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CoDPuk Trials and Triumphs

2007 was a challenging year for CoDPuk... and all thanks to a team of builders and two homeless Trustees...

Apologies to everyone for the lack of communication and newsletters in the second half of last year. Claire and Dave's house was demolished for a re-development. We initially thought the front room would be accessible, enabling us to pop back and check on CoDPuk communications weekly, but were totally unprepared for the lack of electricity and the damp found next to our computer resulting in a panicked clearing of the room.

The house we stayed at (thanks to some very kind holidaying friends) during the summer didn't have broadband connection, so putting paid to any poss-



Enjoying Cricket in the Park.



A chance to cool down.



Entertaining Drumming and Self-Defence workshops at the Family Fun Day, July 2007.



bility of accessing CoDPuk files. Very sorry, folks.

However, thanks to our resourceful Committee, the events continued. Nothing was going to stop the fun! The Summer picnic, the Fun Day and the Christmas Party all went with a bang. With summer coming, the photos above serve to remind us just how much fun we had :o).

With normal communication being resumed, and exciting events planned for this year, we look forward to seeing you, starting with the Fun Family Challenge.

Thanks to our Donors,

Thank you to all you very generous folk for sponsoring Claire and Bron's Cycle Challenge. Every £ really counts!

our Supporters

And to everyone who joined in the fun at Horton Park to make CoDPuk's first event of 2008 a great success.

Thanks to **Deaf Access** for your support on events.

and our Volunteers

Massive thanks to everyone who helped at Horton Park. Without the support of all our brilliant, willing and enthusiastic volunteers; you made the event smooth and loads of fun.

Special thanks to **Bron** for organising the Cycle Challenge so superbly, to **Anthony Clarke** for networking on CoDPuk's behalf at the 'Look at Me' Reception and to the **Committee** for all their cheerful hard work.

Where was this?



Remember this?

The piccy was taken outside the London Aquarium during an Easter jaunt.

If you haven't been, the boys and I thoroughly recommend it; Wes was stunned by the sharks and Ryan couldn't get enough of stroking the rays. They were "just like dogs" in how they behaved.

Editor's Corner

Hello!

Yes, the CoDPuk newsletter is back. Apologies for the delay and thank you for your patience during our stint of homelessness.



What a state, never again!

Well, we would have been braving it out in a tent if it hadn't been for the amazing kindness of friends who took us in.

It was worth it though. So that's out of the way, we can once again devote our time to having fun, oh, and to CoDPuk too.



Though the two often go hand in hand... Enjoy!

See you soon, Claire

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CoDPuk Committee Shake-up!

CoDPuk is very much alive and kicking with a recently strengthened Committee. We are delighted to welcome Wendy Anderson-Trent, Bronwynne Buxton and Leslie Culver to the team. Their different skills and tons of energy and enthusiasm are a fantastic addition to the team. Welcome aboard!

Sadly, after four year's sterling service, Gethin Thomas has stepped down as a Trustee. He was with us from the very beginning and helped CoDPuk evolve from an idea into a Registered Charity with a strong social programme. The journey

was, at times, arduous, exciting, challenging, but always rewarding. Thank you, Gethin, for your commitment and for kindly offering to continue to maintain the CoDPuk website. We appreciate your efforts.

Anthony Clarke has very ably stepped into Gethin's shoes as our new Treasurer and has already proved his weight in gold with his thoroughness. Rest assured CoDPuk's funds are in very safe hands!

Exciting events have been organised; hope to see you there!

CoDPuk Committee.

Cycle Challenge

On May 10th, the hottest day of the year (so far), several cyclists, including some plucky children, completed laps of Horton Park Country Park to raise valuable funds for CoDPuk.

Congratulations to Anthony and Emma's children who managed four laps. With each lap being 3 and a half miles long, along dirt tracks, ending

in an uphill grind, that's TWELVE miles. Well done!

Claire managed to reach her target of 50 miles, cycling furiously from 10am to 4pm and finally collapsing in a heap at the finish.

Hats off to Bron who ran the event AND returned to finish the full 50 miles on her own, afterwards!



We've just got to collect the £££s now...

The money will be used to help cover costs of CoDPuk events; we should have enough to resume parent workshops in 2009

Thanks to all our generous donors and well done all!

CoDPuk Diary

2008 Family Events

Fun Family Challenge
Saturday 12th July
East Horsley Village Hall, East Horsley, Surrey.

Complete the FUN challenges (no cheating, Dads!) and see if the family has what it takes!

Cost: members free; Non-members £5 per family, including light refreshments, or join CoDPuk (£10) on the day and enjoy free entry.

Treasure Hunt & Picnic
Sunday 3rd August
To be held in Kent.
Flyer will be e-mailed and posted on the website nearer the time.
Open event, with a small charge for the Treasure Trail.

Christmas Party
Saturday 13th December
East Horsley Village Hall, East Horsley, Surrey.

Join us for more traditional seasonal laughs.

Cost to be decided.

Parents' Evenings

Workshops are being reviewed, ready for a re-vamp in 2009. Watch this space!

Trustees

David Ingham (*Chair*)
Anthony Clarke (*Treasurer*)
Claire Ingham (*Secretary*)

Committee Members

Wendy Anderson
Bronwynne Buxton
Susan Craney
Leslie Culver
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