



# DOORSTEP

keeping you in touch with the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home

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Special  
"20 Years of Caring"  
Launch Edition

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## IRHH 20 YEARS ON



## OVER 400 PEOPLE CARE TO WALK

**T**he IRHH 20th Anniversary year got off to a wonderful start when over 400 people joined our Care to Walk event and gathered together on a beautiful sunny day at Coombe Hill near Wendover on Sunday 2nd January.

People walked from all over the Chiltern area and adults, children and dogs watched 600 purple balloons being released as a symbol of the 6000 patients and families that we have cared for over the last 20 years. Every balloon carried a sponsored name on it and we are waiting until the end of January to see which balloon travelled the furthest before we offer a prize to the named person, as well as the finder. We will publish the result in the next issue of Doorstep but, as we go to press, we have had 17 balloon tags returned of which 9 managed to cross the Channel. The furthest balloon so far managed to reach Pfaffenheim, a village near to Mullhouse in Alsace, not very far from the Swiss border!

Members of Tring Tangent and 41 Club served very welcome hot soup and rolls to the walkers and our

Scottish piper, Stuart Buchan added a very special element to the event.

Overall sponsor of Care to Walk was Stuart Smith of JRS Transport Ltd of Tring who have been supporters of IRHH for many years and Stuart's son James released the net holding the balloons.

We can't individually thank everyone who sponsored balloons but the event raised around £2500 which is a marvellous total and our grateful thanks go to you all.

We hope to be able to Care to Walk at the start of 2006.

More pictures and information can be found on our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org).



**Iain Rennie**  
HOSPICE AT HOME

## Welcome to the new-look Doorstep!

**W**ith the introduction of our new butterfly logo, Doorstep has been given a facelift which we hope you will like.



However, Doorstep's mission to "keep you in touch with the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home" has not changed, and we will continue to bring you, our friends and supporters, a wide range of news, features and information from throughout the organisation.

2005 promises to be a momentous year with more events and activities than ever before. We are therefore planning 5 editions of Doorstep instead of the usual 3 to make sure that we keep everyone up to date. This special "20 Years of Caring" Doorstep is an "Extra" edition to start the year. There isn't room to include all the normal Doorstep features, but issues in early April, late May, and early October will include "Nursing Insights", "Volunteer Focus" as well as some new features. There will also be another "Extra" edition in early July.

If you wish to contribute to Doorstep or would like to

promote an event, please let us have details as early as possible and note the copy dates which are given below. Contact Robert Breakwell [rbreakwell@irhh.org](mailto:rbreakwell@irhh.org) on 01442 890222.

### What's On

Following lots of requests, our packed events diary, "What's On", is now a separate leaflet with an improved, easy to read style to accompany Doorstep. It will also be distributed separately throughout the IRHH area to give extra publicity to events and campaigns

### IRHH Annual Questionnaire

Doorstep readers who receive their own copy will have found their personalised questionnaire enclosed. As well as giving us a chance to check that we have your details recorded correctly, it also gives you the opportunity to request information about future events or to offer your help in a variety of ways. So, please do take a few minutes to go through it – we have filled in as many of the details as we can for you already – and return it in the Freepost envelope as soon as possible.

### Doorstep and What's On Dates for 2005

Edition	Copy date	Stuffing Morning	Pack & Stuff Day
Spring	Fri 4th March	Sat 2nd April	Tues 5th April
Summer	Fri 29th April	Sat 21st May	Tues 24th May
Summer "Extra"	Fri 10th June	Sat 2nd July	Tues 5th July

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## A Message from Moira Rennie



**S**ometimes I find it difficult to believe that nearly twenty years have passed since Iain came home from hospital to spend the last weeks of his illness with his family and friends.

At that time, we knew that no more hospital treatment was to be given and therefore we chose to come home. We just opted for the safety and privacy of our own world. With hindsight, our decision seems almost naïve, yet with our GP's support the course of events which followed led directly to the formation of The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

The five nurses who supported us as a family – Iain, myself and our two young boys – were quite remarkable. Together with our Doctor and district nurse they helped me to fulfil my overwhelming need to protect Iain and make it possible for the boys to have their Dad at home. I remember those nurses not only as wonderfully caring individuals but also as highly trained professionals.

Over the years, many people who have had contact with the Iain Rennie service have quietly told me that their experiences were the same as mine. They speak to me of compassion, dedication, commitment and professionalism. This is how I know that the organisation which bears Iain's name has held true to the values which mattered in 1985 to both Iain and me and continues to extend a warm and caring hand to all those who need help today.

Whilst our values have remained the same, much else has changed over 20 years. The professionalism of the nurses has been underpinned by sound administration

and imaginative fundraising delivered by dedicated staff and an army of volunteers. The charity is led strongly by a Board of Trustees with vision and skill. The service has grown steadily over the years and expects to care for over 800 patients in 2005 and now employs more than 40 nurses. We remain committed to offering the same practical, hands-on care provided on a 24 hour on-call basis to all those who need our help in The Chilterns area. We expect that the need for the service will continue to grow in the years ahead.

### Now we must look to the future ...

Our aspirations and plans can never come to fruition without the support of the communities within which our nurses work. Each year we must raise more money to make this possible. Raising awareness is the key to securing the future of IRHH and it is in this area that I ask for your help now.

