



# KHoca NEWSLETTER

## Dates for your Diary

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Autumn 2009

September 14th 2009

**Sarah Raven -  
The Cutting Garden  
& Lunch in Tudeley**

October 23rd 2009

25th Anniversary of the  
**GIFT FAIR**  
at Somerhill, Tonbridge

November 2nd 2009

**Afternoon Bridge & Tea  
Scott's Project  
Tonbridge**

November 11th 2009

**Golf Day**  
Royal Ashdown Forest  
Golf Club

December 5th 2009

**Children's Party**  
Hildenborough

January 29th 2010

**Afternoon Bridge & Tea**  
Hildenborough

For further information about  
any of these events visit  
our website  
[www.khoca.co.uk](http://www.khoca.co.uk)  
or phone 01732 506027

NEW FOR 2010

**THE  
K.H.o.C.A.  
DIARY**

See next page for details  
Order soon to avoid  
disappointment

We were very saddened by the death of Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, our very supportive patron, just after we had produced last year's newsletter. He had been very ill for the previous year. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

On the other hand I am thrilled to announce that **Jools Holland** has very kindly agreed to take on the role of Patron and we look forward to a long and happy association with him.

Sue McCall retired from the committee in January. She had been a very hard working committee member over the many years she spent with us and also at one point an excellent secretary. She will be missed.

As usual the committee have been very busy over the past year - I can not thank them enough for all their hard work for K.H.o.C.A. and I am sure that you, too, will agree.



## From the Chairman

Our **Gift Fair** was as popular as ever (and luckily with no sign of the credit crunch). More people came and spent more giving us over **£14,000** - the most we have ever made at a fair.

Next came the 'sell out' **Children's Party** in December and it is definitely 'the party' to attend over the Christmas season. They raised **£3,200** - the most so far. Do book your place for 2009, tickets sell very fast.



The older children had their annual **Disco** in May - 130 of them bopped the evening away, tucked into hotdogs and lollies and had a wonderful time generating **£1,500** for us. Our thanks must go to Sonny the Butcher in Hadlow and Corego for sponsoring the Children's events so generously.

We held two **Winter Bridge Afternoons** which have proved to be a winning formula raising **£3,100** between them. Application forms are now available for this

coming winter - these sell out quickly.

Our summer fundraiser was a highly successful **Garden Safari** in the Matfield, Brenchley and Horsmonden area.



Five stunningly diverse gardens opened especially for our supporters on a beautiful afternoon in June. The usual excellent K.H.o.C.A. tea was served in yet another beautiful garden and everyone had a lovely afternoon judging by their smiles. Just under **£4,000** was raised.



My heartfelt thanks to all of you who organised these events and to all of you who supported us, they could not happen without you.

*Judy Charlton*

## 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 J Charlton, Grove House, Mill Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1PJ

(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

Kent Kids, Miles of Smiles	£13,994
Canterbury Oast Trust	£1,240
Sequel Trust	£656
Mencap Tonbridge	£850
Spadework Polytunnels	£7,000
Care Edenbridge	£2,020
Art for Life	£3,000
Greenfields	£4,000
Martha Trust	£7,500
Ledgers	£2,000
East Kent Mencap	£966
Respite Care	£1,000
Fynvola Foundation	£11,400
DGSMyourchoice	£5,000
Anchor Support	£1,130
Compaid	£5,000
Christmas card prizes	£750
Various holiday contributions	£1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£68,506</b>

## Christmas Card Competition

1st Prize  
**THE KINGS ARRIVE**  
 by  
 CHRISTOPHER PERSIVAL  
 Vale of Elham Trust



2nd Prize  
**BETHLEHEM**  
 by  
 MICHAEL GLAYSHER  
 Scott's Project Trust

## OUT & ABOUT

**Sailability** K.H.o.C.A. is very proud to have purchased the first specially adapted sailing boat in Kent for use by those with learning disabilities.

It has been donated to Pepenbury who will sail it at Bough Beech in conjunction with the Sailability Scheme. This is a national organisation under royal patronage. There are other adapted sailing boats across the country and those with mental disabilities really benefit from the freedom of being on the water.



Bough Beech have the facilities to help them on and off the boat and it should be in use for a large part of the year. When you are there look out for our logo on a sail skimming across the water.

**Sir John Stanley** one of our Vice Presidents kindly agreed to present the prizes for last year's Christmas Card Competition. All the prize winners and a few friends came to Tonbridge. A jolly coffee morning was held at Scott's Project with the residents doing



the catering and very good it was too. Sir John and his wife were then shown round the community.

We had our first venture into **Christmas Trees** in 2008. Toby Mynott very generously sold and delivered trees on our behalf in the run up to Christmas giving us a percentage of his takings. You chose your tree from his van on your doorstep - a very easy way to get them home. Our thanks to Toby.

**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. 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. We have promised them £20,000 for the Day Centre and this is where the money from the **Golf Day** will go. If anyone feels able to

sponsor the event or just make a donation we will be more than willing to accept any contribution, to the address overleaf.

## FOR SALE

**Christmas Cards** This year we have chosen 2 smaller cards which will be available at £3.50 per packet of 10 from September. The winners' prize money goes to their organisation.

**K.H.o.C.A. Diary** This year we have also produced a diary which will be available for £10. The format will be A5 with a week to view with numerous hints, tips and cartoons inside. It, too, will be available soon - an excellent Christmas present perhaps?!

Contact any of us or the address overleaf for more information.

**Grand Draw** I urge you to buy the raffle tickets enclosed with this newsletter - we have some super prizes. Last year the draw made well over £2,000!



*The new K.H.o.C.A. bathroom at Redwalls in Canterbury, a respite care home and 'home for life' for young adults.*