

JUMBULANCE NEWSLETTER

WHO ARE WE?

The Jumbulance Trust is a small Charitable Trust with 2 unique specialist vehicles, part coach part ambulance, which are specifically designed and equipped to make it possible for those who are disabled or very ill to travel throughout the UK and Europe on holiday or Pilgrimage or even just a day trip. Each "Jumbulance" can accommodate a maximum of 23, to include 10-12 disabled or sick passengers, each accompanied by a carer plus Nurses or Doctors if required.

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OUR VISION

A society in which adults and children with disabilities and severe illnesses are able to maximise their quality of life through social and travel opportunities.

OUR AIM

The Jumbulance Trust exists to make travel possible for those who by reason of their disabilities or illnesses find most means of transport impossible to contemplate.



2016 AT A GLANCE



2016 has already been very busy with day trips,
Pilgrimages and holidays to Eurodisney, Austria, Lourdes,
Holland, Exmoor, Blackpool, Germany, Nairn in Scotland
and Brittany. Still to come for the second half of the year
we have more holidays to Rheinsberg, Le Fosse, South of

France, Norfolk, Windermere and 2 Pilgrimages to Lourdes. We are busy taking bookings for 2017 so do get in touch with Nicola: info@jumbulance.org.uk or mobile 07795018934 to discuss availability and reserve dates.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Jumbulance Reunion Lunch 2016—Sunday, 27 November 2016 @ 11am Aldwickbury Golf Club, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 1AB



Little Haven's Children's Hospice trip to Eurodisney

"Just to say yesterday morning was one of the best in my life. Seeing a very ambitious project with such special people come to fruition was very emotional. The atmosphere as I arrived was amazing. I thought I was early but they were all there, smiling, talking, watching every vehicle that arrived and then, right on time came the Jumbulance. Wow, what a vehicle, white, shining and moving majestically down a very

narrow drive. The driver skills were extraordinary in manipulating it into situ. Brendan disembarked and

came and introduced himself to me and everyone else. He then loaded the holds without any distraction, assisted the wheelchair-bound children onto the vehicle via the lift and marshalled the rest on the 'main' entrance with charm. Your Jumbulance and Brendan certainly added to what can only be described as a perfect departure, thank you to all at the Trust" Derrek Lewis, Organiser



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MAKING TRAVEL POSSIBLE

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



COFFEE & CAKES MORNING, Bubbles Hairdressers, Harpenden

Our very grateful thanks to Pauline Baynham and all her staff for all their hard work in organising another fabulous coffee morning and cake sale in support of the Jumbulance Trust. There was a marvellous array of homemade cakes as well as a raffle, 'guess the weight of the cake' competition and homemade crafts and cards. It was a lovely social occasion for all her regular customers so thanks to all those people who dropped in for coffee and cake and made the morning such a huge success.



CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

On 12th February at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead, Tony and Linda Coley held another Charity Curry & Quiz Night, with 160 guests friends, family and working colleagues with lots of quizzes, a well stocked raffle and great items for the auction. At the end of the night and with everyone's support they raised £2,620 for the Jumbulance Trust. Well done and big thanks to Tony, Linda and all their loyal supporters



SOUTH COAST ROLL

On 29 May 2016 at Goodwood Race Track Kate Rowe took part in the yearly 'South Coast Roll' race which requires you take part on wheels and completed a whopping 20 miles in 5 hours, a gruelling run for her powered only by the strength in her arms!! Well Done Kate, we are so grateful for her amazing support.



THE RIDGEWAY WALK

Enormous thanks to Andy Barwell, Doug McLean, Ryan McLean and Andy Brown who completed the Ridgeway Walk in April and raised a whopping £4,500 for the Jumbulance.

i loved the challenge big thanks to you all for your support and donations, I know this will go a long way" in helping all those children and adults alike through JUMBULANCE".

What a fab week of laughs, blisters, views, pain, the kindness of strangers, real ale, wind and mud. And all for a great cause. Absolutely loved it."

"I have had a really fulfilling week walking 100 miles along the Ridgeway raising over £4k for the Jumbulance trust. I have loved sharing a once in a lifetime experience with these guys and now we are chilling with our loved ones. What a special week doing something positive for a change and sharing it with your mates -Life is good"

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM AND TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SUPPORTED





******************* **CLASSICS IN THE WALLED GARDEN 2016**

Peter Madden's annual event 'Classics in the Walled Garden' was very well attended by classic car enthusiasts on a balmy July evening at Luton Hoo. A great array of classic cars from MGs, Jaguars, Ferrari s and the Lagonda plus many, many more. Peter has been running the event since 2009 and once again the Jumbulance Trust is fortunate and grateful to be one of the beneficiaries.

