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St Richards Hospice – small grant of £500 awarded towards purchase of a riser/recliner chair

We are extremely grateful to Malvern Town Council for the donation of £500 towards the purchase of a riser recliner chair for the In Patient Unit. The chair has been very well received by our patients and staff, allowing patients with complex medical needs to sit well, recharge their batteries, and reduce the stress and anxieties associated with a serious progressive illness. It has been a very positive step for us to be able to invest in good quality, specialist furniture that has been designed with our patients needs in mind. We are truly grateful to you for your support. Julia Wolff, Trust Fundraiser. www.strichards.org.uk



One of the Health Care Assistants in the In Patient Unit modelling the illuminated handset that controls the chair!

Eden Church – small grant of £492 awarded to purchase 48 self-study text books for foreign students.

“It has been a challenging year and it has been all change for Connect through Language. In September we took the decision to move all our classes online for safety reasons. We currently have 20 students learning English with us from China, Syria and Europe, and it is going very well, with students consistent in their attendance.

We have been able to download books for the teachers, and students have hard copies to assist with their learning. We have currently spent £320 of the budget and plan to use the remainder for when students go up a level in their learning and require the next level books.

Another exciting development has been an approach from Connexions to teach young unaccompanied asylum seekers, who are too young to access English lessons at college. I have personally started teaching a 16 year old, with no English at all, which is a pleasure and a privilege.

Thank you again for the grant which is changing people's lives and prospects.

Malvern Community Forest small grant of £336.46 awarded to purchase a 400l water butt and fittings.

“I can report that we managed to get the water-butt and rain-water diverter installed in January, and it became immediately useful to our project on Malvern Link Station. Having tested it out, we had wanted to get the Mayor to do a 'first' tap turning and watering, but even before the lock-down in March, the train operating company we are responsible to was limiting access to the station and eventually stopped

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us working there, even before the lock-down. When we had the mini-drought in Spring, I thankfully got their permission - given that no-one was using the station by then - to be able to water our trees, using water from the butt, and especially to stop our wetland/pond area from drying out completely. A veritable life-saver. Of course, as the drought went on, we did eventually run out. You may get an application for another butt in the near future to cover such eventualities, as global heating continues to mess up our weather.

Malvern Buzzards – small grant of £500 awarded towards purchase of gazebo to be used as race shelter at events.

“I hope you are all safe, well and getting through these difficult times. I am writing to confirm that we have our gazebo and want to thank everyone involved in approving our grant to make this possible.

We did hold an event in August and the gazebo was erected in the Rose Bank gardens and we had another event where we had a COVID secure running festival around the Malvern Spa on the business park.

In relation to membership, people can email membership@malvernbuzzards.uk for details or see our website www.malvernbuzzards.uk



We have been scuppered in terms of our usual antics by the pandemic but hope to have our gazebo at the MTC events in 2021 - health and well-being, Pride etc as well as club events and litter picks.

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Malvern Pride – small grant of £500 awarded to purchase gazebo to use at events

Malvern Pride 2020, like so many other events, had to be cancelled because of the Covid 19 pandemic. The reason for the grant was to purchase a gazebo to use at events but of course, there were no events to go to! However, it is still our intention to buy the gazebo as soon as practically possible and we look forward to being able to use it in the near future.

1st Malvern Scout Group small grant of £500 awarded to purchase 10 hammocks, 10 tarpaulins and paracord

The group did purchase the camping equipment and luckily it was put to use by our scouts before the winter weather set in. The camp was last November at Ravenshill Woods in Lulsley, the owner loves having kids use the woods and getting back to nature. The woods have a composting toilet and a covered campfire shelter but that's it for comforts.

We're welcome to use the site whenever we want and intend to get back out there as soon as we possibly can. We had a camp planned for last Easter which unfortunately couldn't happen. Weather and Covid restrictions permitting, our scouts will be camping there again late spring. Our leaders are also looking for other suitable sites.

