



The Pilgrimages Barbershop entertains us at our annual event and donated £1,500 to us!

## Our achievements this year:

- Youth Hardship Fund
- Royal Naval & Royal Marines Charity
- Annual Event
- VCS Training Fund
- Winter Fuel Campaign
- Antony Jinman
- Memory Café
- Community Fund Grants
- Lord Mayor's Charity
- Halifax Charity Day
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## Merry Christmas from us to you!



The Chairman and Trustees of the Plymouth Drake Foundation wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the successful year we have had within our local Plymouth Community. We will also look forward to 2014 and the projects we already have in motion to make the year even better than 2013.

We are delighted to say that in the last 5 years we have given grants accumulating to just over £520,000 back into the Community. Below is what we have been able to achieve thanks to your continued support:



## Earlier in the Year

### Youth Hardship Fund

The Youth Hardship Fund has been run in partnership with The Zone for its first 12 months now and has been hugely successful. Following a £10,000 input from us and careful management from the Zone we know we have made a huge impact on many young people's lives.

The statistics speak for themselves and we know that in 12 months we have helped 318 young people avoid times of personal and financial crisis – for the full report follow this [link](#).

### Royal Naval and Royal Marines Charity

2013 saw the beginning of a partnership between RNRMC and the Plymouth Drake Foundation; on behalf of RNRMC we distributed £5000 between the Plymouth RNRM Swimming club and Jack & Jill's childcare in Plymstock.

These two grants provided a new swimming pool with equipment and the ability to coach more children and a safe outdoor play area – the full story can be

**“Charity Begins at Home.”**



Some of our runners from The Plymouth Half Marathon 2013; the whole team raised an impressive £1046





Antony Jinman sent us this picture from deep in the Wilderness of the Antarctic! Antony is doing his part to support his chosen charity please do yours and donate to his cause at the link below. Antony is now officially our most Southerly Ambassador unless you know different?!

## Annual Event

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September was our annual event and it was a fantastic evening of celebration. All attendees, from the stall holders to the awards winners enjoyed the night which was full of engaging speeches and exciting performances.

We must thank Plymouth University for their superb support to us for providing the venue and priceless help throughout the planning stages and even on the night.

Every year we try to make each event better and the feedback on the night was positive and our numbers increased and topped 200!

Make sure you keep an eye out for our annual event next year and come and join in the celebrations.

## VCS Training Fund

The Plymouth VCS Training Fund is for small Plymouth based voluntary and community sector organisations that need funding for training.

The fund covers any type of training and is does not need to be accredited.

In its first round of two we aimed to help 20 community groups receive training to take their organisation forward. The applications came soaring in and we surpassed our target and funded 21 groups.

A second grant round will open in January 2014 where we aim to help another 20 groups with important training.

Keep an eye out for this grant round and make sure you utilise this opportunity.

## Current Campaigns

### Antony Jinman's Sole South Pole Mission

Plymouth University's resident explorer and Plymouth Drake Foundation ambassador is currently embarking on a titanic solo trek to the South Pole. Antony is keen for his efforts to benefit the Plymouth Community and you can sponsor us, his chosen charity, here: [Local giving](#). Every £10 donation is match funded.

### Winter Warmth Fuel Campaign

We are currently working with Age UK Plymouth and the Plymouth Herald to promote this campaign to help the elderly survive these cold months. If you want to support this campaign send your donation to us. You can read more about the campaign [here](#).

### Ex-services Memory Café

The Plymouth Drake Foundation, Alzheimer's UK and The Royal British Legion (RBL) all came together to open the first ex-service memory café nationwide. The event was attended by Commodore Graeme Little as well as many dementia sufferers and Carer's.

Early feedback says the café is very successful and all 3 parties are working together to make sure this can continue for the foreseeable future.

The café takes place fortnightly at the Crownhill Family Centre. For more information please explore our website.



Award winner Geoffrey Reed with Trustee Prebendary Sam Philpott; Geoffrey Reed was awarded for his supreme work and effort put into the Plymouth branch of Devon and Cornwall Food Association to keep the charity running and even then finding time to mentor an apprentice through their course and into employment. Geoffrey is a man who reflects the title of the awards 'spirit of community' perfectly.



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## Future and Continuing Campaigns

### Lord Mayors Charity

The Lord Mayor Councillor Vivien Pengelly selected The Plymouth Drake Foundation and RNRMC as her chosen charities.

Throughout the end of 2013 and into 2014 we have all come together to put on some great events and plan many more. The Lord Mayor would like a majority of any money raised to go towards the continuance of our Youth Hardship.

Keep eyes peeled in Newspapers and online for future event dates where you can attend and get involved with the fundraising.

### Halifax Charity Day

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – Plymouth's city centre based Halifax branch hosted a superhero and sports themed fundraising day for The Plymouth Drake Foundation. We all enjoyed the day and raised a fantastic £741. We hope this day is the start of a lasting partnership between us and Halifax.

### New Faces

The Plymouth Drake Foundation has employed a full time administrator – he has been our apprentice for the last year and through sponsorship from Swarthmore and Plymouth Guild we will be keeping Conor Webber for at least another year.

### Community Grants

The Plymouth Drake Foundation and Devon Community Foundation have long been in partnership where on 3 occasions a year Plymouth Drake Foundation manages the proceeds of an Endowment fund just for Plymouth.

In just 2013 via this program we have given £24,740 to 14 local groups which brings our total to £53,708 for all 2013 grant giving. Full details of all the grants we have given can be found on our website. Next year looks to be even more promising with more of our funds being open...stay tuned.



Banana Man and Mighty Mouse of Halifax doing their bit for the Plymouth Drake Foundation

