



Regatta for the disabled HENLEY

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The aims of R4D

To address the unique needs of disabled children and adults and their families and carers by holding a regatta as a means to raise awareness of the issues faced by disabled children and adults and their families and carers and to promote inclusion”

To achieve these aims we have organised for the last 7 years an event at the paddock and on the river at the Phyllis Court Club offering accessible activities not always available to people of all ages and disability

The land based activities are all interactive for disabled and able bodied people and include a petting zoo, circus skills, climbing wall, rowing machine, special cycles, punch and judy, wheelchair obstacle challenge. This year we are staging various performances including a ukulele group and circus acts.

On the water we are organising sponsored Bellboat racing all day.

In addition from 10.30am we organise trips on the river with Rivertime, which can take up to 5 wheel chairs, we have 2 off 12 seater motorboats and a bellboat which operate all day with free trips. Last year we provided 350 trips on the river.. The young children receive a goody bag and a medal for their trip. All have a great day.

We have expanded our activities to organising a free day on the water for disabled people with Bell boats and a Wheely boat that takes wheelchairs and riding different special cycles for all at the Bisham Abbey Sailing school in June . Some disabled who attended had never been on the river before.

These events are unique and exceptional for families who include a disabled person, physical or mental and all can enjoy the day and are firmly in the calendar of numerous disabled groups and their families.

Entrance fee is kept to a minimum £5 with carers and children under 4 free. There is no further charge for the river and land activities.

All these facilities we provide have a cost to our charity and we are very grateful for all the financial support from organisations and in particular the Shanly Foundation.

Michael Pooley Chairman

Patrons: David Suchet OBE, Helen Rainsford, John Howell MP OBE, The Chairman of Phyllis Court Club

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