

## HALF NEWS 2015

### Chairman's letter of December 2015

A huge and very sincere thank you to the many people who continue to enjoy and support our fundraising events so generously.

### Fundraising activities in 2015

Our fundraising activities in 2015 included several Yoga Half Days as well as the regular Monday night yoga class. Longworth Open Gardens was held in April to show gardens at an earlier stage of bloom. Our Roving Supper event was as successful as ever, and the annual Longworth 10K Run was held in September with school teams once again participating from both Abingdon and St Edwards. Finally a group of singers took part in our annual Carol Singing round the village on the Monday evening just before Christmas. These events, together with generous individual donations, raised **£2,551**. Thank you once again to everyone who supported these events, and to the Steering Group for their hard work with fundraising on behalf of our charity.

### Sponsorship in 2015

The sponsorships awarded from our prior year's income amounted to **£2,055**. We made five awards this year to two individuals (£50 each) and three groups (from £280 to £1,225). The groups we were able to support are of course all local, and we made contributions towards:

- Hinton Waldrist Village Hall (energy insulation project)
- Longworth Pre-School (tablet computers for key staff)
- Benefice Youth Club (general running costs for the club)

Additionally, I am delighted to say that we were able to pledge a contribution of up to **£5,000** from capital reserves to help upgrade the IT infrastructure at Longworth School. This work has now been completed and has delivered a significant improvement for both staff and pupils.

We also covered the cost of annual book awards and cup engraving for Longworth School as usual.

**Michael Pearce** (Chair of Trustees)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2016

Saturday 27 February	YOGA Half Day in Longworth Village Hall with James & Jacqui Pritchard
Saturday 19 March	ROVING SUPPER PARTY
Sunday 24 April	YOGA Half Day in Longworth Village Hall with Evelyn Crosskey
Sunday 12 June	OPEN GARDENS in Longworth
Saturday 16 July	YOGA Half Day in Longworth Village Hall with Anna Heavens
July (date TBC)	OPEN GARDENS in Hinton Waldrist
Sept (date TBC)	LONGWORTH 10K RUN
Sept / Oct (date TBC)	YOGA Half Day in Longworth Village Hall with Toby Lockyer
Friday 14 October	CALL MY WINE BLUFF
Monday 19 December	CAROL SINGING round the Village

*Confirmation and details of the above events will be published nearer to each date in both Seven Voices magazine and on the village website. YOGA Half Days run from 10:00-13:00 and cost £20. Contact Yvonne Longstaff (821052) to book your place.*

### **In addition to the above events HALF is supported by the Monday night Iyengar YOGA CLASS in the Village Hall:**

Mondays	19:30–21:00, starting Monday 4 January Class taken by Jennifer Duncan All levels welcome Contact Yvonne Longstaff (821052) for details (all profits from this class go to HALF)
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Keep your applications for sponsorships coming in: anyone, regardless of age, who lives in Longworth or Hinton Waldrist and Duxford is eligible to apply for sponsorship for educational projects for which they need financial support. We look forward to receiving the applications for the 2016 round of sponsorships by 31 May 2016.

### **What is HALF?**

A trust fund established in 1994 to support group and individual educational projects or needs in Hinton/Duxford or Longworth.

### **How does HALF work?**

Each year fundraising events are held and sponsorships are awarded of up to half the value of the money raised in the previous 12 months. Applications for sponsorships are only accepted from residents or groups from Hinton Waldrist, Duxford or Longworth. There is a Steering Group who organise the fundraising events, and a Board of Trustees who oversee the charity and sponsorship process.

### **CURRENT HALF TRUSTEES:**

Michael Pearce (Chair), Kevin Sander (Treasurer & Secretary), Lesley Kinch, Freda Stevenson, Katie Cooke, Peter Sully, Meg Greenwood

### **CURRENT HALF STEERING GROUP**

Nicola McLintock (Chair), Kevin Sander (Secretary), Liz Cooke, Richard Kenyon, Lesley Kinch, Kate Cobbold, Estella Warwick, Eva Dawson-Paul

**Sponsorship applications for 2016** should be submitted to Kevin Sander (kevin.sander@korugroup.co.uk) by 31 May 2016. Further details of the award process will be published nearer the time and can also be found on the HALF page of the village website [www.longworthvillage.org.uk](http://www.longworthvillage.org.uk).

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