

# Ollie G Summer Shoot

The hugely anticipated Ollie G Summer Shoot went with a bang on Saturday 8 September and raised a more than impressive £65,000.00! With over 100 guests, there was an amazing atmosphere which reflected everyone's excitement for the day.

The Shoot was held to raise money in aid of MPS children and the MPS Society and the day was enormous fun with a range of 80 clay targets from specially built stands and a 100 target flush. Tom Garthwaite, who has Hunter Disease, from Bramley joined his father and guests on the 'Garthwaite Guns' team. Tom came 77th with a fantastic score of 25

overall which was an amazing result and earned him the award for best newcomer.

After the shoot came a hearty lunch washed down with some fabulous wine to help get the guests in the mood for fines and auctions. The main auction, presented by Toby Kilner raised a staggering amount; the main item being a shooting trip to Argentina for 10 guns raised an astronomical £17,000.00. Also during the afternoon, Toby auctioned off a ride in one of Country Wide's amphibious max cats for £300.00 for Tom who had a superb time going full speed around an undulating and

thrilling course and taking a dip in the river!

A fantastic day was had by all and the event raised a breathtaking amount of money which will go towards helping those affected with MPS diseases and provide funding for families to attend an educational trip to Vancouver next year.

Ollie G Charity Events would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who took part in the day; the generosity of all the guests and donors was phenomenal so thank you to every body for their kindness and support. **Ollie G Events Team**



# OLLIE G CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

We are Robert and Heather Reynolds and we would like to say a big thank you to the Ollie G Summer Shoot.

Our daughter Hayleigh needed an electric adjustable bed to help her mobility getting in and out of bed and also to help raise her legs slightly to avoid stiffness overnight and "it's great for reading my books" comfortably before she goes to sleep.

Before getting this bed Hayleigh always wanted someone to sleep with her in case she needed to get up through the night etc. Now she can get up herself, which is great for her independence and also great for us.

The money raised exceeded the value of the bed so helped Hayleigh to be able to choose which bedwear, pillows, sheets etc she wanted to go with it.

Here is a photograph of Hayleigh in her bed (with the back raised and the bottom slightly raised to read her book) before going to sleep.

Once again we would like to thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. It goes without saying that we all give our thanks too, to the MPS Society for all their help and support. Thank you very much.

**Robert and Heather Reynolds**

## A bed for Hayleigh



Please will you pass on our sincere thanks to the organisers of the Ollie G Clay Pigeon Shoot and all the guests on the table who supported Sophie.

We were overwhelmed by the amount of money they so kindly raised. We have used the money donated to buy some items of sensory equipment for Sophie. As you can see in the photograph, she particularly enjoys the Chimeabout which spins, jingles and reflects light on its many mirrored surfaces. It is well suited to a Sanfilippo child as it is very robust and chew-proof! It does hurt, however, when it is launched across the room at you, again this is an occupational hazard and we are learning to dodge it!

We have also ordered a light projector which will allow Sophie to be entertained when she is lying in her bed. She will be able to relax and watch the changing patterns and colours on her ceiling.

The equipment you have enabled us to buy will stimulate and entertain Sophie, this will become even more valuable as her condition progresses.

Many thanks once again for your generosity.

**The Summerton Family**

## Sensory equipment for Sophie



# Tom wins Best Newcomer Award



In August Dad said to me that David Gosling was organising a clay pigeon shoot to raise money for MPS, and that I was invited. I said that I really wanted to go, but I was a bit worried that I didn't know how to fire a shotgun. You can imagine how excited I was when he said that David had thought of that, and had therefore offered me the chance to have some private lessons before the charity day with the shooting coach at his activity centre, Countrywide Special Events (CWSE - what a cool business to have!).

I had two lessons with Mike, who was really a fantastic teacher - very patient and good at explaining things. Down in the woods at CWSE Mike showed me how to hold the gun, and how to shoot a clay pigeon. You have to follow the clay with the gun, and shoot as you overtake it. Sometimes he got me to shoot at an imaginary coke can on top of, or below the clay. It was an amazing feeling to hit the target and see the clay shatter. He gave me an oven glove to protect my shoulder from the 'kick' that the gun gives as it is fired. Whilst the gun was a bit big for me, I could quickly feel that this was a sport that I would really enjoy.