2005 is the beginning of a new journey for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and I do hope you will come with us on the voyage so that you can play a part in our future.

Please do whatever you can to help us meet the needs of future patients and families by pledging your time, money or moral support to this important work. Thank you.

## LET'S TALK 20: PRESENTATION UNVEILED



A special presentation which tells the story of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and shares our vision for the future was unveiled at a reception at Hampden House on 25th November. Chairman of the 20th Anniversary Committee, Peter Berners-Price, delivered the first 20 minute illustrated talk, entitled "20 Years of Caring", which will now be widely distributed. A team of presenters is available to give the talk to audiences of any size who would like to see it across the IRHH area.

Clubs, groups, congregations, fellowships, schools and companies are all warmly invited to book one of our "Let's Talk 20" presenters by contacting Hannah Asquith [hasquith@irhh.org](mailto:hasquith@irhh.org) on 01442 890222.

## “20 YEARS OF CARING” TIME TO CELEBRATE – AND TO REMEMBER

We hope that as many of our friends and supporters as possible will join us for one or more of the events being planned in mid July at the pinnacle of our Anniversary Year.

### **GALA PROM**

The pinnacle event in our 20th Anniversary year will be a magical evening of music and song (including all the favourite “proms” music) in the impressive Drill Hall at RAF Halton on Saturday 9th July. Full details can be found in What’s On, but please ensure that this date goes in your diary without delay! For further details, please contact Richard and Christine Nisbet on 01494 812458 or tick the box on your questionnaire. We are extremely grateful to RAF Halton for their help with this event.

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE & CELEBRATION OF CARE**

The second part of our pinnacle weekend will also take place at RAF Halton. Led by IRHH nurses and Church of England, Free Church, Catholic and Muslim ministers, this non-denominational thanksgiving service will mark IRHH’s “20 Years Of Caring”. We hope that families of all the patients we have cared for over the last 20 years will join us for this very special commemorative service. We are also eager to invite all the nurses, staff, trustees and volunteers who have contributed so much to the IRHH over the past 20 years. See What’s On for details.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th July at Tylers Green Village Hall. All welcome. Once again, we hope that friends and supporters, as well as past employees and trustees will put this date in their diaries. See What’s On for details.

### **COMINGS & GOINGS**

**Welcome to:** LESLEY BLENCOWE, Assistant to Retail Manager; ANN SHEARMAN, PA to Director of Nursing; SHARN NEVILL, Specialist Support Nurse with South Bucks Team; CAMILLA CORBIN and JANE THOMPSON-BURT, Specialist Support Nurses with Ridgeway Team; LIZ LONG, Business Links Co-ordinator; PAUL FENNER, JENNIE FREEBORN and ESTELLE HOUSTON, Specialist Support Nurses with Dacorum Team; PETER HOLLIDAY, GORDON WAINWRIGHT and PAULINE SCOTT, Project Volunteers working in Fundraising; JANE BICKLEY, HR and Voluntary Services Volunteer; ROGER BRERETON, TONI DUTCH and FRANK SEYMOUR, Accounts Volunteers; PETER THOMPSON, our new Volunteer Mobile Exhibition Unit Co-ordinator.

**Goodbye to:** SUSANNA NEWMAN, PA to Director of Nursing; JUDY HEPPER and FRANCES MOULT, Specialist Support Nurses with Dacorum Team; JOHANNA TUFF, Bank Nurse; CHRISTINE FORMAN, Fundraising Assistant; BARBARA REID, Clinical Nurse Specialist with Wycombe Team; SUE WHITEHEAD and LAUREN BOYCE, Volunteer Receptionists at Tring and Gillian King House; JOHN CLARK, Volunteer Mobile Exhibition Unit Co-ordinator; NICKY MOODY, Volunteer in Nursing Administration at Tring.

### **Celebrations:**

BEN TRUMAN, the Hospice Lottery’s hard working Canvasser hung up his boots in the autumn. The Lottery team organised a special party to acknowledge his great contribution.



And Ridgeway Nurse, CATE ANDREOPOULOS celebrated a special birthday.

**Congratulations** to our patron, GEOFFREY PALMER, on being awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list.



## Kodak Beaujolais Champagne Challenge



Following a hugely enjoyable season of Wine Tastings last Autumn, the IRHH's Lesley Gorton and Volunteer Driver, Jean-Pierre Lalé took part in the annual Challenge to drive between Beaujolais and Champagne using the shortest route. We would like to thank our sponsor, Kodak, and everyone who purchased wine. The final total raised is expected to exceed £10,000.

## Sponsored Haircut



Rather than having her head shaved, 13 year old Rebecca Hammond decided to be different and raise money for a local charity by growing her hair as long as possible.

During the past year and a half



Rebecca has been collecting sponsorship in aid of the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home following the nursing care and support given to a close family friend.

Hairdresser Karen Radwell, who has recently received treatment for breast cancer, was delighted to support Rebecca. "People need to know that there is hope and a future after a cancer diagnosis", said Karen. Rebecca's hair was finally cut on Thursday 12th October at Karen's salon "Hair Studio" in Wingrave.

Rebecca's cut hair will be sold, made into a wig and the proceeds added to the £350 already raised.

