

Witney Twins Plus – Into the Second Year

We have made a great start to our second year with a record number attending our first meeting in November. There were 14 sets of multiples – so 29 children plus all the adults! It certainly kept the photographer busy! It has been good to see lots of younger twins again proving there is a definite need for a twins group in Witney. I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from the committee of Witney Twins Plus.

Future Meetings

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

Mon 3rd Dec – Xmas Decorations
Come along and make some decorations for your tree!

Mon 17th Dec – Xmas Party
There is an advance charge of £2 per child to go towards a present from Father Christmas. (See below)

Future dates for your diary:

Mon 7th January 2008

Mon 21st January 2008

****Mon 28th January 2008 – Kangaroo Joe's Carterton****

Mon 4th February 2008

Mon 18th February 2008

Witney Twins Plus meet David Cameron

In July, the Oxfordshire Community Foundation our local branch of the Local Network Fund (who kindly awarded our group a grant at the beginning of the year) invited Louisa, Milli & Bilbo, Juliet, Amy, Isobel & Oliver and Alex to a reception at Witney Lakes Resort. The reception was to bring the foundation to the attention of David Cameron, promoting all their hard work and the support they give to local Oxfordshire groups. David took time to chat to the Witney Twins Plus representatives and was very taken with the triplets. Louisa managed to outline a few of the challenges faced by families of multiples, David listen attentively but was clearly more interested in “having tea” with the children! A photograph can be seen on our club website.

Sponsored Sunflower Challenge

During the summer months the club ran a Challenge to grow the tallest Sunflower. Lots of you took up the challenge with great success. Caitlin & Bethan Mackay grew the tallest Sunflowers at 161cm and 137cm, which were a good 30cm taller than the others. Katie & Laura (& Gillian) Wooloff did a great job in collecting sponsorship money and raised £115. Katie, Laura, Caitlin & Bethan all received prizes for their efforts. A grand total of £272 was raised, which has enabled us to send a donation to TAMBA and also put some money towards running the club for the coming year. Thanks for all your support.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's party is on Monday 17th December. Salt Box Music will be coming along to provide the entertainment and Father Christmas will be visiting with a present for each child. Please ensure that if you are coming along you have put your name down on the list and paid a contribution of £2 per child – this will go towards the presents. There will be Christmas Cake, Mince Pies and Biscuits available at the meeting.



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Hopefully you were pleased with the photos of your children, there were over 200 taken in all! Please ensure that all orders are brought to the meeting on **Monday 3rd December**, they will then be available for collection at the Christmas Party on Mon 17th December. Any queries or problems please ring Alex 01608 810203

COMMITTEE

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HELP 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.

Have you got baby/toddler things you wish to sell/pass on?

A clipboard will be put onto the booking in table so you can put up any adverts for items 'OFFERED' or 'WANTED'

Would you also be interested in having a classified section in the newsletter?

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Do you need a special present for someone, one that shows you have put a bit more thought in to it? Here is a really easy recipe for delicious chocolate truffles.

6oz icing sugar

1oz cocoa powder

Sifted together in a large bowl

1 level tbsp golden syrup

1 tbsp milk

1 tbsp brandy or any liqueur (optional)

1½oz butter

Melt the above in a saucepan. When melted bring to the boil and then tip immediately into the icing sugar mix.

Beat until buttercream consistency. Put into the fridge until completely cold. Best to leave for at least 2 hours, then take spoonfuls and roll into a ball. These can then be coated in either grated chocolate, vermicelli, toasted chopped nuts, cocoa powder, caster sugar or even dipped in melted white, milk or dark chocolate.

They need to be kept in the fridge and will taste better if left for a couple of days (if you can stop yourself from eating them!!). They should not be kept for more than 2 weeks.

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

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. There are some pictures of recent events, plus some craft and play ideas. You can also see all the previous newsletters. 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>

You are invited to

TAMBA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CHARITY BALL

Saturday 16th February 2008

Guest Speaker - Graham Walton - father to the famous all girl sextuplets

Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel & Country Club,
Meriden, Coventry

Tickets: £65

Dress: Black Tie

Help celebrate your charity's achievements with an evening of entertainment including a drinks reception, delicious three course meal, a live band, the chance to win a host of goodies and dancing until late.

To book call office on 0870 7703305 or email sarahnewell@tamba.org.uk

Interesting Web Site!

Want to keep an eye on Santa's progress this Christmas then check out the following:

<http://www.noradsanta.org/>

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Witney, Oxon. OX28 6ZJ Tel. 01993 773922**

The **Beanbag** is a small but well stocked independent health food shop situated in the centre of Witney. They stock good quality wholefoods, good quality food supplements plus a wide range of baby products.

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