



## Volunteers Newsletter — Autumn 2015

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Reddish Life Centre. 19 members of the Charity attended. The Chairman gave a brief account of the year, John Adams was re-elected as Treasurer. The report and accounts were accepted. John Adam and Eric Houghton were re-elected as Trustees/ Directors.

### New volunteers

We have three new volunteers joining our fantastic team of volunteers here at TFSC. We have two new ladies **Judy Ellis** and **Sacha Smith** and also **Tony Martin, Garry Ware and Kevin Gore** – so please say hallo if you meet them at any of the hospitals, they will all be wearing TFSC badges.



### Funding Contributions

The Charity has received donations recently from The **Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund** who generously donated £500 pounds. TFSC was a 'Chosen By You' nominated charity at **Asda in Reddish** and received a donation of £50. These donations will help the charity's volunteers take more sick and needy children from Greater Manchester to hospital appointments.

If any of TFSC volunteer drivers would like to **nominate TFSC at their local Asda** you can just call in and nominate the Charity - please feel free to contact Beverley for any further information.

### Parking

A reminder that volunteer drivers going to the Manchester Royal Children's Hospital are allowed to park for up to 30 minutes free of charge and parking is free for TFSC drivers at the Harrington Building.

Should drivers experience any problems please let Anna or Beverley know – we will *try* to help resolve any issues.



### TFSC Christmas Lunch:



On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 12 noon – 2pm

The Reddish Life Centre

Sykes Street

Reddish

SK5 6AL





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### Winter Car Tips

Don't forget to check your car before the onset of the winter weather. Both the AA and RAC have useful websites which can help you prepare your car for any winter freezes. Below are just a **few tips** taken from their websites:

- ◆ Keep hand warmers in the car and sunglasses will help against the glare of snow
- ◆ Ice scraper/de-icer
- ◆ Screen wash additive will help to remove frost on windscreen
- ◆ Top up with the correct Anti-freeze to prevent engine freezing
- ◆ WD40 is useful for frozen door locks



Flat batteries are the most common cause of winter breakdowns according to the AA who recommend:

- ◆ Change the battery if older than 5 years and it seems to be struggling
- ◆ Check that everything electrical is turned off when you park up
- ◆ Watch out for 'sulphation' around the battery on vehicles only used for short journeys, this can lead to a hardening of the lead plates within the battery which reduces the battery's ability to accept or hold a charge. These batteries can be reconditioned.

Empty Envelopes – We have received 2 x envelopes addressed to us that were empty! We have no way of tracing who sent these letters so please make sure you seal your stamped addressed envelope properly before posting!

### Service Reduction

In certain areas of Greater Manchester we are not receiving adequate funding. Sadly, we are having to reduce activity slightly in Bolton, Bury, Tameside & Glossop and Wigan areas in line with funding received. Charity staff are constantly working hard to increase funding so we can help more children in these areas.

### Volunteer Driver—Colin Bradburn



It is with deep sadness that we report that Colin Bradburn, from Marple, passed away recently after a short illness. Colin was a very active volunteer with a great character who was with the charity since 2008. He was well liked and respected by the charity staff, volunteers and families he helped – he will be very sadly missed.

Drivers are welcome to attend the funeral service:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at 11.30am Dukinfield Crematorium, Hall Green Road, Dukinfield SK16 4EP

Wake following the service at The Angel Pub, King Street, Dukinfield. Family Flowers Only Please.