

# **Strathaven Friends of Health Help International**

## **Newsletter No 39**

**Please find enclosed a copy to the latest HHI Tidings which we hope you will read with interest**

The **Cafe Bridge Day** is new venture for SFHHI which we hope will not only raise funds for HHI but bring the Charity to the notice of a much wider audience throughout the UK. The money raised will be augmented by a grand raffle held on the day and we shall be grateful if you can donate a prize for this nearer the date.

### **Happy Valley and Asha Kiran Ashram Schools**

Avendale Old and Drumclog Parish and friends agreed to redirect their donations to help pay the salary of a "Special Needs" teacher at HHI Happy Valley School and/or the Asha Kiran Ashram School. The students attending these schools all have special needs and are taught not only academic subjects languages and maths but the schools provides physiotherapy, speech therapy and a meal for the pupils. Many thanks to our supporters for undertaking this major challenge a full time qualified Special Needs Teacher costs between £120 and £350 per month but this help makes such a difference.

Edmund wrote *"Many thanks for this. It is a terrific start to the new Special Needs fund, and it is very encouraging for me. I've just come back from India where I have been able to see the skill and dedication of these special needs teachers, and also the impact that they have on so many young lives. That is one of the advantages of visiting just once a year: I can see the development of abilities that these teachers are nurturing."*

### **Painted Leaf Cards**

The artists in India are still painting leaves and reliant on the sales of the cards to support their families. The cards are available all year round and turn your personal greetings into a very special message. Please remember the leaf cards when you are looking for Birthday Cards, Thank You Cards, and Condolence messages. To order go to our website at:- [www.sfhhi.co.uk](http://www.sfhhi.co.uk) or phone Kath (07916 171 830)

### **HHI on Film**

A film crew from the BPFC film company accompanied Edmund Plummer on his visit to India earlier this year to record the activities of HHI and are due to travel with Jute Williams when she visits Zambia in September to film the work supported there by the Charity.

We have already received a number of the filmed sequences taken in India and they portray the work of HHI in an excellent manner. Hopefully we shall be able to upload these to our website shortly for you to view them.

The resultant documentary covering HHI's work in both India and Zambia should be of great promotional value.

**Round Strathaven 50** - entries are rolling in for this year's event which will be held on Sunday 20th August.

Please support this key event on Strathaven's calendar. The RS50 has provided marvellous support to HHI over the past ten years.

**Iain's interview about HHI on Avondale Radio** – Iain was given the opportunity to speak about the work of HHI and the support it receives from the Strathaven in a recent interview with Les Hoggan on Avondale Radio. You should have the opportunity of listening to this in due course by searching on the list of previous shows.

On behalf of the **SFHHI** Committee

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