LAKE DISTRICT SPONSORED WALK, OCTOBER 2017

We are in the process of planning a 5 day sponsored walk in the Lake District for October 2017 to raise funds for a new Jumbulance. This event will be open to disabled participants so if you think you might be interested to take part please email the office info@jumbulance.org.uk for more information

BORDERS HOLIDAY TO AUSTRIA SEPTEMBER 2015



The "The Border group's second visit to the Hotel Sonnschein was another pleasant experience, with all travellers enjoying the wonderful facilities the hotel has to offer, along with the superb menu coupled with Gill and her friendly staff it was indeed a holiday of a lifetime for all who stayed.

Our old friends Brendan and Martin a double up from our

last trip and Brendan's third trip with us, BLESS HIS SOUL were again an ideal couple, from the moment we left to our safe return total professionalism from the pair, every journey executed with the comfort and safety of the passengers paramount, coupled with their humour, group involvement, fancy dress outfits and their friendly nothing to much trouble attitude they both proved themselves yet again great ambassadors for the trust, along with my team giving the VIP'S a holiday of a lifetime exactly what the trust stands for.



My group were again privileged to travel in the immaculately clean J1, another very comfortable 10 days where we visited the lovely village of Rattenberg, took a boat trip on Lake Achensee in Pertisau, cable car ride in Kitzbuhel, shopping trip to Innsbruck, and a visit to the Hellbrun Water Gardens near Salzburg, with the added bonus of trolley bed removal in lieu of wheelchairs, very back friendly and welcomed by my care team, especially on the shorter day trips. The quick heat ovens and microwave in the kitchen another plus for heating our meals on the long outward and return journeys, but an extra work surface near the kitchen area would have been useful for preparation. Another very enjoyable and memorable experience for all those who travelled with us to Niederau." **Gordon Jackson, Border Holiday Group.**



Just before Christmas 2015 the Jumbulance had the privilege of taking some children and their families from Derian House Children's Hospice in Lancashire to No 10 Downing Street to attend the Prime Minister's Christmas Party!! "The kids had a great time on board the Jumbulance playing

games and singing songs all the way, made even more special by the care and attention shown by our lovely drivers Brendan Kelly and Jon Bagley."



REUNION LUNCH NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday, 29 November saw the Annual Jumbulance Reunion Lunch which, for the first time, took place at Aldwickbury Golf Club in Harpenden. We were delighted to see so many new faces from the Hertfordshire area as well as lots of familiar faces who had taken the trouble to travel, some from as far as the Scottish Borders and Nairn near Inverness in Scotland!

Colin Hann, Chairman of the Trustees spoke about how positive and upbeat we are about the future after another successful year and thanked fellow Trustees, drivers, fundraisers and loyal supporters. Robin Cattle praised the willingness and enthusiasm of our volunteers, including group leaders, doctors and nurses and carers without whom many of our trips would not be possible. We were delighted to welcome John & Sue Tarbox from Pan Autos in Harpenden and Pauline Baynham from Bubbles in Harpenden, both of whom have been supporting the Trust for many years through fundraising events. There was a well stocked cake stall and raffle as well as several presentations throughout the afternoon thanks to Janice McLeod, Gordon Jackson, David Shillibier, Richard Field and Becky Coleman. Finally to end the afternoon we were fortunate to watch a very beautiful and moving wheelchair dancing demonstration from June and Francesca Goodwin who are regular travellers with Brendan and his popular Ski trip. All in all a wonderful day with lots of friends 'old and new'. We would like to express our thanks to Aldwickbury Golf Club who did an excellent job in looking after us, to everyone that came and to all those who helped make the day such a success.







