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A Leatherhead community newsletter

Rainbow Trust chosen as 2010 charity of the year

Local ExxonMobil staff have chosen the Leatherhead-based Rainbow Trust Children's Charity to be their site charity of the year for 2010. The charity provides support to families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness.

Rainbow Trust will benefit from a series of fundraising activities, such as quizzes, raffles and on-site sales taking place at the oil company's UK headquarters in Ermyn Way, Leatherhead this year.

Set up in 1986, Rainbow Trust offers practical and emotional help through eight teams of Family Support Workers. They aim to maintain a sense of normality, and keep families together by ensuring support is provided not only to the sick child, but also to anxious parents, grandparents and worried brothers and sisters.

Rainbow Trust provides support to families at any stage of illness, throughout treatment, to bereavement or recovery and beyond, until they feel that they can cope without their support, sometimes for several years after a child has died.

Care is provided to families, irrespective of circumstance, ethnicity, social background, nationality or religion.



Many of those who use Rainbow Trust's services are single parent families with little or no extended family support network.

See a report on the money raised for last year's site charity of the year, the Surrey Community Development Trust, on page 4.
www.rainbowtrust.org.uk



Rainbow Trust supports the families of sick children, such as Ella-Mae aged 18 months, who is suffering from a serious lung condition

Carescape saves time at Epsom A&E

New equipment, purchased thanks to a donation by ExxonMobil to the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund, is helping to make life easier for hard pressed nursing staff working in the A&E department at Epsom General Hospital.

The new equipment called Carescape is capable of performing all basic general patient monitoring observations, such as taking the patient's blood pressure, pulse and temperature, and measuring the level of oxygen in the blood.

Ruth Huddart, Emergency Nurse Practitioner, A&E, said: "Staff in A&E are so grateful for this equipment which will be used hundreds of times every day. The arrival of these machines will help ease the load and make a nurse's job easier."

Stella Crossley, Community Affairs Adviser, ExxonMobil, said: "ExxonMobil has a long history of supporting the communities where we operate and so we are delighted to be able to support Epsom hospital in the purchase of these much needed devices."

www.emef.org.uk

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In the UK we are best known by our brand names Esso and Mobil. We have interests in nearly 50 producing North Sea oil and gas fields, operate the UK's largest refinery at Fawley near Southampton, and serve around one million customers a day through more than 800 Esso-branded service stations.

Wherever we operate in the world, we like to play our part in the local community. We consider this to be an important part of our responsibility as a good corporate citizen.

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Business award winners announced

Dozens of companies from the local area took part in the inaugural Leatherhead & District Business Awards event, which was sponsored by ExxonMobil.

The winners were announced in a special ceremony held at Cherkley Court and Gardens at the end of January.

More than 50 people gathered to watch the award winners receive their trophies and certificates. Guests included Chairman of the Council, Tim Hall, Leader of the Council, Jean Pearson, Community Affairs Adviser of ExxonMobil, Stella Crossley and business personalities and journalists from the Leatherhead & District area.

John Hickey, president of the Leatherhead & District Chamber of Commerce, said: "The calibre of the entries was fantastic... what was particularly good was that the nominations were received from across our district."

"2010 is set to be a challenging year for everyone," added John Hickey. "I can see no better way to start the year than by putting the spotlight on our outstanding businesses. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners and to thank the judges and sponsors along with all those who put forward nominations."

www.leatherheadchamber.co.uk

The winners of the inaugural Leatherhead & District Business Awards were announced at a ceremony at Cherkley Court and Gardens



This year's award winners were:

Marketing Excellence

Barton's Bookshop

Business Personality of the Year

B@titude baby and children's clothes

Small Business of the Year (fewer than 50 employees)

Run to Live – running shoe shop

Large Company of the Year (more than 50 staff)

Denbies Vineyard

Customer Service Award

Soulinni's sandwich shop

The Green Award

PEC Partnership

A total of 345 nominations were received for the six awards from 43 different companies.

High Sheriff recognises projects to cut crime

Last month, ExxonMobil's UK headquarters building in Leatherhead played host to the High Sheriff of Surrey's Youth Awards, an annual event that celebrates projects in which young people are helping to reduce or prevent crime.



ExxonMobil hosted an event at Leatherhead at which Lady Toulson, the former High Sheriff of Surrey (centre, with ceremonial chain), celebrated with project participants the success of a series of youth projects to cut crime in Surrey

The awards scheme is open to any project in which young people between the ages of 9 and 18, are actively involved in its planning and operation. Young people involved in such projects can enter the awards, which range from £50 up to £1,000, depending on need. An independent assessor will evaluate how effectively the award money has been spent.

ExxonMobil has supported the Youth Awards scheme for many years, playing host to the annual award celebrations, since their inception.

Award winners attending this year's event included a group called Pitstop

from Leatherhead Football Club, the Freewheelers Across the Rec team, representatives from Epsom Fencing Club, and Behaviour Mentors from Kings International College in Camberley. During her tenure as High Sheriff of Surrey, Lady Toulson, CBE, has awarded grants amounting to almost £45,000 to 56 separate youth projects in the county that prevent or reduce crime in Surrey.

www.surreyhighsheriff.org

Racing glory revived at Brooklands

Work has begun on the complete restoration of a 1930s motor racing fuel filling station at Brooklands Museum in Woking, but it is fair to say the majority of visitors will not recognise the fuel brand, when the project is completed this summer.