This is what our scout leader had to say:

The scouts loved sleeping out in something other than tents, and although it absolutely chucked it down overnight, they all remained dry and all wanted to do it again. The kit performed wonderfully and is so much lighter and more adaptable than using tents, one group made a 3 way shelter out of their tarps and had a communal area, others made individual shelters. We can have camp accommodation for 10 people with the hammocks and shelters and it stores in a single bread basket allowing us flexibility to transport it in a car, something we couldn't do with patrol or even the hike tents, for which we need a van or trailer. In future I'd like to have the scouts carry the stuff on a walk and camp at the end and the portability of this new kit is perfect for that.

We asked the scouts what they liked most about last year's activities and the hammock camp was top. They love having their own space and being able to put their own touch on how they use the equipment.



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1st Malvern Company Boys Brigade small grant of £500 awarded to purchase uniform and activity wear

Paul bought the coats and they were worn by the boys at Parades in October, November and December 2019. The photos below show the band wearing the coats at the Worcester and Malvern Remembrance Parades. They were also worn by some of the boys when they played in Paul's garden at the beginning of January (a month before he died), again photos attached.



The hoodies have yet to be purchased – just before lockdown we were looking into getting the company name printed on them, and although this was then put on hold, the purchase will go ahead as soon as possible.

7th Malvern Girls Brigade small grant of £500 awarded to purchase a second hand laptop, two rucksacks, 6 uniform tops for leaders, 4 jackets and 20 pairs of gloves

The four officer jackets and 20 pairs of band gloves have been purchased and are used at every band event that the GB participates in (the band is joint with the Boy's Brigade). Since receiving the gloves and jackets the band have played at two church parades including the GB and BB enrolment parade which marks the beginning of the GB year. The GB band allows the girls to learn an instrument and new skill practising each week and develops teamwork and build self-esteem. The band parades allow promotion of the GB but ultimately allows our girls to build and develop a range of skills which allow them to become positive members of our community. In a typical year (pre COVID) the band would play at five church parades as well as additional parades such as St Georges Day, Armed Forces Day, QinetiQ Summer Event, Worcester Parade, and some members of the band play as part of a large band from across the country in Normandy during the month of October. The jackets and gloves would be used at each of these events.

The laptop is being used for our girls participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It allows them to come together to plan their routes and complete their reports together. The laptop was purchased in time for the girls undertaking the bronze award to start to plan their route. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we have not been able to participate in any DOE related activities since March last year. We are currently planning for some weekends away to allow the girls to complete both their

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practices and their awards (this is currently just pencilled in as nothing is certain in this current climate.) During this time both the laptop and the rucksacks will be very beneficial for us and will be used. Our offer of the DOE scheme is a highlight to many of our girls and the equipment is used well and allows as many girls to engage as possible regardless of their starting points.

As the Girl's Brigade is a national company, we wear uniform as it enables equality and promotes a sense of belonging. It is important that the girls feel part of the team and we also encourage the girls to remain in the company for as long as possible building up their roles to then helping with all manner aspects of the company. Due to the grant funds, we have been able to subsidise uniform costs particularly for our girls willing to become sub officers.

We would like to thank Malvern Council for this grant as it allows us to continue to support the girls in our company. GB officers

St Matthias C of E Primary School large grant of £2522.95 awarded towards new equipment and play area suitable for older children

In 2018 Malvern Town Council kindly awarded us a grant to purchase some equipment for our Nursery and Reception Children. One of the purchases was a new mud kitchen. When it arrived in school, the unit was in the corridor awaiting its position in the school grounds, when a group of Key Stage 2 children started admiring it. They imagined cooking and preparing food (mud pies) for each other and became very excited. They were very disappointed to discover it was heading towards the Early Years Unit!

During a School Parliament meeting the KS2 representatives mentioned this mud kitchen and added it to a wish list of their own listed below.