HERTFORDSHIRE HOLIDAY TO AUSTRIA OCTOBER 2015



At 2pm on Saturday 26th September with 19 travellers, 2 drivers, 4 beds on board for those in most need, the Hertfordshire group set off from Mid Herts Golf Club in Harpenden—destination: Italy via France, Belgium, Germany and Austria!! Arriving on Sunday morning at the Hotel Alpin near Gossensass. After the usual warm welcome from Albert , the group settled in, greeted by the warm sun, clear blue skies and fresh air with and mountains sweeping up majestically from the valley. Where else would you want to be? The following day the excitement was palpable as we set off to scale the mountains of Val Gardena by cable car. The cable cars move with continuous motion, up and down the mountain so it requires moderately good timing to alight with wheelchair but the views of the Dolomites, a stunning mountain range, with sheer vertical rock faces and horizontal platforms sculptured by the

natural elements above green pastures and pine forests make it all worthwhile.

Over the next few days the group took a visit to Vipiteno where we had a chance to take in the local produce—Tyrolean wine made from the terraced Vineyards, a boat trip on Lake Garda from Riva to Melchesini

with a light lunch in a typically pleasant outdoor restaurant, antipasti or ice-cream or both! And finally exploring the Tyrol's main town of Innsbruck the Gothic Hofkirche church dating from 1553 and renowned Grassmayr bell foundry and museum.

Let's not lose sight of the purpose of the holiday, to give those with serious incapacities a holiday to remember, only available with the Jumbulance, and with the support of our local fundraisers, especially the Ladies of the Mid Herts Golf Club and Bubbles Salon, who welcomed us home. Well, I think we achieved our aim and along with all the hardworking helpers, Colin & Zoe, our drivers who handled the challenging terrain with ease, we all had a time to remember.

Robin Cattle, Trust Secretary and Volunteer Helper!



HERTFORDSHIRE HOLIDAY TO RHEINSBERG, GERMANY MAY 2016

In preparation for the trip to Rhinesberg, a fellow volunteer shared that a Jumbulance trip is also a holiday for volunteers. I was sceptical about this, as I wondered how can it possibly be a holiday when you will be caring for someone?

However, it has been almost a week now since my trip and I completely understand what they meant. Yes, you are caring 24/7 for people and yes it is hard work, but it is equally fulfilling, rewarding and most of all fun, with one of the most striking sounds from the holiday being laughter.

Our week in Rhinesberg was peppered with many extraordinary moments; from trips to Potsdam and Berlin to archery. We became quite accustomed to having lunch in palatial gardens and if I am honest I am finding it quite difficult to adjust to having my lunch in a boring office again. However, the simpler activities are the ones to have truly imprinted on me, as I never realised how much I take for granted swimming or riding my



bike, or even simple necessities such as the ability to jump into the shower without thinking or planning. During my week with the Jumbulance I had the pleasure of caring for a lovely woman, who due to her illness and lack of a wet room had for a long time been unable to enjoy the simple pleasure of a shower, and she taught me the extraordinary power of soap and water.

That word *extraordinary* is key, as since returning from the trip, my family, friends and colleagues have all been asking how the experience was. The experience was extraordinary, I saw some extraordinary places and met extraordinary people who I now class as part of my adopted Jumbulance family and I honestly cannot wait to take part in another trip in the future. But the surprising thing is, the extraordinariness of the trip lies in its ordinariness. Having the *time* to talk leisurely over a long coffee, breakfast, lunch or dinner, to stop and take the *time* to chat with someone who society would deem as mute due to conversing more by touchscreen than by voice,



and to be able (due to having the facilities and support around) to give someone the *time* to have a long leisurely shower, where they "feel cleaner than they have in years".

In a society constantly in motion, where people rush past, crush into and hush everyone, especially those who are not seen as normal (whatever that may be – and in truth and I myself until around two weeks ago was one of these self-same people), the Jumbulance gives us what should be ordinary but is an extraordinary gift - **the gift of time**. Time for relaxation, time for laughter, time for love, time to meet new people - in short time to stop and realise what is important and what is actually going on around us, and this gift of time and the realisations that have come with it is something I will treasure forever. **Leighanne Higgins, First time volunteer**

Thanks once again to Mid Herts Golf Club whose fundraising events helped make this trip happen!!!

