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Welcome To Gillian King House



The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, SIR NIGEL MOBBS, officially opened our wonderful new offices in Chalfont St Giles on 18th December. The new building has been named Gillian King House, and has been purchased thanks to the generosity of an anonymous local family trust. Before cutting the tape, Sir Nigel expressed his admiration for the hospice movement and particularly praised all the staff and volunteers of the Lain Rennie Hospice At Home and all those who support its work, for making it possible for our pioneering service to continue.

We would like to welcome the new team of volunteers who will be manning our reception and helping with administration at Gillian King House, the response we had to appeals for help was incredible, a fantastic welcome to the area.



HARRY POTTER FAN WINS HOGWARTS LETTER

Harry Potter fan, Alice Mitchell age 8 from Tring, was the lucky winner of the Harry Potter letter and poster, which was a prize in our "Stage and Screen" Prize Draw which raised over £3,700. The Harry Potter letter was kindly donated by Warner Brothers and is an original prop from the film "Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone".

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Over 1000 people attended one of our 6 Light Up A Life Dedication Ceremonies. 1,163 lights were dedicated and we would like to thank everyone who supported this magical Christmas event which raised over £9,000. IRHH Nurses Maureen Bryant and Sue Jarvie are pictured at Light Up A Life in Hemel Hempstead Old Town.



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A High Note To End 2002...

We were delighted to have notification from the Cabinet Office, just before Christmas, to tell us that we had attained a Charter Mark Award for



excellence in customer service. Our application received a very positive feedback report and IRHH has been praised for its openness as well as for the enthusiasm and commitment of our staff and volunteers.

The assessor was impressed with the wide ranging partnership arrangements that he came across during his visit and particularly mentioned the frank and open interviews he had with our external colleagues. He had the opportunity to meet one of our patients and hear first hand how IRHH works with the district nurse and GP to support families.

The application process was a very positive experience which I believe has benefited us immensely as an organisation. It has highlighted areas of excellence - of which there were many - but also suggested areas for us to work on to improve what we do. We will be addressing these over the coming months. Charter Mark is reassessed in three years time and I want to ensure that IRHH is successful once again at that stage.

I would like to thank everyone who supported us with this application - we very

IRHH Chief Executive, ROWENA DEAN, writes



much appreciated all the input and we should all share the achievement.

If you would like to see a full copy of the feedback report, this can be found on our website or we can send you a copy. See page 5 for an article about Janet Shaw, the volunteer who guided us through the Charter Mark process.

And A High Note To Start 2003...

I have reported (some would say optimistically) that the Government had a stated aim to direct some £10m of additional funding to hospices and palliative care services nationally. It now seems that my optimism has been partly met. We have just had notification that IRHH will benefit from additional funding coming through the Primary Care Trusts within the next few

weeks. The amount will vary with each Trust as they distribute the funds according to their criteria, but it will be extra money for the current financial year and in some cases this will be recurrent in ensuing years. The IRHH receives just 17% of its expenditure needs from statutory sources and I have therefore made strong representation for this level to be improved. It won't be a huge sum of funding but welcome nonetheless.

But I do need to sound a warning note. We are facing significant uplifts of expenditure in the forthcoming year associated with the 1% addition to employers' National Insurance contributions as well as the anticipated increase in national nursing salaries. In the twelve months to October 2002 the Iain Rennie nurses cared for a 31% increase in patient numbers compared with the same period in the previous year. The additional funding tranches are therefore essential if we are to maintain our hospice at home service provision and care for the increasing numbers of patients referred to us.

Thank you all for your commitment and support and, on behalf of everyone at Iain Rennie, a very happy New Year to you all.

200 People Are Committed Givers To IRHH

I have written before in Doorstep about the valuable support that our service receives from regular donors and just before Christmas we signed up our 200th committed donor. This particular form of giving now ensures a recurrent income stream, which pays the equivalent of two nursing salaries. In addition we can usually claim back the tax paid on the donation from the Inland Revenue. There is a Pledge Form below. If you haven't already done so, please do consider becoming a regular donor - it really will make a difference!

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Address _____

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I want the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home (IRHH) to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify IRHH otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I am a taxpayer.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Please pay The Iain Rennie Hospice At Home £ _____ every year/month (delete as appropriate)

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The house of the Olivers was a revelation to me in its organisation and planning. It welcomed me with a warm sense of pleasure and friendship as I stepped over the threshold.