That's because the station will bear the bright orange livery of Pratts, a fuel company that played a prominent role in motor racing at the circuit in the early 1930s.

Pratts was the forerunner of the Esso brand, which was introduced in 1934.

The restoration of the Pratts Pagoda is being sponsored by Esso's owner,



ExxonMobil, which today enjoys a prominent involvement in motor sport through its Mobil brand.

www.brooklandsmuseum.com

Voluntary support passes £1 million milestone

Charities and local community organisations in Leatherhead and other locations where ExxonMobil operates in the UK, have now benefited from more than £1 million in grants under a programme first set up in 2002.

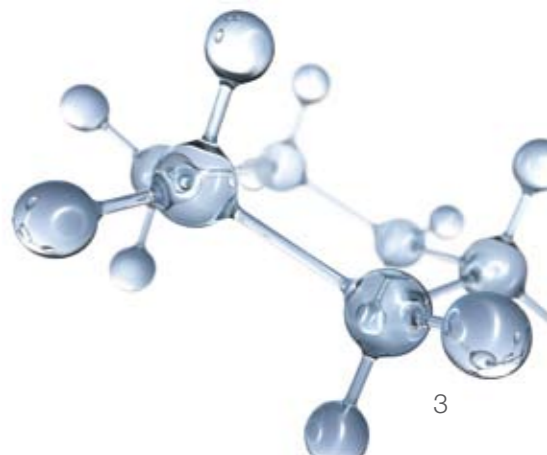
Wherever it operates, ExxonMobil likes to encourage its employees and their families to volunteer at local charities, schools and sports clubs, by donating money to the organisations that they support.

To date grants totalling more than £1 million have been made to UK community organisations where ExxonMobil staff or their families provide voluntary support as, for example, school governors, sports team coaches and charity volunteers.

A number of local community organisations where ExxonMobil staff or their families serve as volunteers have benefited in recent months from grants. They include:

- St John's C of E Community School in Dorking, where an ExxonMobil employee is a governor – the grant will help provide seating in the library
- The local branch of Wildlife Aid, where a member of staff is a regular volunteer helper – the funds will buy animal welfare, medication, food and treatments
- The 7th Epsom Scouts, where the husband of an ExxonMobil employee runs the shooting club – the funds will help purchase equipment for the troop's planned new premises
- Ashted Football Club, where an ExxonMobil employee helps train the under 13's squad – the grant will help purchase rain jackets and training equipment.

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Staff raise thousands for Surrey charity

Last year, staff working at ExxonMobil House in Leatherhead raised more than £7,500 for the Surrey Community Development Trust (SCDT), the site's charity of the year for 2009.

Paul Mitchell, chief executive of the charity, which provides support and accommodation for more than 1,300 homeless and vulnerable people in Surrey each year, said the assistance has been particularly welcome given the current economic climate.

"We offer a 'safe haven', where they receive support from our staff," added Paul. "While they are living in SCDT flats or shared houses, we work with them on their problems, to try and find solutions so that, in time, they will be able to move on and live more independently."



The money was raised through a series of fundraising events at ExxonMobil House, including a Christmas raffle, quizzes and a series of one-day sales in which local businesses agreed to pay a percentage of their takings to the charity. SCDT, which is based in Brook Way in Leatherhead, has helped more than 14,000 people since it was formed in 1972.

www.scdt.org.uk

Paul Mitchell (left, with cheque) chief executive of the Surrey Community Development Trust, with (from left to right) David Hypher and Colin Selvin of SCDT and Fiona Harness and David Clegg from ExxonMobil

Show targets young drivers

Young drivers in Surrey are being encouraged to attend Safe Drive Stay Alive, an award-winning stage show about the consequences of driving dangerously.

The show, which is sponsored by ExxonMobil, is set to return to Dorking Halls on Wednesday 28 April.

Organised by Surrey Fire and Rescue, it includes a filmed reconstruction of a road traffic collision and personal accounts from those involved in the accident and its aftermath.

The show aims to cut the number of young people killed or injured on our roads.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is suitable for anyone aged 15 and above. If you are a young driver, or due to become one soon, you should get along. Equally well, if you are the worried parent of a young driver, please encourage them to attend.

To book, use the online form at the website below or call Surrey Fire and Rescue's Casualty Reduction Manager on 01737 733506 or 733651.



www.safedrivesurrey.org

Competition

Your chance to win £100 worth of John Lewis vouchers!

Congratulations to **Mr RL Grant** of Church Road, Epsom, winner of the competition in our December 2009 issue, and congratulations to **Mrs AL Hickman** of Ashtead, who won the competition in our April 2009 issue.

All you need to do to be in with a chance of winning, is to answer the following question (the answer is contained within this newsletter):

At which local venue will the Safe Drive Stay Alive stage show be presented on 28 April?

Send your answer, with your name, address and phone number, to:
Energy in our Communities competition
ExxonMobil House
Mailpoint 8
Ermy Way
Leatherhead
Surrey KT22 8UX

Closing date for entries is 30 June 2010. The first correct entry opened after this date will be the winner. By sending in your entry, you agree to ExxonMobil using that information for the purposes of this competition only. ExxonMobil will not use your details for any other purpose. This competition is not open to employees or contractors of ExxonMobil.

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