A Mud Kitchen – A robust and safe way to encourage role play, curiosity and creative thinking. Mud kitchens encourage communication and language development not only in the Early Years but throughout the school. Language and communication is one of our school targets. Children of all ages can become excited about being outside, develop confidence in sharing their thoughts, and develop a rich language and opportunities for the use of specific vocabulary related to cooking. The children also identified a perfect area in the playground for it to be situated.

A Water Investigation Station – A Flexible system which encourages creative play. Water play is great fun for children of all ages to explore and learn about the world. The water Investigation station encourages language and specific vocabulary development related to subjects such as Maths; when focusing on angles and Science; when looking at water flow, pathways and speed. Children can explore and learn independently or with groups during breaktime or during lessons.

Wooden Shop – Encourages role play, social skills. Children in Key Stage 2 can also find their inner creativity, imagination and ability to problem solve whilst developing their emotional and social development when playing outdoors. Key Stage 2 children also have fewer opportunities further up the school to explore and become creative and therefore the wooden shop provided a perfect platform to develop this and continue to provide those important language and communication skills.

Once they compiled their list, the children worked hard to raise money towards the project by baking and selling cakes.

The Mud Kitchen, Water station and Shop were delivered and fitted on the 1st April during lockdown. It was lovely to see their faces on their return after the National Lockdown due to COVID-19 when they spotted the new equipment in the playground.

The children have not only been able to enjoy the new equipment, but it has supported them in rebuilding those positive relationships and developing social skills following a long time out of school.

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Some children were very isolated and needed a safe environment and structure to reengage with their peers and the new equipment enabled this to happen in a positive way.

All of these wonderful resources are being enjoyed by all the children, this also includes our before and after school club.

We would like to thank Malvern Town council who made this possible.

Regards

Kaye James, Finance.



Malvern Priory Bowling Club - £2500 to buy an automated watering system

Membership Secretary Jackie Oakey: "I would like to confirm that the new automatic irrigation kit has now been delivered to Malvern Priory Bowling Club and an enthusiastic group of members met with the suppliers and have since been working on assembling the kit ready for installation once the ditches have been excavated. Unfortunately the weather has delayed the excavation work. However, work has now started and it is hoped the system will be installed within the next couple of weeks ready for the new season which starts in April.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Malvern Town Council for their generosity in helping the club achieve this much-needed facility. Members will be very proud of their efforts to raise sufficient monies for this very ambitious project to go ahead. From this year they will be able to concentrate efforts on playing on the bowling green rather than maintaining it.

Malvern Town will now have a bowling club and green in the centre of Town to be very proud of.

The season will be starting in April and we look forward to another successful year and welcoming more new players to the sport. Once the installation has been completed and commissioned we would like to invite council members to the club for a demonstration.

Once again very many thanks to Malvern Town Council for investing in Malvern Priory Bowling Club."

Brian Palmer: "I am very pleased to advise that we managed to just get the system installed and working as lockdown started. The green has been maintained throughout the lockdown period by the greenkeeper and the irrigation system that Malvern Town Council contributed to so generously has worked throughout the season providing the most beautiful green for those few players who felt safe enough to play on when the restrictions were lifted for a short time.

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Malvern Priory Bowling Club is immensely grateful to the Town Council for their financial support over the past few years. This has enabled the club to move forward in a very positive manner where they have been able to improve the clubhouse and grounds substantially.

The photo shows the system finally being set up and tested. Watering takes place during the night and is scheduled to use the minimum amount of water. It is operated by a digital controller that has a rain sensor so if it rains the system does not operate.”



Perfect Circle Theatre Company - £800 for putting on events to set up a book club for 14-18 year olds

With regards to last year's grant our plans were somewhat upended by circumstances! Basically, we spent about half of the money on planning and preparation for an event which couldn't happen. The initial proposal split the £800 into 4 sections; planning, publicity, workshops, venue hire. We completed the planning and workshops (£400) but unfortunately could not run the intended event at the Cube in Summer 2020 (£400 venue hire & publicity).

