boil but heat enough to melt the sugar. Take off the heat and stir in the softened gelatine sheets one at a time, stir in any juice left over from the soaking. This mixture can be poured into individual dishes or one big bowl. If you make the jelly in a mould for turning out you will need to add more sheets of gelatine, check the packet for further instructions.

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Please give some thought to future issues and pass any contributions to Alex or email to witney@twinsclub.co.uk

SOME IDEAS FOR DAYS OUT THIS SUMMER!

Cogges Farm Museum, Witney - Open from 10.30am every day except Mondays. Watch hand milking and pig feeding. Food available or take a picnic. www.cogges.org

Cotswold Wildlife Park, nr Burford - Open all summer from 10am, last admission 4.30pm (park closes at 6pm) Penguin feeding 11am and 4pm (except Fri), Narrow Gauge railway around park, Farmyard and Adventure playground. www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, nr Cheltenham - Open 10.30am until 5pm. Small animal area, playground, milking demo and sheep shearing demo until beginning July. www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Roves Farm, nr Swindon - Open daily in June & July 10.30am until 5pm. Special events throughout year, www.rovesfarm.co.uk

Butterfly Farm, Stratford-on-Avon - Summer opening 10am until 6pm. See Butterflies, caterpillars, plus many other insects & Spiders!! Good for rainy days! www.butterflyfarm.co.uk

Useful Web Sites

www.kidsdaysout.co.uk

www.entertainthekids.com

www.rainydays.uk-days-out.co.uk

www.activityvillage.co.uk/kids_activities.htm

BOOK REVIEW - When "**Toddler Taming**" by Dr Green arrived through the post, I thought cheekily I would take a quick peek before putting it into the Witney Twins Plus library. Problem was, once I started it, I couldn't put it down. Now, I know my two are not the best behaved toddlers in the world, but this book makes you feel good! There are worse behaved children out there! And the tips make sense, they are practical & doable. When those drawers get emptied all over the floor, and the books are pulled off the book case, I have leant (well, 90% of the time!) to take a deep breath and say to myself: they have no sense, they are only doing it to get a reaction, stay calm and walk away! They still pull all the books off the bookcase, but I care less now...
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