

**VISIT TO CCLASP**  
**MONDAY 11/02/2013.**

Through you, your friends and families very hard work this is an update as promised, on what some of the money you helped raise has been used for so far.

**T.H.H.N. Torbay Holiday Home Network.** This consists of a consortium of hotels, B& B's and self-catering establishments, which are based in the Torquay area.

There is going to be a trial between these establishments and CCLASP to help give families and their children who are in the process of receiving treatment and or care for their cancers a chance to have some quality time together away from home.

This is a new venture for which CCLASP is going to nominate some families to try this holiday concept out. There is a range of accommodation types because for example, a family may have a child, who as a result of the treatment they are receiving may cause some body swelling. These same children may also require to have feeding tubes fitted. This is something that some families may not wish to have on public display, as a matter of dignity and therefore a hotel dining room would not be the best place to eat.

Money for such a venture would help pay for a flight or petrol, if it is not suitable for the child to fly. Travel by car to the Torquay area may also require an overnight stay to allow the child to rest. So our money would hopefully help these children and their families to have a pleasant few days holiday.

**GIVE US SOME SPACE.**

This is an ambitious project, which is presently in the very early stages of planning. This project would allow one child if considered to be in good enough health and one parent to travel to a space camp in Alabama USA. Here they would have a 5-day stay. This would allow the child and one of their parents to "live and work as an Astronaut" for the 5 day stays. This would hold great appeal to many of the children, and would also be great therapy for them. This centre has facilities for these children, which allows them to enjoy themselves. There is also in attendance a medical team as well as care facilities should any of the children take ill.

## **FOOTBALL MATCH.**

Some of our money will also be used to have some of the children, based on their health and well being, to attend a football match, again with facilities and attendant care at hand should they take ill. The chance of such a child being afforded such an opportunity to go and watch a football match, which many of us take for granted, would be a real treat and a quality day for them, as well as providing them with some much needed enjoyment.

## **BUZZY.**

As many children require to have daily injections following treatment this can result in being very distressful not only for the child but also the parents, especially if the child is very young. **BUZZY** is a concept where a specially designed bee is fitted to the child's wrist. This has a cold pad fitted underneath which is kept in the fridge prior to use. This pad which is fitted with much smaller needles than the one used in conventional circumstances can deliver the required dose of drugs to the patient over a small time span rather than being delivered all at once and is less painful. It has been found that this causes fewer traumas to the patients and is less stressful to the parents. These cost in the region of £1,000 each. Some of our money will also be used for this.

Once again, CCLASP extends their grateful thanks to all of us for allowing these events and procedures to take place and give these children some fun, happiness and quality in their very vulnerable lives.

Yours Fraternally,

Jim Pryde.