WOODLEY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES APRIL 2016

The Group departed Woodley on J1 at approx 3pm on Friday 1st April with drivers Brendan and Paul, arriving at The Padoue Hotel at 11am on Saturday morning. All rooms were available straight away so we were all able to settle before we had our lunch. The hotel is excellent, the staff very helpful, and the food and special diet were all catered for. The week was excellent, the group was lovely, our priest Fr Bonaventure Ndong from the Cameroons had never been to Lourdes and had a wonderful time; he got to take part in the

ceremonies, and sing in the choir. For me I relived





the old days of Across with Mass at Hosanna House and the Ukrainian church with a group who really enjoyed the spiritually of Lourdes. Fr Herman the Priest at the Ukrainian church presented the Woodley Group with a hand crafted picture of Christ with we will hang in our church of St John Bosco, a moving ceremony with difficult language skills. During the week we visited the Grotto every day, attended the Blessed Sacrament Ceremony and the Torchlight Procession, lit candles as a group, collected water, some visited the baths, prayed the large Stations, visited all the places Bernadette did following her story. Everyone had the opportunity for private time. One of our VIP's has a priest brother who visited us in our hotel most nights and joined us for Mass at Hosanna house. John Gill (Group Leader)

NORTH YORKSHIRE HOLIDAY TO BLACKPOOL APRIL 2016



"This year the North Yorkshire group went to Blackpool. My carer, Brigid and I were part of the group. Our holiday started when we met the Jumbulance at a rather wet St George's car park in York. People had already been picked up en route from Southampton and Ferrybridge, so there were 20 of us altogether - as this was my third holiday some of the group were new to me. After 3 hours we arrived at the Bond hotel, which is a family run accessible hotel catering for people with disabilities (family and carers) for over 20 years - their customer service was 100%, we couldn't fault them. After unpacking we went downstairs for a welcome glass of wine followed by our evening meal. We headed for the evenings entertainment, where we were introduced to Nicole who entertained us for the night, so naturally we were all up and dancing looking forward to the week ahead.

Trips were organised each day - these included Liverpool, a cruise on Windermere and a visit to the Beatrix Potter museum (steep hills and pouring with rain is not a good mix!) a walk down the seafront and pier. The piece de resistance for me was the Tower where, at 380ft, we had great views of the Irish Sea plus the promenade below (looking through the glass panels). The tower trip ended with us watching the circus, which was brilliant. The nights entertainment was karaoke so we were all up and dancing/singing.

We all had a great week with all the laughing and getting to know everyone (including the other guests staying!). With Brendan and Colin transporting us to our daily destinations (don't mention the fact we didn't have the bus for a coupe of days!) Chris, Cynthia and Steve supporting us all and making us have an enjoyable holiday. On our return from a brilliant (albeit tiring) week we said our goodbyes, having got to know everyone and hoping we would get to see them again soon.

A big thank must go to Chris Chisholm for all her hard work that she always puts into making the North Yorkshire group have fantastic, enjoyable and memorable holiday". **Claire Houseman VIP North Yorks Jumbulance group**

BERKSHIRE / HAMPSHIRE HOLIDAY TO WINDERMERE, OCTOBER 2015



Chris Chisholm's Berkshire & Hampshire Group had a fun filled week in the Lake District with many great memories to share. The group soon learned about the magic of the countryside that inspired. Wordsworth by visiting his home, Dove Cottage, as well as exploring the countryside by steam train and boat trip on Lake Windermere, not to mention a visit to the Beatrix Potter Museum. Further adventures led the group to a walk down Great Langdale, resting outside Lakeland pubs in warm sunshine. Later in the week, the sights of Hadrians Wall, Vindalanda and the Roman Army Museum were enjoyed. Family members joined the group some days and with evenings of musical entertainment, quizzes and a marvellous performance of the 39 Steps at the Theatre by the Lake,

it proved to be another memorable Jumbulance Holiday. Thanks to Chris for all her planning, Colin & Jon for driving and all those that travelled contributing to a wonderful group atmosphere.

SKI TRIP TO NIEDERAU, AUSTRIA JANUARY 2016



"As I reflect on the amazing week that we as VIPs have had and think of all that you've done for us, there aren't really the right words to express just how incredibly grateful we are to absolutely everybody who has made this Jumbulance ski trip possible. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of us when I say I am in absolute admiration of the work, dedication and selflessness that goes into making an amazing trip like this so successful.

