

Report for Council meeting on 11 October 2016.

Subscriptions

It will be necessary to increase the subscriptions for 2017 as follows:
Indoor Members £13.00 , other members £16.00. As you are no doubt aware some of these subscriptions go straight to Mary Sumner House . For the current year £11.50 from each subscription went to Mary Sumner House from January 2017 I have to send £13.00. This is the reason for the increase. I have to say that included in this cost each member gets two copies per year of Families Worldwide. None of the subscriptions from our Indoor Members will remain in the diocese however the balance of the cost will be taken from donations received to the Indoor Members Fund. This fund also covers the cost of their letters and Christmas cards etc.

Caravan

A new caravan has been purchased. The cost is £28,529.00.
The value of the van is £43,536.00. I am very grateful and very humbled by the amount of money that all our members raise in respect of this project which enables so many families who are meeting with adversity to have a much needed break. The new van will be sited at the beginning of November in readiness for the 2017 season. I have recently had a few requests about the cost of the van.

Gift Aid

Please be aware that from 6 April 2016 the threshold for income tax was raised to £11000.00. For those of you who are already gift aiders please ensure that you have paid enough tax to cover your subscriptions and any other monies that you gift aid. If you are a taxpayer and able to gift aid please contact me or Viv Lisles for the relevant forms.

Sponsorship

As you know Andrew Davies completed the Cardiff half marathon and all sponsorship money will go towards the caravan. Would you please let me have all sponsorship money by 15 November 2016.

Annual Returns.

I shall be giving these forms to all Deanery Leaders today. It is imperative that the completed forms are back to me by 31 January 2017. Also the stats forms have to be back by 14 February 2017. These dated are important as I have to get the subscriptions to Mary Sumner House by March 2017. Once again if you have any problems I am at the end of a phone or the computer. Please don't hold on to things if you have a problem ring me and let me know I am sure we will be able to sort things out.

Finally if there are any deanery leaders here today who know that not all branches in your deanery are represented please take copies of this report with you and pass it on to branch leaders so that every one is aware of its contents.
S A Jones 11/10/16.