The big day finally arrived and I made up a team with Dad, my uncle and two friends. There were over 100 of us shooting that day and all of them had a really good time. There were also some famous people, including Roger Taylor (from Queen) and Gary Brooker. When all the teams had finished shooting, we had a fantastic lunch over which more money was raised for MPS. Dad gave a speech about what MPS was and how it affects families. Then I presented some prizes to the winning teams. I was really surprised and pleased to be presented with a cup by Christine Lavery for being the best newcomer! It was an experience that I won't forget - and I'm hoping that I can continue to learn to shoot. **Tom Garthwaite (MPS II)**

We would like to thank the MPS Society for contacting the Ollie G Events Team on our behalf, who have provided the funds needed for Alice's specialised bed.

The money so kindly raised by the Ollie G Events team and those who attended the Clay Pigeon Shoot will buy Alice a 'Kindersafe' specialised bed, which will make a big difference to Alice as she experiences sleeping problems. The bed is designed to ensure her safety and also be fun for her to sleep in. We would never have been able to purchase this item, and would like to give our sincere thanks to those who organised the event, and to those who so kindly gave to help Alice - we are astounded by such generosity and never imagined such an amount would be raised. **Karen, Clive and Alice Coombs**



## A special thank you

We are writing to thank you for putting Harry's name forward to the Ollie G Events Team to say a special thank you to them as they kindly made a donation to help us make our son Harry's dream come true. Harry is an avid Disney fan and this October with the help of the Ollie G team it became possible for us to take Harry to Disneyland Paris.

Harry was diagnosed with Hunter Disease, MPS II, and has endured many hospital appointments and often painful tests, undergone major heart surgery as well as weekly infusions all within the space of 18 months.

We have found Harry a true inspiration. He always has a smile on his face and is such a happy positive and brave little boy who takes everything in his stride. We felt he truly deserved a special treat. We all had a fantastic time and Harry and his sister Olivia didn't know where to look first as there was so much to do! But Harry's absolute favourite was the Star Wars ride. He is now convinced he has been to space! Once again thank you to all that were involved in helping this special little boy's dream come true and creating wonderful memories for our family. **Paul, Amy, Harry and Olivia Robinson**

## Dear David Gosling and the Ollie G Summer Shoot

We cannot thank you enough and are overwhelmed by the very kind generosity from the organisers and the people on the tabled named after Hannah. We are deeply touched to think that people have not even met Hannah would like to help her and make things better for her.

We will be able to buy the DVD players for the car which will help enormously on those weekly, sometimes more, trips on the motorway. Even when the waiting time for appointments have been known on several occasions to be up to three and a half hours, at least we can go back to the car to watch a film! We have also brought a reliable and more high tech thermometer. We need to have accurate readings for Hannah as she is unable to receive her treatment if she has a temperature. So now we will be able to spot earlier if we think she is unwell and get her to

the doctors to get treated and then she won't miss her vital enzyme treatment. This in itself is a little battle to make sure she is well enough to have her treatment. As when Hannah does receive the enzyme we can notice the difference remarkably.

Some days are very hard to cope with what Hannah has got, but she is always a happy child and always makes the best of what she is able to do, which keeps us going. However, this generous gift will help make things more sweeter for her with all the travelling we do because of the MPS VI, Maroteaux Lamy Disease. For us, knowing that there are very kind people out there who have helped our little girl – we will always be very touched.

Our very best wishes and gratitude to everyone concerned.

**Lucy and Edward Brock (parents of Lucy MPS VI).**

Dear MPS

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all concerned and to the Ollie G Events team for your very generous cheque we received for our wonderful little son Nathan who was diagnosed with Hunter Disease, MPS II.

With the money that was raised Nathan now has a fire engine, police bicycle and a great bouncy castle, and really smart clothes to go with it all. You have all made a little boy so very happy.

Yours sincerely

**Eamonn and Michelle Worsford**

## Thank you to Ollie G

Here are a few photos of our recent weekend away at the Lake District. As you can see the boys had a great time, James thoroughly enjoyed himself as did we all. As the Ollie G event raised money so generously we were also fortunate enough to be able to buy the boys a 'Playstation 2'. We can't thank everyone involved enough, the money has made a real difference. Many thanks to all involved. Ruth Hall, mum of James (MPS II)

