

Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

HHI'S 25TH Anniversary Year

Newsletter No 42

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest HHI Tidings which we hope you will take time to read

The Buy a Brick Campaign - As you will see in the Tidings good progress had been made towards reaching the target of raising £25,000 to build a new dormitory at Choongo School. Including the generous donation received from last year's RS50, Strathaven supporters have made a significant contribution to the excellent total of £18,500 raised so far. We hope that by the time Kath visits Zambia with Jute Williams in October the building will be complete and they can see the students enjoying the benefits of the new facility. To help us achieve this you can 'buy' further bricks by accessing the HHI website on www.hhi.org.uk

Cafe Bridge Day - Our second Cafe Bridge Day held on 12th June was another great success and enabled us to send £2000 to HHI for the Brick Fund. Our thanks are due to the Avondale Church which was our base for the day and the local cafes and restaurants which hosted the bridge players and provided them with excellent lunches. The musical evening which followed in the Church was also a resounding success and our thanks are due to all the performers.

Round Strathaven 50 - This year's RS50 takes place on Sunday 18th August and a record number of cyclists have already signed up, for both the 50 miles and 15 miles routes. HHI has benefitted in recent years from very generous donations from the RS50 committee. If you can help this year either by offering your help on the day as a Marshall or by providing home baking that would be much appreciated – the latter especially if we are to retain our reputation as ' **the Good Food Run**' among the regular cyclists who take part. If you can help in any way please contact any of our committee.

Severe drought in Zambia -Health Help International, still going strong after 25 years, continues to donate generous sums of money each month to India and Zambia to support the various ongoing medical and educational projects being undertaken on its behalf in both these countries. Recently it has responded to the pleas for help from the HHZ staff in Monze for additional funds to help feed the many people who are starving because of the severe drought in Zambia and the failure of their crops in recent months. HHI relies on the donations it receives from its many loyal supporters and such additional demands can only come from the Charity's limited reserves.

Please consider making a one-off donation to help meet this additional challenge.

The Special Needs Schools in India – This is the second year Avendale and Drumclog Supporters have helped to pay the salaries of Special Needs Teachers in Happy Valley School and Asha Kiran Ashram School. For the year 2023 the Supporters Group donated a total of £4,000.00 and for the year 2024 January to the end of July a total of £2,700.00 has been given. This support makes a huge difference to children with physical and mental difficulties. Many thanks to all our supporters, your help gives hope to the lives of deprived youngsters who are often rejected by their own communities.

On behalf of the **SFHHI** Committee

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