



Donations to Sussex Air Ambulance

The Club raised over £5800 at its supper and auction held at the King Edwards Hall, Lindfield, in late November. As a result, we donated £4,000 to the Sussex Air Ambulance Service which, coupled with other donations during 2008, has taken the total amount donated by the Club to this valuable service to over £6300.



Sussex Air Ambulance Fund
saving time - saving life

Busy year for the Club

During the last twelve months the Club held six fund-raising events. As a result of the funds raised we:

- Donated £6,750 to St Peter & St James Hospice
- Organised and financed a 'Kids out Day' for Court Meadow School
- Donated nearly £6,000 to other local charities and £2,200 to international aid projects as well as the amounts to Sussex Air Ambulance
- Contributed \$2,000 to a Rotary project in Nepal to install two generators in an orphanage

We also co-organised a sponsored walk across the South Downs (Hike4Hospices) the net proceeds of which, totalling £28,000, were distributed to four local hospices including St Peter & St James.

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We are on the web - www.rotarysussex.org

Annual Darts Marathon Competition

The Club's annual darts competition is an established favourite in local pubs and clubs. In the last ten years the competing teams have raised sponsorship of almost £50,000 all of which has been given to charities supported by Rotary.

The format of the competition is simple. Teams of six (men, women or mixed) throw darts continuously for one hour (with a break after half an hour) to see which team can attain the highest score. Prizes and trophies are awarded for each category as well as for the most sponsorship money raised by a team and the most raised in a particular venue. The Club does all the administration – all teams have to do is raise the sponsorship and turn up and play.

If you want to play in next year's competition, to be held between January and March 2009, further details can be obtained from Ray Major on 01825 723139. It's a fun evening so bring your friends.

\$21,985 helps orphans in Nepal

Rescued from sham orphanages in Kathmandu, some 330 children, displaced from their families in that war torn region of Nepal, enjoy a healthy life under the care of Umbrella Nepal Foundation. Not only are the children well-fed and well-educated, but as they get older they are trained in skills that they can take back to their own villages and pass on, now that peace has returned.

Umbrella's activities are based in the village of Gurge, just north of Kathmandu, where they have re-established two schools. The Club led a project, together with their international partner clubs of Karlstadt Arnstein (Germany) and Charumati (Nepal), to fund the installation of a micro hydro-electric generator to power lighting and computers and a bio-gas generator to fuel the cooking facilities.

The Clubs took advantage of The Rotary Foundation charity to win matching grants from their local Districts plus an international grant from the USA. The Clubs donated \$6,798, the District grants were \$5,849 and the International grant was \$9,248, making a grand total of \$21,895.

President's Message

Welcome to our first Rotary Club of Cuckfield and Lindfield News. The object of our new publication is to thank those who have supported our fundraising events and to explain what we do with the money. I hope you find the News interesting and will be encouraged to support us in the future.

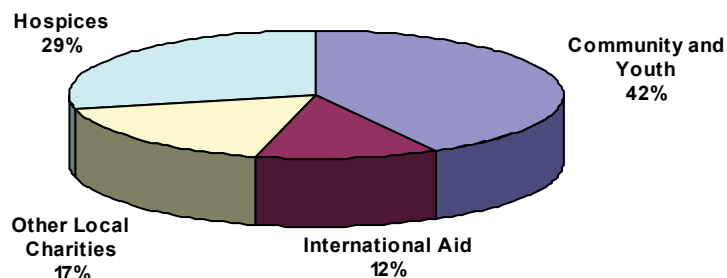
Rotary is an international organization of service clubs whose members set out to support their local community and wider national and international charitable work. A unique feature of Rotary clubs is that members provide their time voluntarily so no administration charges are incurred. Rotary funded the polio eradication programme undertaken by the World Health Organization and our club has been directly involved with establishing an eye hospital in India specialising in the treatment of cataracts.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary now has a membership of 1.2 million men and women in 25,000 clubs located in 170 countries.

Please contact us through our website and thank you again for your continued support.

Roger Sawyers

Donations made in the last ten years total over £200,000



PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS:

Age Concern	Hope and Homes	National Osteoporosis
Chestnut Tree House	Lupus UK	Orpheus Centre
Court Meadow School	Mercy Ships	Polio Eradication
Headway	MNDA	Rotary International
St Peter & St James	NSPCC	Shelter Boxes
	Sussex Air Ambulance	Tsunami Appeal

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ This year the Club celebrates its Silver Anniversary
- ◆ Our annual Darts Marathon competition gets under way in January 2009. To compete see details inside
- ◆ Hike4Hospices, a sponsored walk across the South Downs for the benefit of four local hospices, takes place on 22 & 23 August 2009 For details visit www.hike4hospices.com
- ◆ Members have helped build an annex to a clinic in Aberdeen near Freetown, Sierra Leone and were instrumental in setting up a war orphanage. This year the Club has also funded shelter boxes for flood relief victims in Burma as well as the war orphans project in Nepal

DIARY OF EVENTS

December 29 - Lindfield High Street Treasure Hunt starting at 10 o'clock from The Bent Arms. Tickets cost £10 for a family. Visit our website for details.

February 6 - Super Quiz at Wivelsfield Green Village Hall. Tickets £15 from Geoff Dew 01444 414456.

April 25 - Entertainment at Queens Hall, Cuckfield.

June 3 - Charity Golf Day at Haywards Heath Golf Club. Entry forms from Peter Stevenson 01444 453300.

The Rotary Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield is a member of Rotary International. The Club has 50 members and meets weekly at The Bent Arms Hotel, High Street, Lindfield. For membership details contact the Secretary, Alec Landauer, at 5 Hurstwood Lane, Haywards Heath, RH17 7QY or email alandauer@btinternet.com.

The Rotary Club of Cuckfield & Lindfield Charitable Trust Fund is a registered charity, number 1032500

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