## Charity Shoot

Members of Marston Gun Club took part in a Charity Shoot to raise money for the Iain Rennie Nurses. Organiser, Mark Atherton, invited the IRHH's Appeals Director, Robert Breakwell, to join them as they prepared for a Clay Shoot at Long Marston near Tring and presented him with a cheque for £1420. Our picture shows Mark and other members of the club handing over the cheque on Sunday 24th October.



## FUN FACTS FIGURES

*We could fill the pages of Doorstep with details of all the amazing fundraising activities that have been going on over the last few months. The following is just a selection, but a much fuller chronicle of F, F & F appears on our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org) which is regularly updated. We wish to thank everyone who has raised money for us and regret that it has not been possible to include everything.*

### Celebrations

Golden Wedding Celebrations: Friends and relatives of MR & MRS CHILDS kindly sent us donations and we also received a generous cheque from MR & MRS CHALMERS.

MR & MRS HOUSE celebrated their Ruby Wedding by holding a Barn Dance and requested donations to IRHH in lieu of gifts.

### Sponsored Events

Congratulations to PAUL NICHOLS, COLIN RICHARDS and COLIN DOWNEY for completing the Lands End to John O'Groats bike ride (Lejog 2004) and donating £722.74 to IRHH.

Well done to JULIE HAGGER who completed the Flora Light Challenge and raised £147. Congratulations also go to Lorraine Hammond who raised £225.

MR JACKSON took part in the Almar Golf Day and raised £50 in sponsorship.

Well done to NICOLA BALSHAW who took part in the Walk An Arms Length and raised £82.

GILL DAVIES completed another of her annual walks - this year it was Hadrian's Wall. Our thanks go to Gill for continuing to raise funds for IRHH.

The Amersham 5 Cross Country Race has, for a number of years been run over the farmland owned by MR & MRS SLADE who each year have requested a donation by the Club to IRHH. Our thanks go to Mr & Mrs Slade and THE AMERSHAM 5. CHILTERN HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB also donated £100 at their request.

JEAN DALY completed the Coast to Coast Walk and raised a wonderful £200 for us.

## Rhyme & Reason Book Launch



GEOFFREY PALMER signed copies of the latest edition of "Rhyme & Reason" at WHSmith in Beaconsfield on Saturday 4th December 2004.

Many people queued to meet Geoffrey and buy a copy of the 2005 edition – an anthology of stories and poems by new writers. The book is priced at £4.50, with all proceeds going to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, and is available in the Iain Rennie shops, and Tring or Chalfont St Giles offices. Call Joanna Dyson [jdyson@irhh.org](mailto:jdyson@irhh.org) if you would like us to send you a copy by post.

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A FUTURE**

The IRHH offers a free Will Writing Service. Call us for details.

## FUN FACTS FIGURES

### Community Organisations

HIGH WYCOMBE LIONS presented £450 towards our service and Beaconsfield Lions kindly donated £150.

The AMERSHAM MORNING WI has kindly chosen IRHH as its charity this year and held a fundraising event which raised a wonderful £75.

Member of the MARLOW BOTTOM WI kindly sent a donation of £100 towards the work of the IRHH nurses.

### Schools

Thanks to Tring School's young enterprise company, TRING TRADERS, for donating a percentage of their income to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

MISBOURNE SCHOOL left a donation of £73.50 at our Shop in Amersham

STEPHANIE DE COURCY-HUGHES and FORM 7C supported 3 charities this year and, through various activities, raised £60.15 for IRHH.

### Clubs, Pubs & Associations

The WHITE HORSE PUB in Hedgerley raised a wonderful £1,540 by auctioning barrels of beer.

Once again the LENDING LIBRARY have supported us and sent a donation of £22.

Members of the CHOLESBURY WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP held their Annual Exhibition and raised £128.43.

Long term supporters, THE AMERSHAM & DISTRICT SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION, forwarded a donation of £200.

Thanks to the CHEPPING WYCOMBE TREFOIL GUILD who held a poetry reading evening and raised £15.

Thank you to the STUDLEY GREEN MONDAY CLUB for their kind donation of £25.

We are grateful to the JIGSAW LENDING SCHEME for their continued support and their donation of £30.

Thank you to MAITLAND JOSEPH HOUSE for their continued support and their donation of £26.40.

The WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF PENN WITH HOLMER GREEN donated £30 after a talk by a member of the Iain Rennie fundraising team.

Through the request of MR RICHARD JONES, the Southern Counties Keep Fit Association gave us a donation of £50.

## Gerrards Cross Golf Club and Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter Rotary Club raise an amazing £14,000.



Moira Rennie, the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home's President, was delighted to accept cheques for over £14,000, on behalf of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, at a Captain's cocktail party at GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB recently.

Barry Eggleton, the retiring captain and Denise Whyte, the retiring Ladies' Captain chose Iain Rennie Hospice at Home as their charity of the year and proved to be exceptional in their efforts to raise money. Their success was boosted when the Gerrard's Cross and Chalfont St Peter Rotary Club held a golf day at the Club, bringing the

total monies raised to a phenomenal £14,008.

Dr Desmond Hall of Gerrards Cross Golf Club commented, "The members of The Rotary Club of Gerrards Cross & Chalfont St Peter were delighted to join the members of the Golf Club in raising money for such an excellent cause. The cooperation between the two organisations was a very happy one and contributed greatly to both the enjoyment and the success of the event".

