

11<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Friends

We have on this day thought of and prayed for those who have fought for and sacrificed for their country often paying the supreme price. This year two members of staff have passed away; they helped us in so many ways Sheila Hunt and Elizabeth Davison. Their dedication and Christian walk have and will continue to be an inspiration to all. We are privileged that they served The Clubhouse so well in their time here and believed so strongly in the work undertaken here. We will miss them ,however we will continue to benefit from their selfless input over past years.

We have spent this year in developing the work we have started and grown, joyously celebrating the outcomes achieved. Some of the many highlights.

- ❖ Three CITI interns Dev, Mark and Simon have gone into Christian Ministry. Sam is back in the commercial world. Oxford University now has a resident Clubhouse team in ministry training! We have two new interns Leslie and Matthias ,to continue in this area of ministry. If you know of anybody interested in the CITI scheme 2010/2011 please put them in contact with us.
- ❖ The home visiting scheme has developed a very useful practical assistance component whereby volunteers also help with some of the practical requirements. Tasks may be as simple as changing a light bulb or as complex as a new set of shelves. The difference made is enormous
- ❖ The youth work has among other projects developed a driver training component for the theory test aspect. This means youth how take up driving are more likely to do so; meeting we hope the necessary requirements
- ❖ The young woman's work is a regular feature of our program with the result that some of the attendees are also attending The Clubhouse Church Services
- ❖ As the economic down turn continues we are doing some work with individuals who have unique needs.
- ❖ On the administration front we have submitted about 250 funding applications to grant making bodies as we seek to sustain the work. We have had some success which is gratifying, however please pray with us for this effort and there continues to be a lot of work to do in this area.
- ❖ Children's work numbers continue to grow for which we are thankful.
- ❖ If you would like to volunteer and help in any of the work we do please contact us. We wish to profoundly thank those who have worked for ,prayed for and helped us this last year. Your input is really appreciated.

Two new areas of work we will/may embark upon

1. To investigate setting up a personal debt counselling program hopefully operating by mid 2006.
2. To raise £150 000 for capital refurbishment works. The most urgent of these is replacing the boiler. To date we have raised £10 000 before the new year has begun
3. Develop our support base; we need you the good people who support us in whatever way you can. We deeply appreciate your support and thank you for it. If you wish to know more about our needs or wish to contribute over and above that we already gratefully receive from you please contact:
  - ❖ Debt Counselling Programme this has been ticking away on the back burner however it seems this may well happen in conjunction with All Souls Church soon.
  - ❖ We are looking to upgrade our electronic communication as this will be the pre-dominant means of communication with younger supporters into the future. Currently
    - [www.clubhousew1.org](http://www.clubhousew1.org)
    - Face book : The All Souls Clubhouse  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=logo#/group.php?gid=176546156505&ref=search&sid=674799812.438047954..1>

Many thanks for your support for prayers it is much appreciated. Have a happy and joy filled Christmas time. God bless

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