

Medical Detection Dogs Magic the Hypo Dog

Our Medical Detection Dogs support group has had a very exciting year. There has been some innovative fundraising, some huge athletic endeavour, and best of all, our puppy Magic is now trained and is working with a rather special partner.



Thank you to all who supported our Pudding Night in March. Fabulous puddings were donated, and there was a very good turn-out despite the snowy weather. Can I take this opportunity to thank 'anon', who kindly put £10 through my letterbox addressed to 'Heather and the Dawgs' - I never discovered who you are!

Noble and Nose-assisted work

Another 'foodie' innovation - we hired the Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water in August and did teas for the tourists. Very hard work so again, huge thanks to the noble cake-makers. We did not make a fortune, but raised a lot of interest, enhanced by medical alert dog Molly, who alerted her partner, 10 year old Steven, to a 'hypo' in the busy tea room. Following last year's Doglympics, we organised a dogs' sports day at Carterton in May, and repeated the nose-assisted treasure hunt at Breach Wood on a very hot day in July.

Individual intrepid supporters have contributed well over £2000 with sponsored efforts. The amazing Mike, (aged 83!) inspired us all with his 1,117

mile unsupported cycle ride down the length of France, across the Pyrenees and along the pilgrim way to Santiago de Compostela. Not to be outdone, Heather and her son marked her 70th birthday by abseiling down a cliff in the Peak District, and

Heather's other son ran the Birmingham half marathon in October. We are resting on our laurels for a bit.

'Magic' Lives up to his Name

The big news is of Magic, named by our group, socialised by Debbie, sponsored by the Chipping Norton Rotary club and ourselves. At 18 months he was partnered with a diabetic lady who is a paediatric Diabetes nurse at Addenbrooke's hospital. He is so happy with his new life, helping at the children's clinics, going to London to NICE meetings, and even travelling abroad when his human partner lectures on diabetic matters. There are loads of photos of Magic on the charity's Facebook page (Mag Ic Hypo-dog). We could not have wished for a happier home, and he loves his job. We are very proud of him. We have given over 50 talks in the area during the year, and requests are coming in for 2014. We would love to come to your group or club, contact Heather on: 01993 831909 or email, see below. We have just had a coffee morning at my house which raised £622. Thank you so much to all who have supported our fundraising over the year.

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