## Oakland Park Golf Club

Community Fundraiser Joanna Dyson was delighted to collect a cheque for £1,210 raised by the Seniors at OAKLAND PARK GOLF CLUB, Chalfont St Giles. Brian Marshall presented the generous donation that was as a result of bonus ball competitions and extra money left over from charity days. (pictured right)



## More Golfing Stories...

- We are very grateful to the Ladies Captain, NANCY ROE of Burnham Beeches Golf club for choosing Iain Rennie Hospice at Home as her charity for the year and donating a wonderful £2,635.00. Thanks to all the members for supporting her.
- Thanks to MRS JACKIE COLLINS for supporting IRHH in her year as Ladies Captain of Little Chalfont Golf Club and donating £126.00.
- Thanks to ANTHONY EASTON for raising £226.00 whilst on a golf holiday in the Algarve.
- Thanks again to BURNHAM BEECHES GOLF CLUB who held a Race Night to raise money for five local charities and donated £250 to IRHH.
- A big thank you to LISA LEVY, the Lady Captain of Huntercombe Golf Club, Henley, for donating £1604, being half the proceeds of their Christmas Fair.
- CHORLEYWOOD GOLF CLUB held a Bridge Drive and kindly donated the proceeds amounting to £741.50 to our Pepper Paediatric nursing team.
- The PEREGRINE GOLFING SOCIETY donated £130 raised at their Ladies' Night.

## Last Chance to Enter our Quiz

Irene Cammegh and Joyce Bailey's fascinating quiz is still available although entries need to be returned by 25th February. They are available for £1 from all IRHH shops and offices. Alternatively, you can send £1 and an A5 stamped addressed envelope to IRHH, 52a Western Road, Tring, Herts HP23 4BN and we will send you a copy.

## PLANNING A FUNDRAISING EVENT?

We are always pleased to provide practical help and support for anyone who raises funds for us. Please call us on 01442 890222 if we can help in any way.

## Hospice Lottery Superdraw

Assisted by BBC Television's Bob the Builder, 10 year old Rebekkah Cassidy pulled the winning ticket for the Hospice Lottery Superdraw out of Bob's cement mixer on Wednesday 27th October at Pendley Manor in Tring. The winning ticket - worth £5,000 in cash and one of nearly 36,000 tickets in the draw - was the first to be drawn. 52 other cash prizes were also won. For a full list of winners or to see a video clip of the draw visit our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org).



Rebekkah, who lives at Watermead in Aylesbury and attends Turnfurlong Junior School, was cared for by Pepper paediatric nurses from the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home when she was diagnosed with leukaemia aged just 2. Following two and a half years of treatment, she has now been in remission for nearly 6 years but still keeps in touch with the hospice nurses who cared for her.

The Hospice Lottery Team were deluged with nearly 36,000 lottery tickets from people hoping to win one of the 52 cash prizes in its first Superdraw to raise funds for five local hospice charities. As the tickets would not fit in a traditional tombola drum, Bob The Builder's cement mixer was used to mix up the mountain of tickets thoroughly.

Lottery Director Marion Bryant dressed up as Bob The Builder to supervise the draw, announce the winning numbers and hand out sweets to children who had been invited along to meet Bob and see the draw take place.

The Hospice Lottery supports the work of The Hospice of St. Francis, The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, The Friends of Florence Nightingale House, The South Bucks Day Hospice and Thames Valley Hospice. The Hospice Lottery runs a weekly draw for a top prize of £1000 and now has over 12,000 weekly members. Anyone wishing to join the lottery or who would like details of the next Superdraw can contact the Hospice Lottery on 01296 661662.

**STOP PRESS: We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Michael Sobell House have joined the Hospice Lottery Partnership bringing the total number of benefiting hospices to six. Why not sign up now to support this collaborative lottery.**

## FUN FACTS FIGURES

Our thanks once again to the SPEEN SUPPORTERS group for their continued support and donation of £247.55.

BOURNE END COMMUNITY CHARITY kindly donated £500 from the sale of clothing and other items.

THE MOORLAND WOMENS' CLUB donated a sum of £320 raised by holding an event in the summer.

### Churches

The congregation of ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, Bourne End sent a donation of £600.

BEACONSFIELD TEAM MINISTRY, OUTSIDE GIVING COMMITTEE supported us once again with a generous donation of £700.

The Coffee shop 'ALL SAINTS ENTERPRISES LTD' continue to support us and sent a donation of £130.

Thank you to CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH who held a Flower Festival and donated £800.27 to IRHH.

ST MARY'S PRINCES RISBOROUGH donated £1,353 towards the work of our nursing service.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS donated £79 from Sunday collection.

NASH MILLS METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP sent a donation of £60.00 following a talk by one of our nursing team leaders.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH sent £100 in support of our nursing teams.

TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH kindly sent us a donation of £100.00

ST BARTHOLOMEWS PCC kindly donated £60.

The MISSION GROUP OF ST THOMAS at Holtspur Church forwarded a further donation of £200

### Masonic Lodges

Our thanks to BOURNE END LODGE 7943 who donated a wonderful £2,843.53

We received a very generous donation of £1,000 from the FREEMASONS GRAND CHARITY.

TRING MASONIC LODGE held a Society Evening and donated the proceeds of £400.

