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The event raised £1,700 for The Children's Trust, from entry fees and the sale of raffle tickets. Businesses in the area were extremely generous in offering raffle prizes such as a meal for two at the Tryst on the Green restaurant, a private dining experience at Warren House, tickets for local venues, gifts from Lush and Neal's Yard, and one-month memberships at Nuffield Health.

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It is hoped that this year's winners, Kingston Round Table, will defend their honour next year and indeed, plans are already underway to come up with new games for the Enigma Challenge 2010. However, rumours that teams will be asked to bungee jump off Kingston Bridge whilst holding a large bowl of blancmange have been strenuously denied!

5th May 2009

The Enigma Challenge – participant feedback

“ I thoroughly enjoyed the other night. You and Carter Bells did extremely well. Looks like this might be an annual affair. “

“ Just wanted to drop you a quick line to thank you for a really good evening last Thursday, we all thoroughly enjoyed it and thought both the organisation and choice of games were excellent! “

” I hope it was a success for you and that you raised plenty of money for your chosen charity. “

“ Well done for last night, a real success. Our two teams really enjoyed it. I know that you and the team put in a lot of effort for the night, please pass on our thanks. “

“ I just wanted to thank you and all the team at Carter Bells. I have to confess this was my first time, I was an Enigma Virgin. I am converted. Thanks once again. Looking forward to next year. “

“ Just to say how we all enjoyed last night - well done to everyone who helped to organise this very worthwhile event. “

“ We would like to thank you and everyone who worked so hard at Carter Bells for a fun and challenging evening. We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously, though it would be fair to admit, we were slightly apprehensive before we started. “

“ Thank you so much for organizing and running the evening. “

“ Thank you very much for last night’s event, very enjoyable but so hard! “

“ Thank you to you and all at Carter Bells for a fantastic evening in aid of The Children’s Trust. “

“ We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were surprised to get up into sixth place overall with such a young team!

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The Enigma Challenge

Organised by
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Thursday 30th April 2009
Hawker Centre, Kingston upon Thames

WELCOME!

Thank you for taking part in the Enigma Challenge and helping us in our aim to raise a lot of money for The Children's Trust. We have devised more fiendishly silly things for you to do this year and we hope you will all have a really great time doing them!

Your Master of Ceremonies for this evening is **John Field**, Senior Partner of Carter Bells. Keeping an eye on proceedings, invigilating, measuring and judging are **Andrew Thorne** and **Richard Norris** and their decisions are absolutely final, no correspondence will be entered into, etc., etc... On hand for general help and support are the world-famous Carter Bells Glamorous Assistants.

Tables:

Your team table has been allocated in the Main Hall. The Carter Bells Glamorous Assistants will direct you to your table and help you to be in the right place at the right time – the missions are held in different locations, so please check the schedule contained in this booklet and/or listen out for announcements. Please let the nearest Glamorous Assistant know if you need help, extra pencils, want to buy (more) raffle tickets or are desperate to know the Meaning of Life. OK, maybe not the last one.

The Missions:

The Enigma Challenge consists of eight missions, designed to test your skill, knowledge and dexterity. Before each mission, John will give you a quick introduction and tell you how long you have to complete it as well as how many points are at stake. If it's all too much to take in, details of each mission are repeated later in this booklet.

The Raffles:

We're running two really fabulous raffles during the evening. We are very grateful to our many generous donors and to you for buying the tickets. This is the main fundraising part of the evening, so please dig deep into your pockets!

Our **Mystery Raffle** has fabulous prizes for you, including vouchers for days out, bottles of wine, restaurant meals, and much more. Buy your tickets @ £5 a strip from one of the Carter Bells Glamorous Assistants. Write your own and your team's name on the counterfoils and return them to the nearest Glamorous

Assistant. The draw will take place during the final challenge and prizes will be delivered to the winners' tables. The prizes are being allocated in no particular order, so you won't know what you've won until you've won it – a real Enigma!

The **Silver Raffle** has been made possible by Warren House's donation of a truly spectacular prize – a five-course dinner for six people in a private dining room. This is the only prize and there are just twenty-five tickets for this raffle, priced at £25 each. You can choose to use the prize for corporate entertaining purposes, to celebrate a special occasion with friends and family or, if you ask them nicely, maybe they'll let you go six times all by yourself. A great time is guaranteed at this beautiful and prestigious venue. Tickets will initially be limited to one per team, but if any remain after the first round of selling, they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Please buy tickets for our raffles to help us raise as much money as possible for The Children's Trust

Drinks:

To save you the trouble of fetching drinks from the bar, fill in your order on one of the yellow forms on your table, wave it in the air and a specially trained Glamorous Assistant will take it from you, together with your payment. Your drinks will then be delivered directly to your table. Only the drinks shown on the form are available; if you're after a Long Slow Comfortable Screw you will need to make your own arrangements! Please let your GA know if you'd like your change to go into a collection bucket.

The Enigma Challenge Winners:

Of course, it's not the winning, but the taking part that matters. Nonetheless, we have a beautiful trophy for the winners of the Enigma Challenge. This can be kept at the team's place of work for the next year as a reminder of the sheer talent, guile and massive brainpower they had to exercise in order to win. Each team-member will also get an enamel 'Enigma' badge to keep and a bottle of champagne.

Guard against wear and tear on your pockets and purses by depositing any spare change into the collecting buckets!

