



Combined Insurance Community Awards coverage in the Peterborough Evening Telegraph
29th September 2004

the evening
Telegraph

Wednesday, September 29, 2004 www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk 32p

Everyone's a winner
Full round-up of the ET's Make It Happen awards
PAGES 8 & 9

Make the right move
88-page property guide inside
INSIDE

QUENTIN MARKS
ESTATE AGENTS
15 KING STREET

OLD

William
own 3393

01233 242432
www.gemma.co.uk

The image shows a newspaper masthead for 'the evening Telegraph' dated Wednesday, September 29, 2004, priced at 32p. The masthead includes the website www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk. Below the masthead are two main promotional sections. The left section, titled 'Everyone's a winner', features a photo of a man and a young girl holding a framed award certificate, and advertises a full round-up of the 'ET's Make It Happen awards' on pages 8 and 9. The right section, titled 'Make the right move', features a photo of a woman and advertises an 88-page property guide inside. To the right of these sections are several real estate signs, including one for 'QUENTIN MARKS ESTATE AGENTS' and another for 'William own' with the number 3393. A contact number '01233 242432' and website 'www.gemma.co.uk' are also visible.



£1,000: Parnwell Community House.



£778: Bretton and Helpston Brownies.



£685: St John Ambulance.



£330: Peterborough Phantoms BMX Club.



£300: Thistle Drive Play Centre.



£300: Stanley Carroll Irish Dancing School.



£500: Deeping Gang Show.



£300: Glinton Scout Group.



£250: Cotton End Sheltered Housing.

How we

HOPES of being able to fund great ideas to make life better for others have become a reality for many big-hearted charity groups.

The atmosphere was brimming with excitement as the groups from across Peterborough arrived for *The Evening Telegraph's* Make It Happen awards night.

Through their dedicated efforts, these people had, in many cases, created a rainbow of hope for others who deserved a helping hand.

Now there was a £10,000 pot of gold for them to share, thanks to this innovative scheme from *The Evening Telegraph*, with help from Combined Insurance.

It was the moment of truth for the hard-working volunteers brimming with ideas about how to improve the service they provide for their loyal members.

But many were there because they faced the age-old problem of how to fund their ambitions with what little money they had in their tight coffers.

And their solution was to apply to our Make It Happen scheme for help.

As the night unfolded, the brick wall holding back their ambitions was knocked down - and 21 community groups received up to £1,500 each.

At the glittering prize-giving ceremony at the Marriott Hotel, in Alwalton, Peterborough, Posh owner

TWENTY-ONE overjoyed community groups across Peterborough saw their dreams come true, as *The Evening Telegraph's* Make It Happen scheme shared out £10,000 in an emotional ceremony held at Peterborough's Marriott Hotel. **ALEX CLAYDON** reports on the proceedings.

Barry Fry handed out the cash awards and commemorative plaques to the delight of the groups' volunteers and members - many of whom struggled to hold back tears of joy.

Among those receiving a cash injection was the YMCA Time Stop, in Eastgate, Peterborough, which asked for £500 to buy a new computer.

The hostel, which specialises in providing somewhere to live for homeless youngsters aged between 16 and 25, intends to use this computer to help these young people find employment and accommodation.

Elaine Izzo, the operational manager from Time Stop, said: "This money will literally change these youngsters' lives."

"We try to help many of the young people who live here get their lives back on track by finding them employment and somewhere to live permanently."

"But this has been difficult in the past because we have had no computer system which they can use in the hostel. So we had no choice but to send them elsewhere to use the equipment."

"Now, they will be able to do this at Time Stop, which will certainly strengthen the trust that we try to build up with them."

Another group to receive

a £500 subsidy was Dial-a-Ride, which provides a collection service for elderly and disabled people in the Peterborough area.

Wheelchair bound pensioner Linda Meloy is one of the many city residents who see the Dial-a-Ride service as a lifeline.

She said: "Being elderly or disabled is so isolating for those who have problems getting about. In many cases, these people feel forgotten by society and are unable to do the everyday things which able-bodied people take for granted."

"This money will go a long way to helping people like me who have trouble moving, and we are over the moon to have been one of the groups chosen to receive it."

One of the largest awards of the night was for the Parnwell Community House project, which received £1,000 to provide three extra classes for people of all ages.

Rose Farr, a spokeswoman for the project, said: "The house was originally founded two years ago. It was felt that there needed to be a meeting place to hold classes, with the aim of bringing the community together and giving the residents pride in where they live."

"With this money we will now be able to provide three



£242: Car Dyke Rainbows.



£250: Brudenell Playing Field Management.



£165: The Embroiderers' Guild.



£100: Old Dogsthorpe Residents Assoc.

made it happen

extra classes – a knitting club, homework club and children's club."

Four of the winners – the Bretton and Helpston Brownies, Deeping Gang Show, Glington Scout Group and the Car Dyke Brownies – were from Guide and Scouting packs.

Seven-year-old Alice Betanbeau, from the Car Dyke Rainbows, was over the moon when her pack received £242 to buy music, sports and craft equipment.

She said: "Now we will be able to do lots more fun activities with paint and crafts, which I really enjoy."

And the Glington Scout Group, which meets in a Scout hut in the grounds of Arthur Mellows Village College, in Glington, near Peterborough, received £300 to repair its leaky roof.

