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Important Dates –

- Council Meeting
23rd January
2009.
- Volunteer Group
Meeting 29th
January 2009.
- Group Leader
Training Course
6-8 and 21-22
March 2009.

Hello and Welcome

Hi everybody welcome to 2009 and the second edition of our little newsletter. I hope Christmas went well for you all and this year will bring all you desire. *Child*, as always, has been working extremely hard, well fairly hard anyway, on all our behalf's'. All the news that is fit to print is found right here with the font of all knowledge, yep you guessed it, me. I am

going to have to bully some of you lot to help me write this baby soon, however in the meanwhile you are stuck with yours truly. I cannot believe nobody accepted my invitation to help with any troubles you face in life. Jill's Pills of wisdom will just have to wait for another edition.

Henry Walls is the winner of the competition,

congratulations **Henry**, the book was of course Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone. See page 2 for our next brainteaser.

By the way thanks to everyone who responded (some in amazement and some in pleasure) to Edition 1. It was good to see that at least you read it!

Group Leader Course

Yes folks it is happening. The dates are booked for the 6 - 8th and 21 - 22nd March 2009. The location is the rather swanky Childhaven Centre just outside Donaghadee. We still need more students, no surprise there. If you know of anyone interested in training for us please let Niall or I know as soon as you can. Their applications and references will need to be with us before they can attend so it is all hands to the pump. Is that an expression? It sounds

kinda weird but right at the same time.

We are also looking for anyone interested in instructing. Places are filling up fast, however I am always willing to accept some new blood into the team. I am coordinating (don't know if that will put you off or not), so let me know. You need to attend both weekends and the preplanning day, on the 15th February.





First Aid Training

Can anyone interested in doing an external First Aid Course please let me know. *Child* are willing to pay all costs and the Volunteer Group are looking at various agencies that have offered their services. If there is enough interest the course will only be for *Child* volunteers and specifically designed for our needs.

Data Collection, I know, I know

I understand honestly I do. The thought of it hardly fills me with joy either, however it is something that needs to be completed and completed well. I will soon have a file on each of you (you are welcome to view it at any time). What would really speed me up is the information you have in all your stupendous brains.

Can you let me know what holidays you have worked on and the year you trained, I just GL course years. You don't even need the dates of the holidays just year and location.

I am sorry to bug you with this but the more information I have from you guys the easier my life will be to collate all this stuff. Love you all.

"What famous man, from Monty Python, has written children's books including Erik the Viking (also made into a film and very funny) and Nicobobinus?"

Volunteer Group News

We are meeting again on the 29th January in my house. Gimme a shout if you are interested in coming.

We successfully ran *Child*'s first ever Training for Trainers day on Saturday. Even if I say so myself, it went very well. The students and instructors all enjoyed themselves and I hope to be seeing some if not all in instructor teams in the

future.

We are also looking at the possibility of a pre summer training day with a little social evening tagged on the end. It is nice to get together and back into the swing of things for the holidays. Watch this space for more details in the next edition.

Christmas Night



A big thank you to Mr. Henry Walls for an excellent night out on Saturday 3rd January. 14 people in all came down to Belfast, a record I think especially in recent years. It was great to see everyone and a good time

was had by all.

No scandal or biz I am afraid, at least not while I was there, perhaps you could fill me in if I missed anything.