## Sponsored Parachute Jump Day



Guaranteed to be a highlight of our Anniversary Year, we are aiming to have at least 20 jumpers joining IRHH Chief Executive, Rowena Dean and Director of Nursing, Sue Varvel for our Parachute Jump at Bicester on 5th June. If you raise the minimum amount of sponsorship, just £270, you can jump for free! If you can't make the 5th June, there are plenty of other dates available. Information is available from Joanna Dyson [jdyson@irhh.org](mailto:jdyson@irhh.org) on 01442 890222 or download a pack from our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org). Alternatively, tick the box on your questionnaire.

We are also enclosing a poster for you to display at your church, gym or club.

## News from IRHH Beaconsfield Fundraising Group

"The Fabulous Shirtlifters" entertained a packed Tylers Green village hall at a Jazz Evening organised by Beaconsfield Fundraisers on the 2nd October which raised £1,884. Earlier in the day, the Beaconsfield street collection raised £1393.

On Thursday 28th October, the group organised "Deck the Halls" with Jan Harrison which raised £1,100 for IRHH. Jan's wonderful floral arrangements can be seen at Stoke Park where she is the resident florist. After a delicious lunch in St. Michael's Hall, 75 ladies were inspired by Jan's demonstrations of door and table decorations for Christmas.



## FUN FACTS FIGURES

### Companies

£1543.61 was donated by THE BELLHOUSE to Iain Rennie, their chosen charity.

MARTIN CHESHIRE of Almar Printing Services held a charity golf day and raised £440 for IRHH. Also thanks to LEE JACKSON for getting sponsorship of £50 as well as taking part in the day itself.

BOLTONS, Tring's exclusive boutique, joined forces with ALTHOOD BMW for a fundraising event which included a "Cinderella Experience" raffle. The event raised £307.

BRITISH WATERWAYS at Watford kindly sent a donation of £20 towards the work of IRHH.

Some of the employees at LOGISTICS CONSULTING PARTNERS Ltd (LCP) had a challenge to guess the number of Olympic medals that Great Britain would win and donated the winnings of £51 to IRHH.

CORPORATE BANKING recently held an auction in their office for a small gift they received from a customer and donated the £20 raised to us.

Our thanks to BANG & OLUFSEN of Beaconsfield who ran a Casino night for their customers and kindly donated the £210 winnings to IRHH.

TEAL FURNITURE voted to donate £500 at the end of their financial year.

Thank you to the staff of HAINES WATTS who donated their £50 'Friday dress-down day Mufti money' to IRHH.

GRACE'S in Tring served refreshments at the Victorian Evening and donated the proceeds of £49.24.

ASHBY'S of Tring decided not to send out Christmas cards this year and donated £140 to IRHH instead.

WILLIAM MURRAY HAMM donated £200 following a meeting at which the speaker requested the fee went towards the work of Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

AITCHISON RAFFETY BUCKLAND in High Wycombe sent a donation of £250 instead of sending Christmas Cards to their clients.

ASM FACILITIES donated £200 in lieu of sending Christmas cards this year.

## The Mayor's May Dance with Mr Kite's Benefit Band

The Deans' Hall at Berkhamsted Collegiate School will be the venue for a Rock and Roll Charity Dance on Saturday 7th May featuring Mr Kite's Benefit Band, with proceeds split between IRHH and the Mayor's charity, Alzheimer's Society, (Dacorum Branch). Tickets are £10 and can be obtained by calling 01442 260088.

Colin and Tricia Nicol booked the band for an event in Prestwood recently. The band donated its fee of £500 to IRHH and the event raised a further £348 for us! If you would like to book the band, contact Alistair Hodgson on 01442 875011 or tick the box on your questionnaire. Mr Kite's Benefit Band is THE band to book for weddings and special parties. More information can be found on the band's website [www.mrkite.org.uk](http://www.mrkite.org.uk).

## Meet our 2005 Flora London Marathon Team

Our 2005 team is taking shape under the guidance of our Volunteer Marathon Co-ordinator, Tony Yates. For the first time, we have two IRHH staff members taking part: Julie Moffatt, who is a nurse with the Ridgeway team, and Community Fundraiser, Joanna Dyson.

Running the Marathon is a huge commitment, and all our runners will be spending many hours pounding the streets over the coming weeks leading up to the big day: Sunday 17th April. They need all the help and encouragement they can get and the enclosed Marathon flier gives everyone a chance to sponsor the team or the runner of their choice – please give generously to speed them on their way!

We are still keen to hear from anyone who has secured a place in the race but who has not yet decided to run for a charity. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join the IRHH Support Team that will be travelling to London to cheer on our runners. Contact Hannah Asquith [hasquith@irhh.org](mailto:hasquith@irhh.org) on 01442 890222.



## Street Collections 2005

Can you spare an hour to help with one of our Street Collections? Or would you be prepared to help organise on the day? All our regular Street Collection Volunteers will be hearing from us with further details in February. If you can help, please call Suzie Lalé [slale@irhh.org](mailto:slale@irhh.org) on 01442 890222 or tick the box on your questionnaire.

## Boxmoor & District Angling Society Present £1,100

Proceeds of a fundraising fishing match at the Boxmoor & District Angling Society's Westbrook Mere at Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead, and a quiz night were matched by Lloyds TSB and presented to Hannah Asquith, Fundraising Appeal Manager, on 30th September 2004.