There could have been a very different atmosphere as two of the very young children belonging to Janie and Martin have a rare genetic neuro-metabolic disorder. It is expected to be progressive and is too rare yet to have a name. It has affected Hannah, aged eight, and her sister Lorna, aged three and a half. Samuel, who is six, is currently unaffected by the disease.

Their black rabbit sits munching happily in the double size porch, his cage surrounded by buggies, coats and boots. On the left of the spacious open-plan hallway are stable doors leading to the 'Soft Room'. This is a really joyous playroom. The floor is covered in bright blue soft plastic squares and the ceiling is draped in a white material caught up at intervals with bright lights that look like tiny stars. A big square swing is hung from the centre of the room and at the far end are three glass columns, reaching from floor to ceiling, of ever moving and ever changing coloured glistening pieces. When I arrived, Samuel was having a wonderful time hiding himself in a paddling pool of coloured balls that sat in one corner. Hannah was playing with an enormous red plastic ball and Lorna was just being carried off to bed. Jane, a paediatric nurse from the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home, was helping care for them all for the afternoon.

As I sat down to talk to Janie and Martin, I saw, through the French windows, the well-equipped playground in the square grassed garden.

"It looks as though you have a nursery school here," I laughed.

"We almost have," smiled Martin.

"You see," said Janie, "all these things are very important to stimulate children with learning difficulties. We used a multi-sensory room at the Manor House Hospital near here and then got a lot of help to adapt our house to the children's needs. The whole design of the house has been funded by various charities. We wrote off to about two hundred."

"When did you discover that the girls were ill?"

Martin replied. "We knew within two

A HAPPY HOUSE



Colleen Richardson talks to JANIE and MARTIN OLIVER about how the Iain Rennie Pepper Paediatric Nurses have helped them to cope with two sick children.

weeks of Hannah's birth as she had feeding difficulties and screamed a lot. At six months she began to have seizures and went into Intensive Care at the John Radcliffe Hospital. She was there three months. The girls have been seen at Great Ormond Street Hospital and also the Birmingham Children's Hospital for investigation, but none of the doctors could name their condition. We later learned that nearly half the patients with these disorders at Great Ormond Street are undiagnosed."

Janie added to the picture. "Because it's likely to be progressive, we know that it could get worse, and we don't know how their condition will change as they get older nor how long they will be alive."

Martin, sitting close to Janie on the sofa, said, "Hannah has severe learning difficulties and cannot read or write. She gets very distressed sometimes but both girls can be very loving. Hannah will sometimes come up to you and put her arms round you. She goes to a special needs school in Chesham and Lorna, who cannot walk, has started nursery at the

same school for the mornings only. They both get tired very easily. Above all, we try to give them as normal a life as possible."

"What impact does this have on Samuel?"

"It is probably hard on him," replied Janie. "He knows he has to be very quiet at times, but he is very self-confident and sociable. Samuel is a very kind, caring and compassionate boy."

Janie used to be a nurse and Martin is a systems consultant for a computer company. "Looking after them both is a full time job," she said. "We could never manage without the marvellous respite help we get from the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home nurses. Someone comes about once a week but would come more often if we wanted them. They are wonderful people. All the nurses that come here are very caring and when you need their support, they will come at once. The nurses also have a proper training in paediatrics, which helps from other organisations don't have."

Despite their huge problems, they both told me what a joyous Christmas they had spent and how very kind everyone had been. As I said goodbye to them on the sunny doorstep, I admired them very much – a young couple who are determined to give their children as happy a life as possible.

The Iain Rennie Hospice At Home's innovative team of five paediatric nurses and a play therapist offers specialist palliative care and support to children with life limiting illnesses. The service is free of charge and includes expert respite care to allow families space and time for themselves, helping to relieve the enormous strain of caring for very sick children at home. The IRHH is unusual in being able to care for children as well as adults and, although the children's needs are very different from those of our adult patients, the services are often complementary.

The IRHH paediatric service is fully funded by The Pepper Foundation and Children In Need and we are very grateful for the support of both organisations. The Pepper Foundation raises funds throughout the year to support the nursing team that bears its name.

SHOPTALK

Another first for Iain Rennie!