However, we are hopeful that we can run a similar project in summer 2021 starting with an event at Malvern Cube. This may take a slightly different format to last year's intended project. We plan to run a youth theatre festival event, which would be similar in approach (youth-led, family-friendly, creative) but we obviously need to think about potential covid safety etc. It would be fantastic if we could use the £400 for publicity and venue hire.



Our group in action at the Cube

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ARCOS £3500 for all weather outdoor play area

The project to build an outside play area had been delayed but was due to take place in May 2021, ARCOS asked if they could retain the grant and Full Council agreed to this at its meeting on 21 April 2021.

Chase High School £1500 towards 22 stands for iMacs and keyboards

“This year has been ‘interesting’ to say the least. I am pleased, however, to inform you that the project has been completed. The grant from Malvern Town Council was fully utilised. We would like to pass on our thanks to Malvern Town Council for their support, it is hugely appreciated. At present, visitors on site are being kept to essential visits only. However, in the future, if Councillors would like a tour of the school, including the Music Creativity Suite, they would be most welcome.

The Music Creativity Suite is kitted out with 21” iMacs, 32-key MIDI keyboards, headphones as well as Sibelius and Muscore software which pupils will use to compose their own music. Fortunately, the classroom designated for refurbishment was not needed for teaching key workers’ children (during lockdown), so The Chase was able to do all necessary refurbishment and installation work in time for the new school year.

“We are over the moon,” said music teacher Trudie Garwood-Gowers. “The suite gives opportunities to all students to access music whatever their musical background. It enables students to be creative without needing to have the skills to perform their work and it allows students to build on their knowledge and learning, week on week, as their work is saved and stored for them.” Music teacher Sally Livingstone added, “In the same way that Word has revolutionised students’ ability to write and edit their own written work, this computer suite will transform students’ ability to access music, record it, edit it and share it. It gives access to those who have had no formal music training, whilst providing a springboard for those who have. It will help students across the board not only to enjoy music but improve their attainment as well.”

The Music Creativity Suite will not only increase student progress and attainment in Music at Key Stages 3 and 4, but also prepare pupils’ brains for improved attainment in other subjects as well. Research shows that musical training can improve brain function and that musicians are more mentally alert generally. Music making requires the brain to integrate information from a variety of senses including vision, hearing and touch as well as coordinate fine motor movements and manage emotional responses to music. This priming of the brain prepares it for all learning.

To raise the total required, The Chase School and Friends of The Chase applied for outside grants. Funders included The Co-op, Malvern Town Council, Worcestershire County Council, The Malvern Singers, Tesco, Persimmon Homes, The Rowlands Trust, Guarlford Parish Council, Newland Parish Council as well as the residents of Storer Court and Cartwright Court nursing homes.

Please find attached some photos of the Music Creativity Suite.



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Malvern Civic Society – awarded part grant of £1500 towards 3 large commercial gazebos

“I managed to obtain the remaining monies required from; Malvern Civic Society, Malvern Museum and Malvern Spa Association. The gazebos have been ordered and paid for. They are in store at the supplier – delivery hasn’t been chased because there has been no opportunity to use them due to Covid 19 restrictions and cancellation of the events where we would have used them. Hopefully we will be able to use them in 2021.” *Brian Iles*

Centenary Choir – large grant of £ 1500 awarded towards visit to Landrecies, France

The trip was due to take place just after Easter 2020 but it was evident early that it would not be able to take place and so the grant was not claimed.

The Hills Singers - £1000 contribution awarded towards transport for the Fontana choir visit in June 2020

The Hills Singers were very grateful for the grant from the Town Council to assist with the transport of the Fontana Choir on their visit to Malvern. Unfortunately, the visit was not possible in June this year due to Covid restrictions in place. We very much hope that it will be able to go ahead next year although, more realistically, this is likely to be in 2022 when the vaccine is likely to be routinely provided. We shall still need financial help to enable the visit to proceed, but understand that this is some way off at present.

The Hills Singers returned their grant and will apply again when they are able to plan another visit.