## Open Gardens

We are absolutely delighted by the enormous interest in our Open Gardens programme for 2005. The number of gardens taking part grows every day and some very special gardens will be opening for us. The organising committee is producing a full colour leaflet with an introduction from horticulturalist and landscape architect Bunny Guinness, with full details of every garden. This will be sent out with the Spring edition of Doorstep. If you would like to take part or help on the days, please contact Hannah Asquith [hasquith@irhh.org](mailto:hasquith@irhh.org) on 01442 890222.

## HAVE YOU JOINED THE HOSPICE LOTTERY YET?

Just £1 per week helps the Hospice and gives you the chance to win £1,000! Call 0870 3300218 for details.

## Sponsored Walk in Burnham Beeches

On Saturday 30th October, the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches organised two sponsored walks in the Burnham Beeches, with half of all proceeds coming to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

James Watts, event organiser, estimates that the walks will have raised £4,000 to be split between IRHH and the Club's work with young people.

Approximately 140 people chose between an 8 mile sponsored walk, through the Beeches and into the varied countryside of woods and fields beyond, and a 1.5 mile walk within the Beeches themselves.

The Rotary Club hopes to make the walk an annual event. If you would like to take part in 2005, please call Graham Warren on 01628 663089.

Information about the 2004 event including relief maps and photographs are available on our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org).

The Club's famous Donkey Derby will take place on Saturday 28th May. See What's On for details.

## Chiltern Fundraisers

The IRHH was thrilled to be chosen by Chiltern Fundraisers to benefit from a Quiz Night in Chalfont St Giles. Members of the group visited Gillian King House to present IRHH Vice Chairman, Tom Johnson, with a cheque for £1,514.72.



## Thames Traditional Boat Rally

Following the success of last year's exquisite lunch on the banks of the Thames, we are delighted that Michael Shanly Homes have offered us their wonderful marquee at the heart of the rally again this year along with the chance for a river cruise in "Lady Florence". The date for your diary is Saturday 16th July. Demand for tickets is bound to be high, so please contact us if you would like to receive an invitation or tick the box on your questionnaire.

## Knockout Challenge 2005

We would be interested to hear from anyone – particularly companies and schools – who would like to enter a team in our annual festival of fun, foam and inflatables: Knockout Challenge. We are planning Challenges in Hemel Hempstead and High Wycombe. Age is no barrier to this fun day – teams of children and adults are all encouraged to take part.

Contact Hannah Asquith [hasquith@irhh.org](mailto:hasquith@irhh.org) on 01442 890222 or tick the box on your questionnaire.



## Licensed to Thrill

LIZ LONG, our Business Links Co-ordinator, and friend VERONIQUE held a dinner dance with a difference. The evening's theme was James Bond and the secret agents turned up in many different guises. A fantastic £2,022.04 was raised.

## FUN FACTS FIGURES

### Out and About

Thanks to MARY MILES who held a Tea at Three event at the Inland Revenue and raised £123.

MRS CAVEILL held a Whist Drive which raised £70.

MR DRIVER and his family donated £350.00

PRIMROSE CUNDELL held a Bonsai Auction and Coffee Morning in October which raised £1209.29.

DR TONY MAISEY attended a friends wedding where a sweepstake was run on how long the best man's speech would be. The winner donated the £35 to IRHH.

MR QUANTRILL held a Barbecue and with the help of friends raised £239.70.

MR KEMPSTER kindly donated his £51 winnings from a race night.

JOHN CORSON attended the Woburn Annual Safari Park Annual Fair and donated £222 from the sale of his wood turning items. A further £25.53 was raised from the collection box at the same event.

MRS MEAD donated her takings from a Car Boot Sale to us.

MRS SANDRA MORRIS donated the takings from the sale of her hand made greeting cards and notelets.

Our thanks to HELEN HARDING who raised £85 from a variety of fundraising activities.

The OVER FIFTIES FITNESS CLUB raised £60 by playing table tennis over a three week period.

Thanks to MRS E FLEMING who is 87 years old and knits doll clothes for our shops to sell.

ANTHONY EASTON donated £226 which was raised from penalties incurred during a golf holiday.

NICOLA BALSHAW continues her support of Iain Rennie by donating the £30 proceeds from her hand-made cards.

MR KITCHENER donated the £57.55 proceeds from his Art Sale which was held at Tring Tesco Store.

JOAN STREETER and her family popped pennies in a 3-litre wine bottle and invited friends and family to guess how much they had saved raising £35.00.

MRS D MILES held a Bring and Buy Sale and raised a wonderful £78 towards the work of IRHH.

Thanks to SARAH HODGSON and family for once again organising their family lunch in memory of Rose Nagel, raising £441.85.

## Big Lottery Fund Award



Patients and families can expect Iain Rennie nurses to have better access to information about their care in the future. The Big Lottery Fund has agreed to make a £28,250 grant to the IRHH to pay for the development of computer software systems and portable computers that, in time, will give nurses working in patients' homes secure access to vital information around the clock.

The Iain Rennie Hospice At Home has been investing in new computer systems over the last 18 months and has worked hard to raise the funds needed to pay for them from new sources of income.

