



# Who's caring for the carers?

A charity called Fun4All has been launched in Chippenham, which aims to give affordable breaks to Carers and those they care for. The charity realises that people don't choose to become carers, it is thrust upon them, and they do it willingly, from love. However breaks are vital to their own well being as their own needs are often overlooked and their lives are "put on hold".

The charity recognises that all Carers experience a loss of freedom in their lives. Fun4All Chair Mike Oakes states that "By offering affordable organised 'Fun breaks' we aim to ensure that unpaid Carers of all ages will realise they are not alone; their situation is not unique; and that we care and share together".



Committee Member Muriel Richards states that "I want to help Fun4all grow by providing a series of fun activities for the members and researching various options for group outings and visits that might be of further interest to foster the feeling of inclusion, rather than exclusion."

After several months of searching for a suitable accessible hotel the first event will be held from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013. It is an all inclusive 3-Day luxury break with Full Board at the Hilton Hotel, Swindon. The break is good value at £120 per person, as not only the accommodation and food is included but also a choice of entertainments and activities that cover all tastes, with the emphasis being on fun wherever possible.

Carers are welcome to attend on their own, however this is where Fun4All is different and more realistic in its approach, as it is recognised that it can be very difficult to place those they care for in the hands of someone else. Therefore the activities and the choice of venue are aimed at both. Group participation is also encouraged, so activity organisers from relevant societies are welcome to make enquiries to the charity.

To enable the first event to go ahead a fundraising concert has been arranged for the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Neeld Hall, Chippenham. Bristol's 3 Top Tribute Solo artists, plus a 1960's recording artist will perform twice throughout the evening. Tickets cost £12.50 each and include a finger buffet and a welcome cocktail upon arrival. They can be obtained from the Chippenham Tourist Information Centre, telephone 01249 665970.

The charity will consist of a membership who will direct the future growth of the charity, so that it delivers what the members want. The Business Plan shows that in the future the charity intends to provide a series of residential breaks, outings, and craft workshops for its members to foster the feeling of inclusion, rather than exclusion.

For Booking Forms, Membership Applications, Event Details, Donations and further information please e-mail [info@fun4all.org.uk](mailto:info@fun4all.org.uk) or visit the charity's website [www.fun4all.org.uk](http://www.fun4all.org.uk)

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