Timetable and Missions

18:00 **Welcome** (Bar Area)

18:15 **Mission 1: The Incredible Elastic Band Egg Race**

This is the moment of truth...test out your crackpot conveyance against the competition! Points are awarded as follows: 2 points for having made your vehicle; 1 point if it moves; The five longest distances covered gain more points, 5 for the furthest down to 1 point. There are more points on offer in the Beauty Parade – the best/most amazing looking vehicle, in the opinion of the special judge, will get an extra 2 points. **Maximum points** in this mission are therefore **10**

The running order is as follows:

Heat 1

Clear I; Rose Theatre II; NPHB II; Round Table; RBS I

Heat 2

NPHB I; HSBC I; John Lewis I; Menzies; The Children's Trust

Heat 3

Stevensons; Rose Theatre I; Jaggerprint II; Cattaneo; Clydesdale

Heat 4

RBS II; Clear II; Bonsor Penningtons; John Lewis II

Heat 5

RBK; Jaggerprint I; Vantis; HSBC II

After Mission 1, please go to your table in the **Main Hall**

18:45 **Mission 2: Has-Beans**

Identify the beans – sounds easy, but there are some tricky ones in the selection and a couple of extra questions too.

Scoring: **20 points** on offer – 1 for each correct answer

19:10 **Mission 3: Points of View**

What on earth is that.....? Check out the pictures of Kingston landmarks and everyday objects. All you need to do is identify them.

Scoring: **1** for each correct answer; **16 points** in total

19:30 **Mission 4: Cracker Tower**

You have some cream crackers and a selection of bits and pieces. Your mission is to build the tallest, freestanding tower you can in 15 minutes.

Scoring: **2 points** for a standing structure; **5 to 1 points** for 5 tallest structures.

Maximum points = 7

19:50 **DINNER BREAK**

Dinner is served, buffet-style, in the Bar Area. After you've eaten, please return to the **Main Hall**. Before the second half of the evening starts, we'll run through the answers to Missions 2 & 3 and update you on the scores so far.

20:25 **Mission 5: The Whole Truth?**

You have a list of laws, some of which, frankly, are a bit improbable. All you have to do is decide whether each one is true or false.

Scoring: 1 point for each correct answer, making a total of **20**

20:45 **Mission 6: Mocktails & Cocktails**

You have six drinks, four with alcohol and two without. You need to work out the ingredients of each drink and give its name. The alcoholic drinks are marked with red stickers whilst green stickers indicate the non-alcoholic mixtures.

Scoring: **23 points** overall – 1 for each correctly identified ingredient and 1 for the name of the concoction

After Mission 6, please go to the **Bar Area** for the final mission

21:05 **Mission 7: Building Success**

Back by popular demand – it's Giant Jenga! Remove pieces from your tower one-by-one, leaving it standing (hopefully). Couldn't be simpler...

Scoring: **1 point** for each layer of bricks left standing

Mission 8: The 1984 Quiz - continuing

The Children's Trust is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, so to mark the occasion, here's a chance to show how much you can remember about 1984 – 25 questions on all sorts of things from sport to popular culture. You have until 9pm to work out the answers.

Scoring: 1 point for each correct answer, making a total of **25 points**

During Mission 7, any raffle prizes you have won will have been delivered to your table.

22:00
Answers to missions 5, 6 and 8.
Final scores
Presentations

The Teams

Area 1

Clear I
Rose Theatre II
NPHB I
Stevensons
The Children's Trust
Clydesdale Bank

Area 2

NPHB II
HSBC I
Rose Theatre I
RBS Nat West II
John Lewis II

Area 3

Kingston Round Table
John Lewis I
Jaggerprint II
Clear II
HSBC II
RBK

Area 4

RBS Nat West I
Menzies I
Cattaneo Commercial
Bonsor Penningtons
Jaggerprint I
Vantis

Raffle Prizes

We are very lucky to have been supported by many businesses and organisations, which have provided fabulous raffle prizes. See the separate sheet on your table for info on some of the prizes on offer.

Did we mention that Mystery Raffle tickets are £5 per strip and that we'd like you to buy lots of them?

Our heartfelt thanks also go to Warren House for providing the prize for our **Silver Raffle**. Tickets for both raffles are on sale throughout the evening from our Glamorous Assistants.

About The Children's Trust

The Children's Trust is a national charity based in Tadworth, Surrey, which provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities, complex health needs, and rehabilitation services to children with an acquired brain injury.

In 1985 the Trust was the first organisation to offer residential rehabilitation to children with acquired brain injury and it remains the UK's largest provider. The rehabilitation service has helped hundreds of children from all over the country to rebuild their lives after they have sustained a brain injury as a result of a tragic accident or serious illness. In addition, the Trust offers transitional care for children who are technology-dependent (e.g. requiring a ventilator to breathe), and provides expert nursing care in a child-friendly environment as a bridge between hospital and home.

This year The Children's Trust will open a new £7 million state-of-the-art rehabilitation centre – its biggest fundraising project to date - that will allow the Trust to help even more children. Each year over 5,000 children suffer an acquired brain injury but most do not have access to the specialist help available at The Children's Trust.

Other services at The Children's Trust include:

- Community-based rehabilitation for children returning home and to school after an acquired brain injury
- Residential nursing care on a short break, transitional or continuing care basis;
- Short breaks in the family home
- Special education for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex health needs
- Palliative care.

2009 is an important year for The Children's Trust, as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

The Children's Trust is the official charity of the Flora London Marathon and aims to raise in excess of £1 million in sponsorship from the event. Money raised will enable the Trust to help many more children and families by developing services in the community. This will allow more children to benefit from the skills and experience the Trust has developed over many years. Work has already begun and a small team of specially trained therapists is already working with families and children across the UK. Their skills will enable children, who have suffered a brain injury, to cope with life when they return home and go back to school.

A huge **thank you** for supporting the

Enigma Challenge

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Please come back next year!