The IRHH website is updated every week and has all the latest news and views. Visit [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org)

## NEW PREMISES AT DIXON'S GAP

THE RETAIL & TRADING DEPARTMENT is now well settled at our new warehouse facility at Dixon's Gap, Wilstone, having moved here in September. The warehouse is situated 3 miles away from the Tring office and for the first time provides us with all the space we need to store and despatch the Christmas Cards and other merchandise, such as 2,500 Rennie Bears! Thanks to a wonderful benefactor for making this facility available to us.

We welcome visitors, so if you would like to know where to find us, ring us or the Tring office and we will provide you with directions.

Our direct line phone/fax is 01296 660130 and phone 01296 660266.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

IN ADDITION TO RENNIE BEAR, we are planning an exciting range of merchandise to celebrate the 20th Anniversary year. From mugs and mouse mats, to golf umbrellas and gardeners' products, watch out for these at all the 20th anniversary events. If you are planning an event and would like to sell IRHH merchandise, please contact us as above.

## GREAT NEWS- ANOTHER NEW SHOP

I AM SURE THAT ALL OUR SUPPORTERS, particularly those in High Wycombe, will be delighted to know that we are opening the ninth Iain Rennie Shop in Desborough Road, High Wycombe (Formerly Keens Electrical). Anyone who knows High Wycombe will know that Desborough Road is a vibrant and thriving secondary shopping area at the heart of the Phoenix revitalisation development plan. In addition, it is a good size shop which will sell the full range of merchandise.

We are hoping to take possession of the shop at the beginning of February with a view to opening on Saturday 5th March; further details of the Grand Opening will be published when we have them. We will, of course, be looking for volunteers and hope that some of our former bookshop volunteers will be able to rejoin us as well as some new people. We plan an open morning at the new shop on Monday 7th February at 11am; for further details please contact Lesley Gorton [lgorton@irhh.org](mailto:lgorton@irhh.org) or Lesley Blencowe [lblencowe@irhh.org](mailto:lblencowe@irhh.org) on the above numbers at Dixon's Gap. We will also be accepting donations of good quality clothing, bric a brac, books etc. either at the shop or at Dixon's Gap.

*Please care for this bear!*



"My name is Rennie Bear. Please take me home and care for me. You will be funding 20 minutes of nursing care in our 20th Anniversary year."

**If even a quarter of supporters bought a Rennie Bear for £10 we would raise £25,000!**

Please complete the enclosed order form and return to the Tring office.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

THE CHRISTMAS CARD TRADE was the busiest ever, made much easier by the splendid facilities for storage and despatch at Dixon's Gap. The card selection was well received but we can always do better! We would love to hear any feedback you might have, once again please either ring Lesley Gorton at Dixon's Gap or email [lgorton@irhh.org](mailto:lgorton@irhh.org).

Did you receive a really lovely card this Christmas? Would you send it to us here, telling us what you liked so much about it? We are (believe it or not) in the process of selecting the cards for next year and very much value the opinions of our customers!

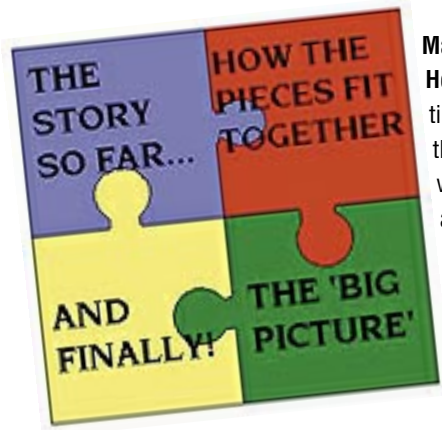
## DAILY MAIL MAKES A £10,000 DIFFERENCE

Derek Alderton and his wife Pam had been friends with John and Pam Dawe since they were at school. After he became ill, the IRHH provided care for John for more than a year before he died in 2002. Last year, Daily Mail reader Derek collected "Make A Difference" coupons and nominated the IRHH to receive a donation from the paper in recognition of the wonderful care John had received. He was therefore delighted (and stunned) to receive a cheque for £10,000 through the post. "It was a wonderful surprise," he said, "it never occurred to me that we might receive such a huge amount of money. The Iain Rennie nurses were wonderful to John and Pam and I know that it will be well-spent looking after other patients in the area."



(L-R) Derek and Pam Alderton, and Pam Dawe are pictured with Dacorum Nursing Team Leader, Sue Jarvie, when they visited our Tring office to present the cheque.

## JIGSAW INFORMATION SESSIONS



Many of our supporters have extended their knowledge of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home service by attending a JIGSAW INFORMATION SESSION. These are held three times a year and everyone is welcome to come along. Details of the nursing service, the charitable administration, fundraising and our shops operation are all included as well as a focus on how volunteers help support the service. Time for questions and answers is included and it's a good way to hear about areas of IRHH which might be unfamiliar. So why not come along to the next Jigsaw which is at 1.30pm on Monday 23rd May at Gillian King House, Chalfont St Giles. To reserve a place, contact Rozina Ahmad [rahmad@irhh.org](mailto:rahmad@irhh.org) on 01494 877200.

## VOLUNTEERS VACANCIES

The IRHH is looking for volunteers to help us in a wide variety of important roles. Voluntary Services Manager, Rozina Ahmad, [rahmad@irhh.org](mailto:rahmad@irhh.org) on 01494 877200 has full details of each of the following jobs:

**SHOP VOLUNTEERS.** Would you like to meet people, make new friends and have fun? Do you have a couple of hours free to help in one of our shops? If so, we would love to hear from you. In particular, we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to work in our new shop at Desborough Road, High Wycombe.

