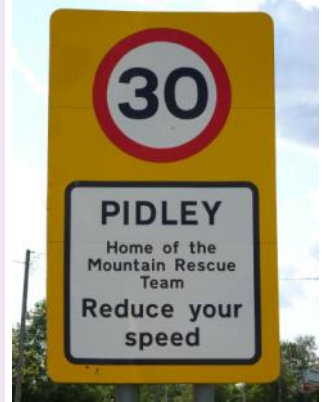


Welcome to Pidley Mountain Rescue Team's first e-newsletter. We will be issuing these quarterly covering news of recent rescues, donations from supporters and reports on past fund-raising events and news of future ones, including our annual International Teddy Bear FreeFall Competition. We hope you enjoy catching up with the work of the charity.

Pidley Mountain Rescue Team is a registered charity that provides specialised equipment to improve the quality of life and independence of children and adults living in Huntingdonshire who are coping with disabilities or mobility issues. If you would like further information log on to www.pidleymountainrescue.org.uk.

Our mailing list includes our generous members and fund-raisers, Facebook friends, health professionals and voluntary organisations working with the disabled and less able, and those who we have 'rescued'. Please forward this email onto anyone you believe would be interested in our work. Occasionally forwarding this email may corrupt the layout - if you have any problems viewing this email or to remove your name from the mailing list [click here](#).



NEW LOGO

The Pidley Mountain Rescue Team (PMRT) brand has been revitalised and brought up to date with a new logo and strapline created by St Ives-based design consultant Martin Phillips, of [Martin Phillips Associates](#), who generously contributed his time free of charge.

Martin explains that he thought it was important to keep the history of the charity and the original humour behind the name by using the two mountains in his design.

"The work of the charity in enabling and improving independence is represented by the free-flowing sweep of the mountains. The two circles evolved from the traditional wheelchair disability sign. They represent how the charity provides specialised equipment for adults and children while not limiting it just to traditional mobility equipment such as a wheelchair."

PIDLEY INTERNATIONAL TEDDY BEAR FREEFALL COMPETITION

Join us on **Saturday 4th September** at Rookery Farm near Pidley for the annual Pidley International Teddy Bear Freefall Competition. From 10am there will be a host of fun family events, including the launch of ten teddy bears from the skies overhead (thanks to Cambridge Aero Club for its support), sponsored by local companies and organisations, each hoping to land nearest the target and win.

Somersham 1st Brownie Pack will be providing stretch bearer services in case of a teddy bear emergency. 2331 Squadron St Ives Air Training Corp will also be helping with the proceedings. Please bring your own teddy bears as supporters and to take part in the Best Dressed Teddy Bear competition. We will also be running the Pidley Mountain Rescue Team Christmas Card competition looking for the best design for our 2010 Christmas Card.



OUR 150th RESCUE

In January 2010 PMRT celebrated its 150th rescue with the delivery of a brand new Imp tricycle to Holly Greenhow from Hemingford Grey.

Holly, aged 4, has Athetoid Cerebral Palsy and the trike will help with her physiotherapy as well as providing independence outside to join older brother Oliver cycling around the garden and in the future a bit further afield.

The funds for Holly's bike were generously donated by St Ives based company EcoLab. The rescue is the 150th since PMRT was re-launched in 1999 by Gil Boyd.



SPRING 2010 RESCUES

Yvonne and her husband Peter Tooke ran the Mad Cat pub in Pidley in the early 90s and raised a lot of money for charity. Yvonne, who has severe respiratory problems and arthritis, called upon PMRT for help. She wanted to be able to visit friends in the village and go to the post office and bingo evenings. She now has her independence in the way of a Aquasoothe Little Tiger 4 wheel buggy.

Ian Allgood, here with his wife Sue, from Leighton Bromswold has received a new mobility scooter with the added bonus of being able to cope with off-road situations. Ian has arthritis but still enjoys outdoor activities including visiting local steam engine rallies so needed something that could run on grass.

Helaine Woolls, from Warboys, received her electric Breeze 4 Mobility scooter from PMRT aimed at maintaining her independence and access around the village after her original buggy broke down beyond economical repair.

