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Welcome

The countdown is well and truly ON! Our Ignite launch event in Birmingham is just a few short weeks away and the few places we have left are going fast. If you haven't booked yet, don't put it off any longer. It's quick and easy – just visit www.ignitelife.org.uk for all the info and to book your place or call us on **01926 312272**.

As a Life volunteer or staff member, you'll be the first to discover what our exciting new plans for the future are. And it will be a fun, memorable day – very different from anything we've done before. We want you to leave inspired.

So don't waste any more time! The main event runs from 15.30 to 17.00 so you can either pop in just for that, or stick around longer for food, drinks and music.

See you there...

Mary Lubrano, Editor

Thank-a-Colleague!

Floating Support Worker, Anita Dyer, pictured here with her first grandson, has been very busy lately and PAT tested 10 Life houses, ensuring their electrical equipment is safe. Anita was amazing, even completing three in one day! She would like to thank all the Support Workers for their support and for making her welcome.

Tracy Norman, Regional Manager



Congratulations to:

Crawley Support Worker, Vicky Mitchell, who had a baby boy - Beau Mitchell - on 19 May, weighing in at 5lb 15oz.



Updates on the website

Do you ever get annoyed that the Life website does not have the right information on it about Life in your local area? Well here is your chance to help us to fix that.

Please complete a very short questionnaire that can be found here: (www.lifecharity.org.uk/localweb) to help us to publicise the Life work that you are involved with locally. It is only a few basic questions and won't take long.

If you have any other thoughts and comments about our on-line presence, please get in touch with me directly:

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Stuart Cowie, Communications



Doncaster put their best feet forward

On Sunday 15 May my merry band of volunteers and I did an 8k sponsored walk. It was a lovely sunny morning and has raised £260 so far. With thanks to Christine Milner, Cassie Milner, Barbara Rockley, Lesley Rice, Janet Lee, Andrea Marshall, her daughter and friend.

Margaret Richards, Doncaster Shop Manager



Shops

Life's southern houses and shops have developed close working relationships. Many of the houses have been a great source of stock donations for our shops; volunteers have gone to the houses and Support Workers have delivered stock to the shops; Basingstoke has loaned the houses their PAT testing machine and Eastleigh has even donated a brand new hand-held monitor and baby mat sensor to the Fleet house. It's great working together.

Eireann Marshall Janssens, Retail

March for Life



Clara Watson, Anne Scanlan and Peter Sullivan at the Life stand

I was privileged, along with other members of the Life team, to take part in the March for Life on 14 May in central Birmingham. But it was more than a march – it was a prolife festival! Every major prolife organisation in the country had a stall there. There was merchandise, song, and speakers. Ryan Bomberger, conceived in rape, shared how powerful a single life can be. Stephanie Gray, prolife apologist, exhorted us to remember the great pain that abortion causes and to be activists every day of our lives. And Sophie, who cancelled her abortion appointment after seeing last year's March for Life, showed us her baby boy, Riley, and thanked all of us for marching last year.



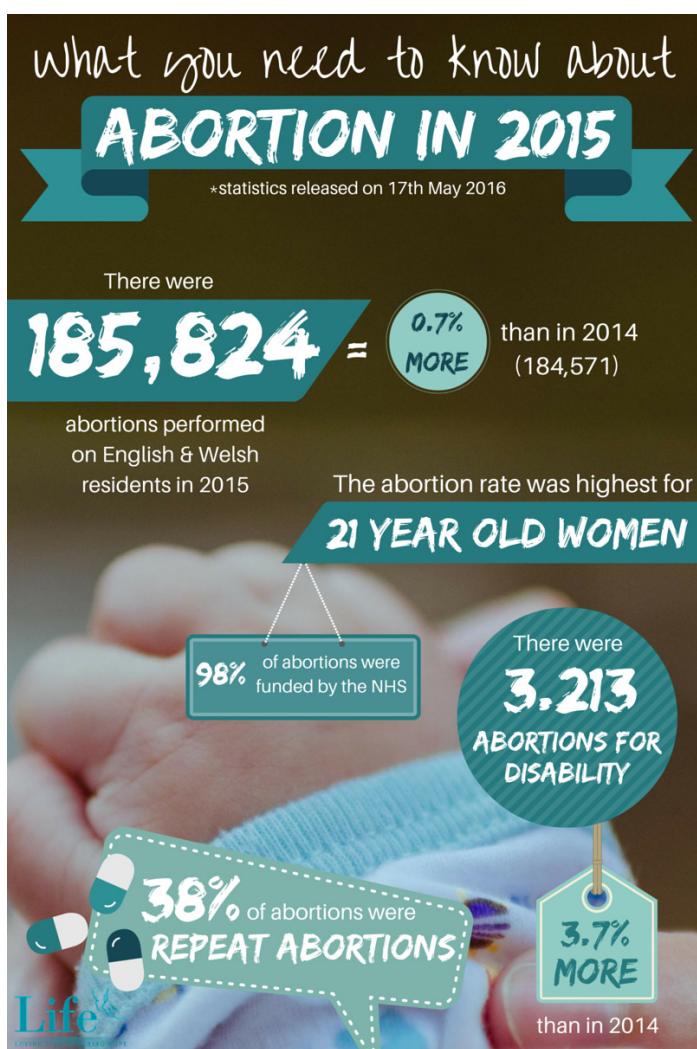
Then we marched! We went on a circular route through Birmingham city centre. I think we all felt proud to stand up for 'Life from Conception – No Exception!' The tone throughout the festival and the march was positive, joyful, and welcoming. It was great to see the union of all proilers and organisations there. The March itself is rapidly growing and had around 2000 people there – a big growth from last year. But it's easy to see why - it couldn't have been better organised, and its tone couldn't have been more positive and upbeat. In fact, the entire day was a celebration of the good news of the prolife message: the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being, and it was a privilege to stand in public to proclaim it. I hope you can join us at next year's March for Life.

James Tranter, Education Officer



Basingstoke Pamper Evening

Basingstoke & N E Hants Life group held a Pamper Evening at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on 5 May, raising £722.44. An excellent team – Chantal Brown, Alice Pavey and her husband, Dorota Ciaston, Marianne Cooke and Valeria Perotto – organised a great evening with 18 different stalls and six treatments.



St Helens Life shop celebrates Queen Elizabeth's birthday in style

Staff and volunteers decorated the shop in red, white and blue, put on a 90p sale rail and made cakes to sell. Customers really enjoyed the day.



Key Contacts

Head Office is here to help – so if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our main number is **01926 312272** or you can email the admin department at **admin@lifecharity.org.uk**

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