Group Scout leader Ken Doughty said: "This money will make all the difference to the pack."

"We do so much with the youngsters at this hut and it is vital that we have it as a meeting place to continue this work."

"Now thanks to the *ET* and Combined Insurance this is possible."

During the evening every group member made their way to centre stage for a presentation and picture with Barry Fry, *ET* editor Rebecca Stephens and Clive Thomas, from Combined Insurance.

Whoops of joy and thunderous applause erupted as the never-to-be-forgotten night drew to a close and everyone went home happy.

@peterborough1033y.co.uk
alex claydon



IN CHARGE OF PROCEEDINGS:
Evening Telegraph editor Rebecca Stephens.

... and who we made it happen for

□ THE Old Dogsthorpe Residents Association: £100 towards the cost of this year's party.

□ Embroiderers' Guild, which meets at the Wistow Community Centre, in Orton Wistow, Peterborough: £165 to buy a new screen for when visiting speakers wish to show the group slides.

□ Car Dyke Rainbows, from the Eye, Parnwell and Thorney areas: £242 to purchase equipment to aid in their craft, music and sporting activities.

□ Brudenell Playing Field Management, which looks after the playing fields and the village hall, in Baston, near Peterborough: £250 to buy new sports equipment.

□ Glington Scout Group: £300 to complete much needed restoration work on the Scout hut.

□ Holme Fen District Rainbows,

Brownies and Guides in Hampton, Yaxley, Stanground and Farcot: £300 to purchase two packs of percussion instruments.

□ Stanley Carroll School of Irish Dancing: £300 to purchase new mirrors to use during dance classes.

□ Parents and Friends of Thistle Drive Play Centre: £300 to go towards building a new ball pool for disabled children to enjoy.

□ Peterborough Phantoms BMX Club: £330 to buy six pairs of gloves and six helmets, which youngsters can use to ride the track safely.

□ Woodston Over-55 Group: £340 to cover the cost of a coach for their Christmas trip.

□ YMCA Time Stop, in Eastgate, Peterborough: £500 towards the cost of a new computer.

□ Gladstone Women's Sports Associ-

ation: £500 to purchase new equipment and uniforms.

□ Dial-A-Ride: £500 towards keeping the service operational.

□ Deeping Gang Show: £500 towards buying new audio equipment to help the youngsters rehearse.

□ Whittlesey Royals Football Club: £550 to buy the team a new kit

□ Coates Crusaders Junior Football Club: £300 to buy a girls' team kit.

□ St John Ambulance: £685 to purchase vital life-saving equipment.

□ Bretton and Helpston Brownies: £775 to purchase two new tents.

□ Parnwell Community House: £1,000 to set up three additional clubs.

□ Peterborough Shopmobility: £1,500 to buy a new electric scooter.

□ Cotton End sheltered housing complex: £250 towards costumes and refreshments for its Christmas party.



£1,500: Peterborough Shopmobility.



£600: Coates Crusaders.



£550: Whittlesey Royals.



£300: Holme Fen District Guides.



£500: Gladstone Women's Sport.



£500: YMCA Time Stop.



£340: Woodston Over-55 Group.



£500: Dial-a-Ride.

GOOD CAUSE - Charity organisations to find out if they are in line for slice of ET's £100,000 handout



HOPEFULS: Community groups, such as Guides, were invited to bid for a portion of Make It Happen



The night is nigh to Make It Happen

AFTER four months of searching, the votes are in and lucky Peterborough charity groups will soon walk away with a share of £10,000.

The Evening Telegraph has been inundated with entries for the Make It Happen cash give-away.

A total of 55 community groups, charities and individuals have sent in their applications for a share in the £10,000 awards scheme.

On Monday night, Peterborough United boss Barry Fry will greet the 21 finalists short-listed for their work to improve the lives of other people.

At the ceremony, at The Marriott Hotel, in Alwalton, The Evening Telegraph and Combined Insurance will make dreams come true with a slice of the cash prize.

Clive Robinson, managing director of Combined Insurance, who was one of a panel of judges deciding the winners said: "We have been overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of applications received for the Make It Happen Awards in Peterborough."

"It has been a tough judging process, but we are looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting night when we will be making it happen for community groups in Peterborough."

By the closing date in

AMY CAMERON NEWS REPORTER

August, a stack of entries had been received.

The team at the Tunnel Play-centre, in Malborne Way, Orton, Malborne, Peterborough, applied.

Centre manager Nicola Grace said the group is in desperate need of £400 to buy a new cooker.

She said: "It would make a great difference. So many different groups use the centre and the old cooker is no longer fit to use."

"It would be a great boost." The Woodston Over 55s Club is hoping for a boost to its funds to help organise a Christmas dinner for its 20 members.

The YMCA Time Stop, in Wellington Street, Eastgate, Peterborough, is hoping for £1,500 to buy computer equipment to help young people gain employment.

And Parnwell Strictly For Kids Club needs a £2,000 cash injection to replace its out-dated computers.

The Evening Telegraph deputy editor Nigel Thornton said: "There are literally hundreds of people who work hard to make life better for people in Peterborough."

"We hope this award recognises those goals and offers them the financial help many of them need and deserve."

amy.cameron@peterboroughtoday.co.uk