

A bit of relief...?

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Time for a change?
Your ideas please

A Bit of Relief! Is now over five years old and we feel that the time is right to give it a new name.

We have thought of several possibilities here, but as it is your newsletter we would like to hear your ideas as well.

Please either send your suggestions along with your timesheet, email us at enquiries@towngate-personnel.co.uk or telephone your temp consultant here in the office and the title of the next edition could named by you!

5TH ANNUAL TOBY'S CRICKET DAY



By Richard Deeley – Chefs Division Manager (with help from Ella Deeley, aged 8)

On August 27th, the 5th annual Toby's cricket day took place in Poole Park. Sponsored by Towngate Personnel plc, the day is a celebration of my nephew Toby's life that was tragically cut short at the age of 8.

Toby was a sports crazy little boy and had a heart attack whilst playing football with friends in November 2002.

Since that tragic day, the lives of all my family have changed dramatically, however we wanted to do something positive that Tobes would be proud of and that would help other sufferers of Cardiomyopathy and other heart conditions.

Toby's first love was cricket and like his father Mark and elder brother Jamie, he was an excellent player so on August Bank Holiday 2003, we organised the 1st of Toby's Cricket Days.

We had a sponsored cricket match, a bar, hog roast and a BBQ as well as a bouncy castle, inflatable



slides and children's face painting; we also had a raffle and a silent auction. All in all we raised £10,000 for Wessex Heart Beat – the main cardiac unit for the South and Channel Islands based at Southampton Hospital. Since then the day has grown quite considerably, with higher quality teams playing and support from far and wide. We have also set up a Cricket Academy in Toby's name to give talented young players under the age of eighteen the best possible coaching and in fact last year we were able to send one lucky boy on a trip of a life time to the Ace Academy in Perth, Australia.

To date, through these cricket

days and my sister's (Toby's mother) successful completion of the two London Marathons we have raised in excess of £85,000 for Wessex Heart Beat, The Academy and CRY (Cardio Risk in the Young).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the directors and my work colleagues here at Towngate for their commitment and support to this event as well as all of our hotel and restaurant clients who have generously donated some superb prizes for our raffles and auctions.

We hope that Toby's Cricket Day will continue to grow and grow and we look forward to passing the next milestone of £100,000 in the not so distant future.

Congratulations!



Many congratulations to Perm Chef Consultant Gavin whose wife Jodi gave birth to their first child on August 17th – a healthy baby girl named Kaylin who weighed 7lb 11oz.

Two months on Gavin is just about surviving on four to five hours a night and the odd power nap!!

Temp of the month September

Temp of the month for September is Toni Payne. Although Toni has not been working for us very long the feedback from the Conference Centre in Buckinghamshire where she has been a F&B Manager since August has been superb. So well done and congratulations from all of us here in the office.



QUESTION TIME

Each edition James Tucker our Operations Manager will answer your questions about working for us at Towngate Personnel.

Q: I have heard that everyone is now entitled to more holiday, how does that effect me as a temp?

A: You have heard correctly, from October 1st this year every workers holiday entitlement rose from 20 to 24 days per year.



As a temp worker you will see on your contract and your weekly wageslip that in addition to your standard pay you are also paid an additional amount to cover your holiday pay.

Up until September 30th this additional amount was calculated as 8.33% of your hourly rate, however since the allowance rose on October 1st the percentage has also risen to 10.17% to cover the extra allowance and effectively giving you more money each week!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

A person checks into a hotel for the first time in his life, and goes up to his room. Five minutes later he calls the desk and says, "You've given me a room with no exit. How do I leave?"

The desk clerk says, "Sir, that's absurd. Have you looked for the door?"

The person says, "Well, there's one door that leads to the bathroom. There's a second door that goes into the closet. And there's a door I haven't tried, but it has a 'do not disturb' sign on it."

Goodbyes

Thank you and goodbye to the following who have gone from temp to perm on their assignments for us.

Geoff Bennett – General Manager at the Anchor.

Simon Griffiths – Restaurant Manager at the Three Swans.

Dale Winrow – Conference Manager at the Southgate.

David Barney – Reservations Manager at Holiday Inn.

Jason Gillick – Sous Chef at Lythe Hill.

Jack Bailey – Reception at Albrighton Hall.

The Hot Toddy

by David Gammond

With Winter Looming, colds and man flu will be just around the corner. I have devised a recipe that is a sure cure way of keeping you at work and the bugs at bay!!

Preparation Time 5 minutes.

Ingredients:

1. Juice of three Whole Lemons (fresh)
2. Zest of half a lemon
3. One Red Chilli The hotter the better. Scotch Bonnet would suffice De-Seeded



4. One cm of fresh Ginger Root finely Chopped
5. One table spoon of Acacia Honey
6. 35ml of Scotch whisky
7. 100ml of Hot water

Combine all ingredients in a glass add whisky and stir. Once mixed add hot water and ENJOY!! (Consume all that's in glass)

WARNING: DO NOT USE A SINGLE MALT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Temp of the month August

Temp of the Month for August is Doreen Eld – Doreen is one of our longest serving temps and has been with us for nearly two years, including one massive assignment at a hotel in Hampshire where she worked as receptionist from November last year until this August.
Thank you very much Doreen.

Your newsletter team is Tania, Christine and David.

Please send us any photos, stories or ideas for features. We welcome any feedback or suggestions concerning your newsletter.



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