



KHoCA NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

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Autumn 2010

Friday October 22nd 2010

GIFT FAIR

at Somerhill, Tonbridge

November 26th 2010

Afternoon Bridge & Tea

Kippington Hall

Sevenoaks

December 4th 2009

Children's Party

Hildenborough

March 18th 2011

Bridge & Lunch

Rolvenden Village Hall

For further information about any of these events visit our website

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01580 765717

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR GRAND DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS! FABULOUS PRIZES AWAIT!!



The K.H.o.C.A. Committee

Welcome to the KHoCA newsletter and my first as Chairman. We have had a very busy year with many changes. Ann Widdecombe stepped down as an MP and as our President and we heartily thank her for all her efforts on behalf of KHoCA, and wish her a happy retirement. I am thrilled to announce that Julia Hands has kindly agreed to be our President. Julia is CEO and Chairman of Hand Picked Hotels and has a great affinity to Kent.

Judy Charlton retired as Chairman and has left an enormous hole at the heart of KHoCA. We greatly miss her input, hard work and cheery smile. Gilly Legg and Jenny Chambers have also retired from the committee with many years service between them. We thank them all most sincerely for all they have achieved, both in organising events and the people they helped.

Juliet Atherton and Anne Billings become Vice-Chairman and Sue Green, Membership Secretary. We welcome Dawn Button onto the committee. We are seeking keen pro-active new committee members, do contact me if you are interested.

Fundraising has continued apace this year, starting with a wonderful

From the Chairman

demonstration by Sarah Raven on 'The Cutting Garden' with delicious lunch, in a beautiful marquee in Tudeley, courtesy of the Leggs. We raised £3,875.



Our 25th Anniversary Gift Fair was held at Somerhill in Tonbridge in October, by kind permission of the governors. The usual selection of fabulous stalls ensured the day was a success and over £10,000 was raised.

A spectacular golf day at Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club in November brought in a stunning £15,000. 84 golfers played through fog and rain followed by a warming lunch and exciting Auction.



Over the winter, two afternoon sessions of bridge were held with

tea, at Hildenborough and Scotts Project, and over £2,383 was raised.

Children from all over Kent came to the Christmas Party. Hayley Hobbs led a brilliant team of volunteers who drummed up significant sponsorship to achieve a massive £4,457. Similarly the older children's Disco was a huge success with £1,913 banked.

Spring brought our Fabulous Fashion Fundraiser in Benenden. Designer bargains galore ensured a steady stream of eager buyers. Huge thanks to all who donated outfits and helped on the day, over £5,000 was raised.



Sevenoaks School Marquee was the venue for the Opera Picnic in May. Concerns about the standard of entertainment have been noted but everyone enjoyed a lively evening with friends and over £5,000 was raised.

Huge thanks to all who helped or supported in anyway this year - we couldn't do it without you!

Clare Cannon

MEMBERSHIP

Please return this slip if you would like to become a Friend of K.H.o.C.A. and we will send you details.

Name

Address



Send to Mrs S Green, The Trench, Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough, Kent TN11 9LE

(Please note that all of the forms in this mail-shot can be returned together, in a single envelope, to any of the people mentioned - you do not need a stamp for each! If you receive more than one set, please let us know and we will correct our address database. Thank you)

Donations Made in the Past Year

Art for Life	£4,000
Kent Kids Miles of Smiles	£3,300
Compaid Trust	£5,000
Scotts Project	£5,880
Friends of Benenden Grange	£500
Headway Garden	£10,000
Tonbridge MENCAP people carrier	£5,000
RDA livery	£2,000
Fifith Trust truck	£5,000
Fynvola Foundation	£18,406
Rose Farm Polytunnel	£998
Pepenbury Christmas card comp	£150
T Hutton washing machine	£467
Anchor Support Services	£1,500

TOTAL £62,201

Christmas Card Competition



1st Prize
'Christmas Wreath'
by Linda Reed
Pepenbury



2nd Prize
'Christmas Wrapping'
by Thomas Bean
Pepenbury

OUT & ABOUT

We are delighted to have received applications from a raft of new organisations and individuals this year. Needs vary from vehicles to washing machines, gardening equipment to funding for transport. Any new and different applications for funding are welcomed.



Members of Tonbridge MENCAP enjoying a night out in their new people carrier, partly funded by KHOCA.



Rose Farm near Ramsgate, home to four young men with severe learning difficulties, in the new polytunnel donated by KHOCA

KHOCA began back in 1972 partly due to a young girl called Kate Scott, who sadly died earlier this year. Kate lived very happily at Ledgers in Paddock Wood for the last years of her life. In her memory KHOCA are donating a pagoda sunhouse, where residents can sit and enjoy different surroundings in the fresh air.

Fynvola Foundation is the last link in the chain of care for severely mentally disabled people. It has been established in Faversham to provide specialist care homes with nursing and palliative facilities for learning-disabled people, to meet their complex medical and terminal illness needs as they grow older.

KHOCA have donated £30,000 for the conversion of a barn into a Day Care Centre. The Foundation believes that learning-disabled people should be able to spend their final years in a stimulating environment that provides comfort and dignity and enables them to receive the same level of care and support that we would all wish for ourselves.



Judy Charlton with Hugh Grant, Patron of Fynvola Foundation



The KHOCA Day Centre at Fynvola

LOCAL HEROES

A chance for a special thank you to our 'local heroes'...

Sonny the Butcher in Hadlow has been incredibly generous in his support over the last few years. Anything from sausages for the kids disco, to chicken for 200 ladies who lunch, he has willingly donated the lot.

Sir Graeme Odgers, a stalwart supporter, has been given the Spirit of Kent Award and donated the £5,000 to KHOCA.

Lyn, Steve and all at Vision Printers in Tunbridge Wells, who go the extra mile to help us prepare our documents for printing, and support in so many ways.