**EVENT VOLUNTEERS.** We are looking for volunteers to help at events to sell raffle tickets, man stalls, distribute leaflets and serve refreshments. If you have some time to spare, particularly during evenings & weekends, this is a fun way to get involved.

**OPEN GARDEN SCHEME VOLUNTEER.** Over 40 gardens across the Chilterns have agreed to open for us in 2005. If you would enjoy spending time in a wonderful garden, please help us to sell refreshments, plants, seeds & IRHH merchandise.

**IRHH AMBASSADORS & PRESENTERS.** We would love to hear from volunteers who would be happy to speak at club and association meetings (including Rotary, Women's Institute, Golf Clubs) to raise awareness of our work during our anniversary year. Training will be given about how to use our '20 Years of Caring' presentation and a suggestion of what to say.

**VOLUNTEER PHOTO LIBRARIAN.** Based at our Tring office, we are looking for a volunteer to manage our growing archive of photographs, documents and press cuttings. This will include categorising and archiving items to be stored. This is an interesting opportunity if you can spare a few hours a week.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION BOARD CO-ORDINATOR.** If you can spare a couple of hours a week we are looking for help to ensure our Information Boards located in IRHH offices, shops and the Mobile Information Unit are always up-to-date. This includes planning the leaflet content with the fundraising team and visiting the locations to update the boards.

**VOLUNTEER GOODS DRIVER.** We are looking for additional drivers who would be willing to drive the IRHH van to transport goods between our offices and shops, and also to collect from supporters within our area. This may involve lifting some fairly heavy items.

**RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS.** We have an urgent need for volunteers to help in reception at our Tring office. Our reception volunteers provide a welcome to all visitors and callers. If you can spare half day a week or would like to join our team of volunteers who help cover holidays etc we would love to hear from you.

**VOLUNTEER MINUTE SECRETARIES.** Do you enjoy taking minutes? We are looking for volunteer minute secretaries to help us by attending meetings a couple of times a month (normally between 9am-5pm weekdays) to take and prepare the minutes. If you can spare the time and are experienced in minute taking we would be very keen to hear from you.

**HOME & SHOP BOX COLLECTORS.** If you don't have much time to spare but would like to help IRHH, how about joining our team of Home & Shop Box Collectors? We only need your help a few times a year collecting boxes in your area.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOSPICE LOTTERY.** The Hospice Lottery needs volunteers to collect money from various locations throughout the area on a weekly basis and to pay the funds into the bank. Car driver/owners are required and a mileage allowance will be paid. These roles would be for approx 3 hours per week.

## Iain Rennie e-News is launched

Our e-News service is a fast and cost-efficient way of keeping friends and supporters up to date with all the latest news and information. When you subscribe to e-News, we promise not to fill your inbox with unwanted mail. We will only contact you when we have news to report and this will never be more than once a week. We will never give your email address or any other details about you to any third party.

### Subscribe for free now!

To comply with the Data Protection Act we need your permission to send you Iain Rennie e-News. The best way to subscribe is to click the link on our website [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org) but you can also apply using the annual questionnaire which has gone out to supporters with this issue. Or just give us a call on 01442 890222 or email [enews@irhh.org](mailto:enews@irhh.org) giving us your name and address.

Subscribe to our free e-News service today and look forward to receiving all the latest news and information from the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.



If you would prefer not to receive future editions of Doorstep or if any of your details have changed, please call 01442 890222 or email [doorstep@irhh.org](mailto:doorstep@irhh.org)



## MILLENNIUM WOOD DEDICATION

Around 200 people gathered at the Tring Millennium Woodland site in Duckmore Lane, Tring to celebrate the successful planting of another 1000 trees. Further planting in February 2004 has doubled the size of the original woodland which is maturing into a traditional, natural wood - a perfect habitat for wildlife and a wonderful legacy for future generations. Hundreds of local people supported the project by sponsoring trees.

The Millennium Woodland is a Tring Town Council project and we were delighted that The Mayor of Tring, Cllr Denise Rance, was able to join us for the dedication. IRHH Patron, Geoffrey Palmer, read some poetry and the Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr David Smedley, also attended. IRHH Director of Nursing, Sue Varvel led the ceremony.

The second volume of a special Commemorative Book containing the names of all those who dedicated trees is being prepared and will go on display at Tring Library at Easter.



## LIGHT UP A LIFE

A record number of people attended one of seven Light Up A Life Dedication Ceremonies before Christmas and we believe that over 2000 people took part. We also received £11,280 in donations. We are extremely grateful to everyone who donated or took part in one of the ceremonies and to all of the singers, musicians and ministers who contributed to these magical occasions.



## PACKING & STUFFING

*We continue to keep our costs down with the help of the team of volunteers who pack and stuff Doorstep and then pre-sort it into mailbags to enable us to get the maximum Royal Mail discount. Suzie Lalé [slale@irhh.org](mailto:slale@irhh.org) on 01442 890222 would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us for a few hours on a "Folding Morning" or a "Pack & Stuff Day". Again, the dates are given on page 2..*

**The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, along with the UK Hospice movement, offers its condolences to all those affected by the Asian tsunamis. If you know of anyone who needs our help with family or bereavement support, or with a palliative care issue, please do get in touch.**