

Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

Newsletter No 37

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest **HHI** Tidings which we hope you will read with interest together with the Charity's updated Alternative Gift Catalogue

Visit to Zambia - Jute and Alun Williams and Edmund Plummer have now arrived safely in Zambia laden with various medical and other items they managed to cram into their luggage. This included three laptops and other equipment for the children of the Nanga School where the recently installed Solar Panels, already proving such a boon, will allow these to be used effectively. We are pleased to report that the total cost (£9,633) of the Solar Panels was met by funds raised by SFHHI.

News from India

The good news is that Philip has finally been able to purchase a second bus for the Happy Valley School from the monies raised by SFHHI and with some left over has also been able to replace much needed new tyres for their other bus.

HHI Website – The Charity's website has recently been re-structured and is now up and running. It is well worth looking at – at the same address www.hhi.org.uk On it you will be able to read daily diary updates of the HHI team's visit to Zambia

Tuition Groups – Ian Gow reports on his success in raising funds from the members of the Avondale Church “In the run up to Christmas 2018 we made an appeal to fund one Banyan Tree Tuition Group. These groups help poor children reach their educational potential and eventually gain employment and lift families out of poverty. The continued success of these groups has been recognised by our supporters and even although costs have grown their increased generosity has allowed us to fund five tuition groups during 2022. We have about fifty sponsors in the Banyan Tree Tuition Support Group.”

Bridge Drive – after a lapse of two years due to Covid, this popular event among bridge players from Strathaven and further afield which has previously been one of our key fund raisers will take place on Saturday 22nd October in the Avondale Church, starting with a light lunch at 1.00 pm. If you are not a bridge player you can support this event by donating items for the raffle. To reserve tickets to play or if you can offer any raffle donations or tray bakes please contact Kath or Iain.

Round Strathaven 50 – This year's event, the 21st RS50 since it started in 2002 was held on 21st August and is seen as one of the most successful to date. Around 550 cyclists took part over either the 15 or 50 miles routes and the excellent sum of over £12,000 has been raised. Many cyclists donated more than the £22 entry fee towards the good causes which the RS50 supports, including HHI which has received generous donations in recent years.

Painted Leaf Cards - Here is a gentle reminder that the leaf cards are always available through the website, and no, it's not too early to order for Christmas. The cards are suitable for every occasion and each sale helps to support the Indian ladies and their families. The leaf card scheme for the lady artists in India was set up many years ago by Tom Sutherland and he was responsible for the original designs. Tom, who is a skilled artist, has personally painted some particularly fine leaf pictures which are of a very high quality. These leaves are available as limited edition framed pictures for £15. They do not appear on the website but can be viewed and purchased by contacting Iain or Kath.

Love Letters Down Under – there are still copies of Iain's latest book available for purchase from the shop on the SFHHI website (at www.sfhhi.org.uk) Copies of his other books and also of some of Ron Prosser's books are also available. The proceeds from all of these go to Health Help International

STOP PRESS – We have just been advised that HHI is to receive the marvellous sum of £6,000 from this year's RS50. This will go towards the £20,000 needed for the purchase of a new Autoclave Machine for Monze Mission Hospital in Zambia where the present machines are all nearing the end of their useful lives.

On behalf of the **SFHHI** Committee

Helen Baird, Willie Cooper, Ian Gow, Margery Menzies, Kath Russell Tel: 01357 521059, Iain Park Tel: 01357 520204