

Tara Mills (NLDC) does 2 Sessions with Parents

Tara Mills from (NLDC) offered to do 2 Look Good, Feel Good Sessions with our parents. The first session held on Wednesday July 2nd 2014 was applying makeup and skin care. The second session held on the following Wednesday July 9th 2014 was looking after and doing their nails. The Mum's really enjoyed the morning off pampering themselves. It was a special treat for our Mum's. They do not get much free time at home.



Our Family Haven Jubilee Tree is Growing



To celebrate our 25th anniversary we hope to raise £25,000 to help us continue support for local disadvantaged families for another 25 years. To show progress towards this target we are adding Green, Bronze, Silver and Gold leaves to represent donations from you, our supporters. The tree is painted in our meeting room and as we receive donations we add the leaves with the name of the donor on them. We photograph it periodically and update our website and newsletters so you can track the progress. The current tree total is £2552.00

You can also order our Leaves & Cookbooks online at www.thefamilyhaven.com

Other Jubilee Donations from Individuals and Trusts

currently stands at £4258.86. The Teddy Bears Picnic just over £1400.

The overall total amount between the Jubilee Tree, Calendars, Cookbooks, Teddy Bears Picnic and single donations is £8348.17

Staff and Trustees



We would like to welcome Claire Bluett, our newest Nursery Nurse, to the team

Become A Friend

Why become a Friend? As a Friend of The Family Haven you will be supporting the trustees and staff in helping provide the services our families so desperately need. Your regular subscriptions and offers of voluntary help are invaluable and support us in delivering our aims.

Call 01452 422971 for an application form or download it from <http://bit.ly/YtnESd>



THE FAMILY HAVEN

Helping vulnerable families to a brighter future for 25 years

Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park—Highnam Court



To celebrate 25 years of helping disadvantaged families in Gloucestershire we held a Picnic in the Park at Highnam Court on Sunday 13th July 2014 featuring a Teddy Bears' Picnic. There was a chance to explore the beautiful gardens, enjoy music, shop at stalls, and buy ice cream, food and drink (in case families didn't have

time to pack a picnic). There were plenty of activities including Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Stalls, Arts and Crafts, Games, and more . . . many of them were free. We had around 300 guests and raised just over £1400, which is fantastic. A big thank you to all who supported us.

We would like to say a big thank you to our volunteers who gave up their time to help marshal in the car park, paint faces, run stalls, and serve food and drink. We would also like to say thank you to our Patron Roger Head who let us hold our Picnic in the Park at his lovely home Highnam Court.

If you were able to come, in any capacity, and are happy to give your feedback to us please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVX2239> and answer a few short questions.



The Midcounties Co-operative presents cheque to the Family Haven



Lorraine Barrett, Centre Manager attended a cheque presentation which was held on Thursday 29th May 2014 where the Midcounties Co-operative presented The Family Haven with a cheque for £1276.00 to pay towards staff training costs. The management committee, staff and families who attend The Family Haven would like to say thank you to the Midcounties Co-operative.

Left to Right: Sue Reid, Lorraine Barrett (Centre Manager), Pat Juby and Gloucester Travel Store Manager.