PMRT Applications Officer Kevin Doyle, the last original Team member left on the committee, is delighted with the number of applications received this year with several more currently being processed. If you would like to propose or apply to be 'rescued' logon to www.pidleymountainrescue.org.uk/



BRJ RUNNERS DONATE £2,500

Huntingdon running club BRJ Road Runners has presented Pidley Mountain Rescue Team with a £2,400 fund-raising cheque. The funds were raised by Club Runners over the past 12 months taking part in the Great North Run, Great Eastern Run, BRJ Duathlon and Grafham Invitation Run as well as individual donations and club events. PMRT Chairman Trevor Peacock and Treasurer Paul Treadwell joined BRJ Runners at the Axe and Compass at Hemingford Abbots.

From left to right: **Paul Treadwell**, PMRT, **Maureen Wickson**, BRJ Runners, **Alan Hannibal**, BRJ Runners club captain, **Nigel Maggs**, RJ Runners club chairman, **Trevor Peacock**, PMRT chairman, **Mike Gullis**, BRJ Runners and member who proposed fund-raising for the Pidley Mountain Rescue Team.

BEGONIA BASH

Cranbrook Plants of Somersham held its annual Begonia Bash and invited the PMRT team along for some publicity and fundraising, including introducing the new logo.

Former PMRT Chairman Gil Boyd entertained everybody with his singing and the evening included a surprise showing from the newest member of the Team and our charity mascot **Pidley Ted**, who helped to raise £66.58. We also recruited one new 'life long member'.

From left to right, **Karen Brown**, PMRT Secretary, **Trevor Peacock**, PMRT Chairman, PMRT's **Francis Mizuro** and **George Wiggs**, **Pidley Ted**, PMRT Treasurer **Paul Treadwell**, **Gil Boyd** and PMRT's **Brian Duck**.





SUMMER 2010 RESCUES

89-year old Don Johnson (top left) was until recently the oldest trustee of our charity. After his retirement from the team he started to find it more difficult to get out in an evening to visit the social club for a game of dominoes and asked us if they could find him a secondhand motorised scooter. Don makes full use of it, visiting the social club where he can enjoy his evenings with friends.

Michael Champion (bottom left) from St Ives was forced to give up driving his car due to his medical condition. We helped Michael regain his independence with the purchase of a specially adapted 'Pashier' trike. He can now get the exercise he needs by cycling to the supermarket and the Ivo Center. Michael provided £200 towards the cost of his £695 trike.

Geoff Beeby (bottom right) is 90 years old and has lived in Pidley all of his life. It is thanks to Mrs Rita Hodson from Ramsey, who kindly donated a Pride Legend motorised scooter, that Geoff is now getting out of the house much more. Before the scooter was issued to Geoff it was fully checked and serviced by Peterborough's Mobility Aids Centre.

We contributed £700 towards a Pride Colt motorized scooter for 84-year old Roland Bowd from Warboys (top right). He can now visit friends on the allotments he used to love working on.

AGM 2010

PMRT held its 2010 AGM at Pidley Village Social Club on 21st April. In the past 12 months the charity's trustees have worked at finding and encouraging new members with new skills, enthusiasm and experience onto the committee, with many confirmed as trustees at the AGM.

The 2010 committee is as follows:

Chairman *Trevor Peacock*; Secretary *Karen Brown*, Treasurer *Paul Treadwell*, Applications Officer *Kevin Doyle*, Website Officer *David Collingswood*, Events Officer *Doreen Armstrong*, Membership Officer *Geraldine Healy*, PR and communications Officer *Ros Lloyd*, *Brian Duck*, *Francis Mizuro*, *George Wiggs*, *Darren Tompkins*, *Jackie Godding*, and *Jim Nelson*.

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We've embraced social networking and created pages on Facebook for the Pidley Mountain Rescue Team. Please visit our pages and become a member.

Joining us on Facebook is an easy way to keep up to date with PMRT's activities. It's also a great way to introduce your friends and family to the work that the charity does.