

Away From It All Project – looking forward

Our Away From It All holiday has been running since the 1960s, although it has changed in a number of ways over the years. However, the cost of the week-long holiday has steadily increased and our ability to raise the funds to pay for it has declined. The expectations of families have also changed and the type of family holiday that we offer in the past no longer meets their needs. A number of our amazing team of helpers who have supported the Family Holiday are also no longer available to help. After discussing the position with our team leaders, our trustees therefore decided that we will not run a residential family holiday this summer, but will look at other options for supporting families who need a break, for example vouchers for treats or a day out, or possibly an organised coach trip to the seaside. We are keen to support families and we have funds available, so if branches have suggestions on ways we can support families through the AFIA fund, or if they know of local families that need support then please can contact Sue Murphy on secretary@muwinchester.org.uk or 07514 024157.

We plan to celebrate the achievements of our AFIA holiday over the years by holding a thanksgiving service later this year and I will send you information about this as soon as I can.