

January 2012 Newsletter

1. Happy New Year!

Welcome all to 2012! I hope you've all had a wonderful festive break and your homes are suitably strewn with lots of untouched new toys and exciting cardboard boxes...or is that just my house?



Thank you all for your continuing support of Cheltenham Twins Group over last year, what with our venue change, parties, nearly new sale, expecting twins evenings and hospital talks plus the start of our new buddying scheme, it has been busy and productive. We have seen our group grow and thrive—long may it continue!

2. Plans for the Year Ahead

We really hope to continue the success of last year and will continue to build on our achievements. Here's what's in store:

- ◆ Hospital Talks
- ◆ Expecting Twins Evenings
- ◆ Summer Party
- ◆ Nearly New Sale
- ◆ Christmas Party
- ◆ Social Events
- ◆ Continue and establish links with local children's services and community projects.
- ◆ Exploring new funding avenues

As always, the running of the group requires a degree of organisation. We are going to have some incredibly well organised and highly experienced committee members stepping down later in the year, who will be sorely missed. If you have a burning desire to give a little time to our wonderful group, please consider joining our committee! More details will follow over the next few newsletters.

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Editor's Note:



Welcome to the January edition of the Cheltenham Twins Group newsletter.

I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas season! It was so nice to see so many of you at both the children's party and the ladies night out and to meet many new faces.

Well, in the one month of December, my twins quickly learned all about presents and it was interesting to watch their different approaches. One reveled in opening her pile as fast as humanly possible before scanning the room for more—the other opened one gift and savoured it for a while (aeons, in fact!), before moving on to the next. It was certainly challenging, we almost had to tie Little Miss Ripper to a chair leg to prevent her from getting to her sis-

ter's pressie pile! What better magic than seeing children enjoy Christmas.

If you have anything you'd like to see included in future newsletters, please feel free to get in touch, I am always open to suggestions!

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Don't forget for the latest news and updates, check out our [web-site](#) and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @chelt_twins.

3. The Party Photo's!



I'm sure you will all agree that the Christmas party was a fantastic success and we hope that everyone who attended enjoyed it. We would like to thank the Cheltenham Play Rangers for their time, bouncy castle and craft activities; Musical Mini's for the fantastic entertainment; Catherine Miles for her wonderful face painting services once again; Judy's Mum and Rachel R's Mother-in-Law for helping in the kitchen and of course, the star of the party, Santa!





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Contacts

In order to make contacting the current committee of CTG that little bit easier we now have a new email address system which can be accessed via our website:

www.cheltenhamtwins.org

If all goes to plan it should mean enquiries are dealt with faster as they will end up in the right person's inbox!

So, they are as follows:

- Info
 - Admin
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 - President
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 - Committee
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4. Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again when membership renewal is due! This is a vital source of income for the group and for a meager £6 for the year members get a whole host of benefits! Emma T is currently working on new membership cards and compiling a list of all member discounts so you will hear from her soon with further information.

5. Money Management Advice

Advice on money/debt management provided by GL Communities can be accessed via local children's centres. Appointments with an experienced advisor take place on Wednesdays at Gardners Lane and Oakwood Children's centre, however there is possibility of them being arranged at Leckhampton Children's Centre if there is interest. Please contact your local children's centre for an appointment, or Sandra Day, part of the GL Communities Advice Team on 01452 396515. A poster with further details is attached to



6. Expecting Twins Evenings



Many of you will fondly remember going along to one of our ETE's, when still expecting twins. The personal touch of being invited into someone's home really gives a welcoming and friendly impression of the twins group, as well as being a hugely valuable source of information for expectant parents.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering either to host an evening in their homes, or to co-host, please contact [Gemma Curtis](mailto:Gemma.Curtis@cheltenhamtwins.org). Dates of the ETE's for 2012 are available on the [CTG website](http://www.cheltenhamtwins.org).

7. Twins Family Support

If you are a parent or carer for twins or more, and need an extra pair of hands, Cheltenham Twins Group can put you in touch with CCP, a charity that helps to improve the lives of

children, young people, families and vulnerable adults, with multiple and complex needs. You can request that a volunteer comes to give you a hand, a couple of hours a week.

Please email CTG Chair, Ellie Bolton, at twinsfamilysupport@chelt.com, if you would like further details. All information received is treated confidentially.