

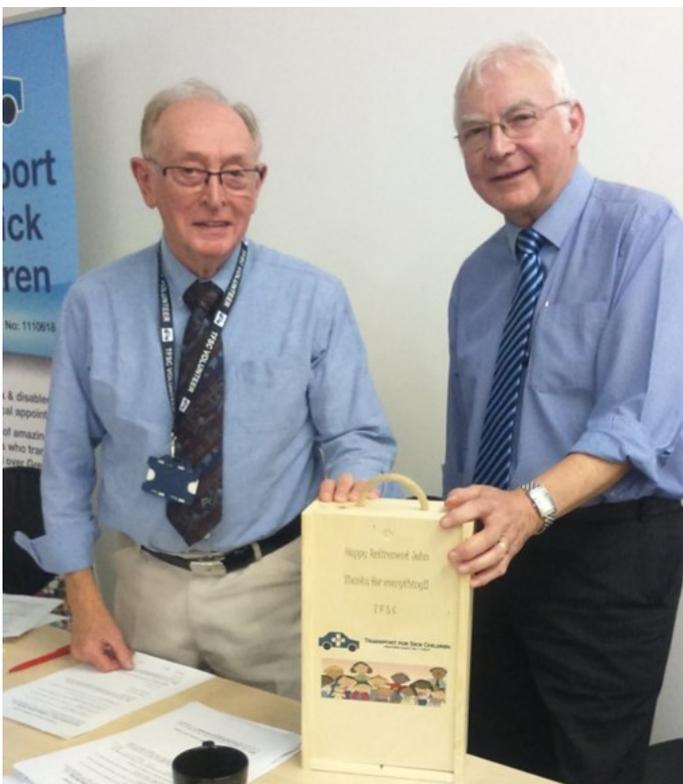


## **Volunteers Newsletter — Autumn 2016**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

The AGM was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at our new offices in Broadstone Mill, Stockport and was very well attended by volunteers, staff and Trustees. A report on the Charity's performance and finances was presented by relevant Trustees and staff.

### **John Sagar retires as Trustee and Chairman of the Board**



John has retired in his role as a Trustee of TFSC and as the Chairman, fortunately John will continue in his role as a volunteer driver.

John has been with the Charity since 1997 when he joined as a volunteer driver, later becoming a Board member.

In addition to his many years of dedicated service to TFSC he has also been involved with The Lions International and the Annual Heywood Charities Fete Committee.

In 2012 he was awarded The Queens Award the 'Order Of Mercy' for distinguished voluntary service in 2012.

John is a shining example of the old adage 'if you want something done...ask a busy man'.

He was presented by George Stenson with a TFSC personalised box containing bottles of Châteauneuf du Pape wine, George has accepted the role as the new Chairman.

### **New Trustee Board Member**

Gill Heyworth has been nominated as a member of TFSC Board of Trustees, Gill has a wealth of experience in transport planning, transport and health – both access opportunities and impact on health, and project management. Gill worked from many years at GMPTE/TFGM so really does understand the transport environment and was also a Project Manager for a number of major transport scheme, she has recently joined South Yorkshire PTE as their Senior Policy Officer.

### **New volunteers**

The Charity is actively campaigning to recruit volunteer drivers from the Wigan and Leigh area over the coming months; posters have already been sent to Libraries and other key community locations, including the two main hospitals. The Charity is always looking for good people to support the work we do – so do remember to encourage friends and family who you feel would make good volunteer drivers to join us.



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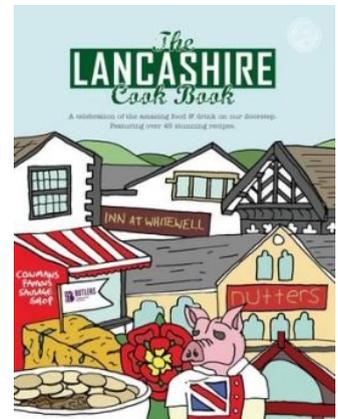
More new volunteers have joined the team, TFSC welcomes both **Christine and Trevor Williams**, from the Rochdale area; Christine and Trevor has already successfully undertaken a number of trips taking children from their area to hospitals; once more volunteers - don't forget to say 'Hallo'.

### Saddleworth Women's Institute – Comedy Night in Greenfield TFSC Fundraiser

TFSC have another fundraiser coming up on **Saturday October 15th** at the Royal George in Greenfield. It's being hosted by 'Off The Rails' comedy club and funds raised, from ticket money and raffle prizes, will go to Transport For Sick Children.

There are still a few copies of the '**Lancashire Cook Book**' available at the fantastic cost of just £15 – this book would make great Christmas presents and a substantial slice of the cost will be donated to TFSC, but act fast as they are selling out.

Please feel free to contact Beverley should you wish to go to the event or to purchase the cookbook – both great ways to support TFSC.



This year's **Christmas Lunch Get Together** will be on **7<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, 12 noon to 2pm at Holdsworth Golf Course. This year we will all be sitting down to a three course luncheon and will be joined the rest of the office staff; staff have normally waited on the volunteers but this year they will be joining the volunteers to eat, chat and be merry. Further information will be sent out to drivers closer to the event but remember to save the date in your diaries.

### Asda Eastlands

The large Asda Store situated at Eastlands (off Alan Turing Way, East Manchester, close to the Etihad Stadium) have put TFSC forward as a nominated Charity – so if you happen to shop in that store please ensure you use your green token to vote for TFSC.

### Healthier Together – update

#### **Heywood, Rochdale and Middleton – New Children's Acute and Ongoing Needs Service**

A new integrated service is now based at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 2DY. There will be a range of community services for children and young people with acute, ongoing, complex and additional needs, all of which have been brought together to form one integrated service, this is now known as the 'Children's Acute and Ongoing Needs Service'. Services based at the site will include, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy; physiotherapy, community paediatrics, Children's community nursing, Specialist Children's nursing services - including epilepsy and diabetes, and orthoptics.

The service will provide a dedicated therapy and nursing/medical care to children and young people with severe and complex disabilities, health needs and special educational needs, who require a high level of support.