



# Spring Newsletter

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# PLAY2GIVE



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Children's Hospital & Headway Oxfordshire

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## Cllr Mark Lygo's two-in-one-hair-raising feat!

Oxford City Councillor for Parks & Sports, Mark Lygo, had his head and beard shaved in early March to raise funds in support of the Oxford Children's Hospital inspired by Andrew Baker, and Mya Harris.

Mark, from Headington, underwent a two-in-one bald adventure, with the aim of raising £1,000 for the hospital through also running the OX5 Run, which took place a few days later.

Mark, who grew his beard & hair for a mammoth two months, had both his acquired whiskers and head of hair hacked off in his office at Oxford Town Hall carried out by his hairdressing friend, Amy Russell, watched and spurred on by Andrew himself. He is pictured after his descent.

Mark said: "What I'm doing is nothing really compared to what people like Andrew (Baker) and Mya (Harris) who go through so much on a daily basis" – said Mark, speaking to Judith from Oxford People, as Amy got to work with razors, shave foam and clippers in hand.

## Andrew Wins 2013 Youth Award



Play2Give's main man Andrew Baker attended the 2013 Oxfordshire Youth Awards at Oxford Town Hall in February. Andrew, who was nominated by Headway Oxfordshire, was a finalist in the 'Enterprise Award' category. Andrew faced tough competition from many amazing contenders, and in front of an audience of 600 nominees and guests in a packed room, we're delighted to say Andrew won big on the evening, coming first placed in the category, despite being up against 17 other very deserving contenders and groups, for the honour. Supergrass front-man Gaz Coombes, Oxford United and author Philip Pullman were amongst the VIPs presenting out the gongs to a lucky winner across 7 categories. Andrew won his award for raising money over 10 years for the Oxford Children's Hospital after undergoing treatment from major brain surgery at the age of 12, whilst setting up Play2Give – which started out as a football tournament – in 2007. He has now raised over £28,000 since beginning fundraising – when he was just 14 – in 2003, where his endeavours all began as a pupil at St Birinus School.

## PLAY2GIVE EVENTS IN 2013

**Sunday June 16: Children's football tournament and fun day 2013, in aid of the Oxford Children's Hospital. Oxford City Football Club. From 9.30am. Entries for Under 8s/9s teams get in ASAP – limited spaces!! There will also be family fun inc. bouncy castle, coconut shy, raffle – tickets at 50p p/t, face painting, doughnuts, refreshments and Jack FM. \*Report in next newsletter\***

**Reflections Mens Hairdressing, Didcot, Charity Head Shave-a-thon Day for the Oxford Children's Hospital, postponed, new date to be announced in the next few months.**

## Footballing Fun Returns

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AND FUN DAY RETURNS ON SUNDAY JUNE 16th, PUT IT IN YOUR DIARIES AND COME ALONG FOR A FOOTBALLING DAY OF FUN!

The 2013 event is back, and we hope for another successful year with an aim to raise yet more thousands for the Oxford Children's Hospital, which last year's event broke all 'tournament' records and raised over £5,100 funding specialist state of the art medical equipment for the tens of thousands of youngsters and teens the hospital treats.

As well as the footballing for under 8s and under 9s teams, there will also as always be entertainment on side to keep everyone amused. From a raffle of fantastic prizes – over 23 already donated – to face painting, coconut shy, refreshments, doughnuts and music from Jack FM, we are looking forward to a super and hopefully sunny day at Oxford City Football Club's Court Place Farm ground!

With big thanks to our great sponsors Breckon & Breckon and Newbury Building Society!



Andrew Baker rallied, for the fourth time, a team of 'friends and his big brother' to run in the annual OX5RUN in March – organised by the Oxford Mail – held for the Children's Hospital. Aptly named 'Andrew's Play2Givers', the team, mixed up of ages from 16 to over 30 – ran 5 miles on a very wet but raw cold Sunday morning around the beautiful Blenheim Palace grounds. This year's OX5 Run saw all records broken all round with 1,100 registered, and more than £70,000 already been raised which will fund top notch medical equipment. Andrew's Play2Givers, and Andrew - pictured with Raymond Blanc – have raised over £2,300 alone this year in total through sponsorship – here's to 2014's OX5 RUN!

## Happy Birthday Headway

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEADWAY OXFORDSHIRE WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH WITH A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE STONE UNVEILED BY SGT. JOHNSON BEHARRY, AMBASSADOR FOR HEADWAY

# DONATE...

Want to support the work of Play2Give?

There are 2 easy ways to donate at any time ...

To donate send a cheque, made payable to Play2Give and send in to:

c/o Andrew Baker, 3 King Walk, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 7PE

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