Some of the greatest challenges in life are often compared to mountains, and when you live with a physical and or learning disability, day to day life can be a struggle, but you teach us to work with those mountains. Being able to leave our wheelchairs behind and experience the fun and freedom of adaptive skiing, to me there really is no greater feeling. You enable us to leave our disability behind and out there on

the mountains we just feel so free. You always take the time to celebrate our achievements but we think you are the ones who deserve a medal. Please never underestimate the phenomenal difference that you make. We leave with so much more than we came with and that's all thanks to you. You have enabled us to achieve more than we every

dreamed would be possible! **SARAH KIDD, PARTICIPANT**

"I'm happy and Jumbulance Trust coaches!!! somewhere go big worldwide uk and abroad, fantastic and wow nice people service (volunteers) and holidaymakers people lovely chatting with big friends and have fun. I'm happy and cry, I like it 1:1 supported holidaymakers nice people I never before meet new friends helpfully beautiful fantastic skiing Austria holiday!" JAMES HEFFERNAN, PARTICIPANT

ARCHIE WHITBY FOUNDATION—A TRIP TO EURODISNEY!!







Archie Whitby, a little boy with Pompe Disease, and his family travelled by Jumbulance with Brendan to Eurodisney in March. Archie and his family had an amazing time. For more photos do have a look at their website: www.archiewhitbyfoundation.com and facebook page: www.facebook.com/Archie-Whitby-Foundation

Our group leaders are always looking for volunteer carers for Jumbulance holidays, ski trips and pilgrimages.

If you or anyone you know are interested in taking part in the 'Jumbulance experience' do please get in touch by email info@jumbulance.org.uk, telephone: 07795018934 or Facebook.

It is such a rewarding and often life changing experience!!



OUR DRIVERS





Without the drivers the Jumbulances would be as nothing. Brendan Kelly and Colin Brown, our permanent staff in charge of J1 and J2 and in addition we have 6 co-drivers whom we

employ on a seasonal basis. All are excellent drivers, sympathetic to the aims of the Trust and always ready to empathise with those they are with. EACH AND EVERY ONE

DESERVES OUR THANKS WELL DONE!

From top left clockwise: Brendan Kelly, Vernen Coley, Steve Phillips, Martin Fitzpatrick, John Bagley, Colin Brown, Zoe Davis, Paul Chapman











WITH THANKS

To all those who have been fundraising on behalf as well as Grant Making Charities who have continued to support us most generously:

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And to those individuals who support us through regular monthly donations—Peter Kelly, Carol Holland, Marek Kowlewski, Nora Ashbrook, R Cornish

WAYS TO DONATE

For those who are fit and able the thought of travelling by whatever means, by road, rail, air or sea, presents no problem. But for those who are disabled, unwell, often terminally, or elderly and lonely the almost universal lack of appropriate facilities presents difficulties and problems that are daunting and for most make the prospect of a holiday or outing impossible to contemplate. It is these shortcomings that the Jumbulance Trust aims to address in three ways:

- First by providing specially designed and comprehensively equipped vehicles which are part coach, part ambulance, with facilities appropriate for those particular needs.
- Secondly by providing volunteers to care for them to include Doctors and Nurses where needed.
- Thirdly by subsidising in part the costs of using the vehicles in order to keep them affordable.

All of these aims are only possible to achieve with the generous help of our supporters and donors.

MAKE A SINGLE GIFT

by cheque, BACS transfer or through our JustGiving site www.justgiving.com/jumbulance/donate

MAKE A REGULAR GIFT

You can make a regular gift through standing order. This is a simple, safe and cost effective way to give and keeps our administration costs to a minimum, allowing us to make the very best use of your donation.

DONATION IN MEMORY

You may want to request that well-wishers make a donation to Jumbulance Trust in your memory, perhaps instead of buying flowers.

GIFTS IN YOUR WILL—HELPING OTHERS AFTER YOUR LIFETIME

Leaving a gift in your will is the best way to ensure that we can continue our valuable work. We are a small charity so your gift, no matter how small, will make a big difference.

A QUICK GUIDE TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

- It's best to use a Solicitor as they will make sure your Will is legal and valid.
- You can dedicate your gift to someone close to you if you would like to.
- Let us know about your gift so we can thank you.
- Please include our full name 'Jumbulance Trust Charity No 1090731'

THE KIND OF GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE

- A share of your estate. After you have provided for your family and friends you can leave a share or the remainder of your estate to us. This is called a "residuary gift".
- Cash gift. Known as a "pecuniary gift", this is when you leave an exact sum of money to charity.

WHY LEAVE A GIFT TO US

A gift in your Will can help us to continue to make a real difference to those who are disabled or find it impossible to use public transport and enable them to travel on holidays and day outings throughout the UK and Europe, leaving their families and carers to benefit from a short respite from their responsibilities as well.

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