

Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

Newsletter No 40

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

Our first **Cafe Bridge Day** on Wednesday 7th June was a great success. It attracted players from around the country including a party of ten from London. Bridge was played in seven cafes and restaurants around the town as well as in the Avendale Church which was our base for the day. The weather was good to us and our visitors from further afield saw Strathaven at its best as they strolled between the various venues. The excellent sum of £2000 was raised for HHI.

Bridge Drive This is being held in the Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday 14th November as a less demanding attraction for those bridge players who did not feel able to participate in the more physical challenge of going round the Cafe bridge route. We have already filled seventeen tables with great support from members of the Hamilton Bridge Club. If you don't play bridge you can still support us in this our latest fund raising effort on behalf of HHI by donating a prize for the raffle.

The Special Needs Schools in India –

At the beginning of 2023 Avendale and Drumclog Tuition Group Supporters redirected their support to help pay the salaries of Special Needs Teachers in Happy Valley School and Asha Kiran Ashram School. Edmund Plummer, an HHI Trustee commented *"Your donations really make huge difference – children who previously couldn't do anything at school are being empowered and educated to their limits, and so enabled to reach their potential – a level which is often beyond their parents wildest dreams"* A qualified Special Needs Teacher costs between £1440 and £4200 per annum. At the end of October with two months still to be added for the annual donation for 2023 the figure in the Special Needs fund stood at £3951.00. Many thanks to all our supporters, your help gives hope to the lives of deprived youngsters who are often rejected by their own communities.

Painted Leaf Cards –
Just a gentle reminder about our fantastic leaf cards. Use our cards to send a very special message to those very special people in your life. We have lots of cards in stock ready for Christmas and those thank you notes that follow the festive season. The ladies who paint the cards rely on the sales of these cards to support their families, please support them. You can purchase cards from our website www.sfhhi.org.uk or phone Kath on 07916 171 830.

Jute Williams in Zambia –

There were many moving and memorable items in the reports which Jute sent back each day during her annual visit to Zambia. Have a look at these in Jute's Travelogue under the News item in the HHI website at www.hhi.org.uk

HHI on Film -

The film crew from the BPFC film company which went to India with Edmund Plummer in January also joined Jute on her visit to Zambia in September. The results of the visit to India can be viewed in eleven short films also on the HHI website and these give an excellent picture of HHI's work in India. The results of the Zambia visit are still awaited. Have a look at the Indian films on the Film section of the site.

Round Strathaven 50 –

HHI has benefited once gain from this year's event and is to receive a donation of £6000 from the monies raised. Over 600 cyclists took part and the marvellous total of over £15000 was raised, a further £8000 of which will be shared by the Scouts and Guides. Cheques will be presented to all the beneficiaries at a social evening to be held in the Scout and Guide Centre following the RS50 AGM on Wednesday 6th December, which you are cordially invited to attend. Our thanks to all of you who supported the RS50 in any way.

RAGBAG –

The ragbag container in the Trinity Church car park has been emptied. Time now to clear out all your unwanted clothes, footwear and leather items before the end of the year. We raise about £400 each year from this scheme.

On behalf of the SFHHI Committee

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