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FDM – For Disability Mobility

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FDM COFFEE MORNING

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who attended and supported the FDM Coffee Morning on Thursday 11th June at The Hare & Hounds Pub in Rothwell. We raised a fantastic amount of **£310.50** on the day and these funds will be used to help us to continue to provide the service to the community.

FDM were able to raise awareness of the charity and we had a number of people enquiring about the trips we arrange and the services we offer. The Trustees would like to thank Mark Collin & his staff at The Hare & Hounds for the use of his premises – we hope to arrange further events at The Hare & Hounds, so watch this space!

Pictured L to R: Janet Cook (FDM Volunteer), Christine Talbot (Patron), Ron Frost (Trustee/Secretary), Elaine Arthurs (Project Co-ordinator) and Mark Collin (Hare & Hounds Pub) Photo courtesy of Rothwell Record

The Coffee Morning would not have been such a success without the support from a number of generous companies and individuals within Rothwell and the local community. The Trustees would like to thank the following people and businesses for their contribution towards the Raffle: Mark Collin at The Hare & Hounds Pub, Howgate & Farrer Butchers, Revive Beauty Salon, Taylor's Glamourous Gifts, Flower Power, Brew Café, Morrisons, Boots, Original Factory Outlet Shop, Frozen Value (Jack Fulton) Stores, Asda Stores, Gloria Cleasby, Paul Coast and Dorothy Benson.

All the Cakes were kindly donated by: Janet Cook, Fay Horton, Hazel Morrish, Lidl Stores, Tesco Store and ASDA Store Morley.

Fay Horton with Christine Talbot

SOCIAL CLUB BOOKINGS

At the last FDM Bus Management Meeting the trustees, along with representatives from our Group Users and individuals who are members of our Social Club, discussed the Booking Process for the Social Club Trips. It was agreed that to ensure everyone has an opportunity to book for Social Club trips that bookings would be only be taken by telephone and that the maximum number of seats an individual can book for a trip would be two.

To reserve a seat for a specific trip, please telephone the FDM office on 0113 2889000 from 12.30pm onwards on the date provided on the trip schedule.

Val & Elaine will continue to take payments for any trips at the FDM office - the office is generally open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 8.30am to 5pm and on Tuesday from 8.30am to 12.30pm. We recommend you contact the office before you come just to check that there will be someone available as there may be times when the office is closed due to holidays or staff training.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Volunteers and staff at FDM have been busy raising funds throughout May. FDM held a stall at the ever popular May Day Fair in Rothwell and raised £105 for the charity. The Trustees would like to thank EVERYONE who stopped by to say hello and help us raise these funds which will be used towards future Social Club Trip.

On Saturday 16th May, FDM volunteers were packing bags at the ASDA Store in Morley. In total, a magnificent amount of £586.09 was raised. The Trustees would like to thank Mel Taylor (Youth Worker) and the following young people from the **Windmill Youth Club** who volunteered to help with the bag packing – Charlotte, Phoebe, Lauren, Cameron, Sherilyn, Rachel, Chloe, Jack & Harry.

Thank you also Dorothy, Graham, Sarah, Sydney, Tim and Keith for their support on the day. These funds have been designated to be used towards future Social Club Trips.

We will be planning further Fundraising Event throughout the year. Currently we have one arranged for December at The Blackburn Hall and more details will be available near the time.

BLUE BADGE UPDATE

FDM are pleased to confirm that we have now received our **Blue Badge.** Thank You to everyone who supported us with our application.

GRANT APPLICATIONS & FUNDING

FDM have recently been awarded a number of Grants following successful applications. **£5,000** has been awarded by the Leeds Community Foundation along with a Leeds City Council Outer South Community Committee grant of £482.30. In addition, an anonymous donation of £250 has been received from the Leeds Community Foundation.