



The circus comes to Rotary's KidsOut Party

For this year's Rotary sponsored winter KidsOut event, Shaftesbury Rotary Club, with the aid of Shaftesbury School, organised an afternoon of circus skills and entertainment, for local children, all orchestrated by Circus Berzercus.

Circus Berzercus, commonly described, as 'A Mismatch Made in Devon' are a hilarious, highly skilled circus show for all of the family. They regularly carry out circus skills workshops in schools from Key Stage 1 upwards.

The children enjoyed an afternoon learning new skills such as juggling, hoopla, stilt walking and diablo juggling.

After a break where refreshments were provided, Circus Berzercus completed the afternoon by putting on a show, involving children who were happy to take part. The show was performed to the parents and their guests. The children then went

home with a free cinema ticket.

The whole afternoon produced an afternoon of fun, circus and hilarious entertainment, which was enjoyed by all. It is hoped that this will now become an annual Rotary event that will grow in popularity every year.

● KidsOut partners with Rotary to take more than 25,000 disadvantaged children on a National Day Out each year and thousands more through Fun Days. Through these initiatives KidsOut has taken hundreds of thousands of children on a fun day and provided thousands more with a Toy Box.

Whatever their disadvantage, KidsOut brings fun and excitement into children's lives as well as hope for a better future. Believing that every young person has a right to happiness, through its life-changing work KidsOut plays a key role in shaping the future for the better.

● Shaftesbury Snowdrops Project leader and trustee Pam Cruickshank would love to hear from anyone who can help with a pop-up shop from late January through to mid March.

Pam says, "We need people to help us plan, set up and staff the shop, and in addition, outdoor help at the Abbey during half term week (shifts for both are 10-12.30 12-2.30 and 2-4.30 each day) - training for shop helpers will be provided.

"The pop-up shop and Abbey display are essential parts of how we fund the annual legacy project activities."

If you can assist with any of this, they'd love to hear from you on 01747 300174 or 07754 620955.