

Dear Supporters

As you will see from the first news item, Rowan, as ever, is doing its best to support itself where it can. The students broke all walking records this year and were rewarded with 30th Birthday cake at the finishing line each day. They are working especially hard too in the workshops at present, thanks to the number of commissions that you have so generously put Rowan's way. As trustees we thank you most warmly for your continuing interest and support. If you have time to come to our Winter Warmer event on Wednesday, 3rd December, the Rowan family will thank you with spiced punch and music. Our thanks go also to Marshalls who included Rowan and its amazing aeroplane in their Family Day in the summer, and to CSR who brought their barbecue to the Rowan garden and fed us all handsomely at lunchtime. We are privileged indeed in our supporters. All good wishes, **Margaret Phillips, Chairman**

Celebrating 30 Years in 30 Ways



It's Rowan's Birthday and for our 30th Anniversary we're celebrating in 30 different ways! It began with a Team Rowan fundraising week in September. Students decorated over 30 cakes on Monday then aimed to complete over 30 miles between them Tuesday-Thursday. To celebrate our birthday everyone was in fancy dress with a celebration theme.



A big thank you to Mayor Gerri Bird who lent her support at the starting line on the Wednesday and completed the first part of the 30 miles with our students. We're pleased to report that we smashed our 30 mile target almost 3 times over, covering nearly 90 miles!

The 30 ways will be completed with an anniversary sculpture unveiled at Rowan's Winter Warmer event 5pm-8pm on 3rd December. Rowan will be undertaking more 30th activities in the coming months and we invite any ideas for the 30 ways to celebrate. If you've ever wanted to raise money for Rowan by doing a skydive, cycling London-Brighton or completing another challenge, then get in touch!

Chesterton Festival

We love taking part in Chesterton Festival each year and this year was no exception. We welcomed our new Community Fundraiser, William Oakman, to this event to help us raise money for our charity by running a raffle. William came to us highly recommended and now we know why! Single-handed, William collected prizes from local traders and members of our community and through our raffle and tombola at Chesterton Festival he raised over £650 for Rowan. Well done and a huge thank you to William.



Make some noise

We were invited to make an interactive garden sculpture at Wimpole Hall. Russell designed a xylophone made from recycled aluminium tubing from the Walled Garden and timber from the estate. A team from Rowan sheltered from the wind and rain, working in a greenhouse at Wimpole to bring this design to life.



Visitors to Wimpole's West Garden were able to play the xylophone and it now has a permanent home within the Estate's wonderful gardens leading up to Wimpole Farm.



We love our local market

This celebration of our local market has become a fixture for our students. Each year our students visit Cambridge Market and produce artwork to exhibit in The Guildhall. Visitors to the LYLM exhibition were hard pressed to choose their favourite Rowan artwork. By the end of the exhibition, Emma's depiction of The Ice-cream Seller ended up attracting the most votes and she won tickets to Cambridge Rock Festival as well as goodies from the market stallholders.



Welcome

Sarah Nibbs has recently joined Rowan's team as a Ceramics Tutor, job sharing with Abi and Ester. Sarah has quickly become part of the team and although Ceramics is her speciality she also brings a wealth of other complementary art and design skills to her role.



Marshall's Family and Friends Day

We were delighted to join our friends at Marshall's for their annual Family and Friends Day in the summer. We took up residence in the art marquee with a 4-metre long cardboard aeroplane for our friends to enjoy decorating with us. A large quantity of paint, tape and glue later and all the commercial aeroplanes on site paled into insignificance!



Open Studios

Cambridge Open Studios, like our Winter Warmer, is one of our favourite events during the year. We spend time beforehand tidying up and planning our displays. Our friends, old and new, spend time walking around our studios and some make art together with us. Artwork that has been lovingly created is given its chance to be admired and we are always heart-warmed by the response we receive.



Diary Dates

Winter Warmer

3 December 2014

5pm to 8pm at Rowan

Artwork for sale - a chance to buy some unique gifts

Musical entertainment, light refreshments, Prize Draw

Mitcham's Models

We took part in local community art project, Mitcham's Models. You may have spotted our model standing on the iron stairwell outside Dumbletons on Mitcham's Corner.



Commissions Update

Our finger labyrinths have become well known and we are embarking on production to supply these to Addenbrookes Hospital and wellbeing practitioners nationwide. We continue our commission partnership with Anglesey Abbey. Russell and his team have completed a table for the Domestic Wing at Anglesey Abbey and continue with various additional construction and signage projects for the community areas of the site. We are also undertaking a painting commission for Irwin Mitchell Solicitors in Cambridge and the Ceramic studio has various figurative and decorative commissions underway for private collectors of our work.



Contacts

Des Trollip, Director of Operations
des@rowanhumberstone.co.uk

Kirstin Bicknell, Marketing & Fundraising
Kirstin@rowanhumberstone.co.uk

40 Humberstone Road
Cambridge, CB4 1JG

Cambridge (01223) 566027

www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk

If you would like to receive information about Rowan by email, including future newsletters, please contact Kirstin.

Registered Charity No. 1099555
Registered Company No. 04448427

Our friends at CSR

We are enjoying our blossoming relationship with CSR. Following the financial support they gave us earlier in the year that enabled us to buy our minibus, we are now being looked after by one of their Charity Committees. During the summer our students enjoyed a barbecue at Rowan, provided by CSR and they are now planning a CSR version of 30 Years in 30 Ways to raise some money for Rowan.