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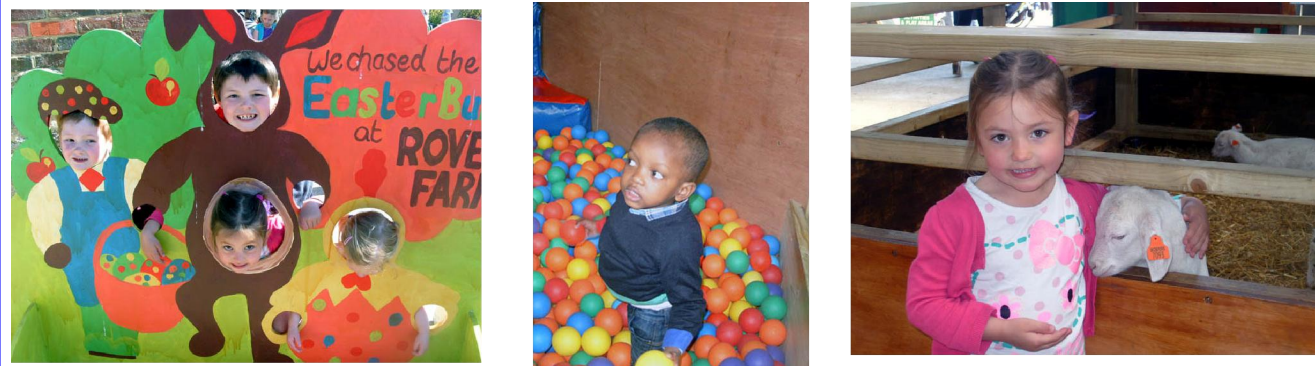
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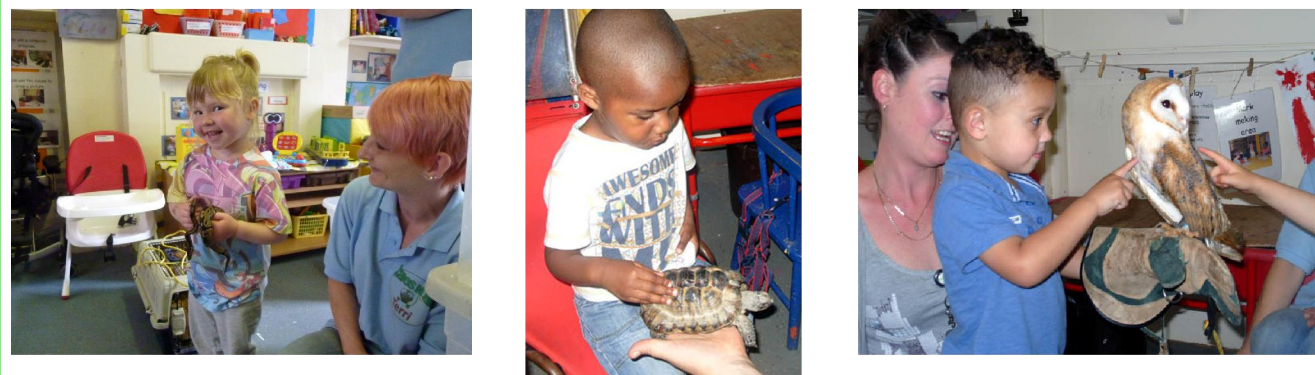
Day Trip Roves Farm April 16th 2014

The Nursery staff and families had a fantastic day out on the 16th April at the Roves Farm Park in Swindon. The 22 adults and 34 children boarded the coach at 10:00 from the Family Haven. Everyone had a fun day. The children had a great time feeding and petting some of the animals, watching a lamb being born, chasing the Easter Bunny for his basket of eggs which the children thought was extremely funny. The smaller children had a great time playing in the soft play area.



Scales n Tails visits The Family Haven May 29th 2014

The children had mixed reactions when Scales n Tails paid a visit to the Family Haven one Thursday afternoon. Some of the children were a little scared at first to see the snakes, lizards, and owls, while others were excited and showed no fear when it came to handling the reptiles or the owl. Members of the staff also got involved in handling the reptiles and owls, as with the children, some staff members were a bit nervous but had to put on brave faces for the children. The Family Haven would like to say thank you to Scales n Tails for their visit and for the Close Reptile Encounters.



The Children are enjoying the nice sunny weather in the Garden



The Family Haven finalist for Community Project Award

Heart of Gloucestershire Community Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday June 11th 2014. Finalists attended a ceremony compered by TV presenter Valerie Singleton at the Hatherley Manor Hotel. The Family Haven were one of the Community Project Finalists. Attending the ceremony were our Chairman Nicholas Bury and Fundraiser Debbie Nevin. We lost out to Game Plan a project offering children a chance to be involved in sport. Congratulations to all the winners, the UNSUNG heroes of the community. They were given the recognition they deserved at the Heart of Gloucestershire Awards 2014.



Laura Andrews, Roger Dobson, Prof. Clair Chilvers, Chairman Nicholas Bury and Fundraiser Debbie Nevin.

Healthy Eating Classes

Janet Oliffe our cook teaches afternoon Healthy Eating Classes 3 times a week. Our parents are always eager to attend these classes.



One of our Mum's and I made The Haven hidden vegetable sauce. She had a very fussy eater (child) for dinner that night and he said the sauce was awesome! Big compliment from him! Apparently.

Feedbacks from Parents: -
Learned how to make chicken pie with mash topping today, another soft dish for her elder child, who has eating difficulties, she said she has nearly a full weeks menu now of food her child enjoys

One of our Mum's saw recipe on Gino & Mel's cookery programme which was Biryani, we made a mushroom one for her daughter to try. Her daughter has severe special needs and she is reluctant to try new foods. Mum is thrilled that her daughter has a now full and varied diet and is willing to try new foods, since coming to the Haven.