November saw the launch of a new initiative: gift vouchers. These are redeemable in our shops against the purchase of donated goods. To launch the scheme, and to say a small thank you to our wonderful shop volunteers, each volunteer was given a £5 voucher to spend in one of the shops. We are enormously grateful to Margaret Carter, who is the mother of one of our nurses, for this splendid idea.

Autumn Highlights

During October we ran a volunteer workshop entitled "Sharing Success - Getting together for Tea, Talk and Tricks of the Trade!" Angus Blackmore, a senior manager from John Lewis High Wycombe gave an excellent presentation on customer service. We all enjoyed a calorie-laden high tea! The feedback suggests the volunteers found it both fun and informative and we will certainly run a similar session again in the future.

Christmas Trade

News reports indicate that the High Street has experienced a tough time during their busiest months of November and December. November sales figures illustrate that the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home shops are happily bucking this trend! Overall the shops are showing a cumulative turnover increase of 30%. As ever, none of this would be possible without the hard work, professionalism and determination of the Shop Managers and the dedication and support of our wonderful team of volunteers.

Highlights included the first anniversary of the new Princes Risborough shop. We enjoyed a wonderful thanksgiving celebration followed by refreshments and shopping - of course! The Tring Victorian Fiesta was, as ever, very successful. Predictably enough, the Tring shop was very busy during the evening and did a roaring trade in warm coats, as it was rather cold!

Back at base, the Christmas card and merchandise operation has kept us out of mischief since October. We ordered significantly more Christmas Cards than last year and, inevitably, this gave a good boost to sales. I am hugely grateful to the small but efficient band of volunteers here at the

Tring office who have picked, packed and posted the huge volume of orders.

Our apologies to the person who ordered some cards and failed to receive them - I'm afraid you didn't put your address on the form! Other than this hiccup, as far as we can tell, the operation was a huge success - unless you know better... We are always happy to receive comments and feedback about the selection and the sales administration.

New Shops

Since joining Iain Rennie my main ambition has been to increase our portfolio of shops, especially in the south of the patch. This has not been as easy as I might have imagined. A lack of supply in key desirable locations together with very high rents has conspired against us. The good news, however, is that we now have a couple of properties in our sights in the south of our area and I hope to be able to report that the deals have been tied up soon.

Lesley Gorton

Magic In The Garden & Gifts For Christmas Fair
We very much enjoyed working with the Rickmansworth branch of Cancer Research UK on these two joint events last year which were masterminded by BRENDA BERNERS-PRICE. Around £20,000 was raised to be shared between the charities, and we extend our sincere thanks to Brenda, the CRUK committee and all the IRHH staff and volunteers who helped to make both occasions so successful.

IRHH Quiz 2002/3

As we go to press, quiz supremos Irene Cammegh and Joyce Bailey are busy marking entries and we will announce the winner and the amount raised in our Summer edition. A big thank you to Joyce and Irene for all their hard work.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

It happens to all of us each year: our nearest and dearest give us presents that, whilst bought with love and care, we simply do not need. Instead of letting your unwanted gifts gather dust in the cupboard, or even throwing them out, what better way to reflect the spirit in which they were given than to donate them to the charity of your choice?

We have IRHH shops in Hemel Hempstead, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough and Tring who would gratefully accept unwanted presents as stock for sale. And for those extra special gifts - items of some value (£10+), that are totally unused, still sealed in their packaging and complete with guarantee (where appropriate) - we would welcome their donation as prizes for the tombola at our Midsummer Night's Ball in June.

Should you wish to donate any Christmas presents to IRHH, you can hand them in at any of our shops. For items for donation to our Midsummer Night's Ball, please either hand them in to one of our shops, or to our Tring or Chalfont St Giles offices, marking your gift clearly for donation to the Ball. Further information about the Midsummer Night's Ball can be obtained from Steve Grudgings sgrudgings@irhh.org on 01442 890222



GIFTS OF SHARES

DID YOU KNOW THAT GIVING SHARES IS A VERY TAX EFFICIENT WAY OF SUPPORTING YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITY?

A number of Iain Rennie supporters have allowed us to benefit by giving us shares instead of a capital donation. You can donate any number of quoted shares and we are allowed to accumulate small numbers of shares in, for example, BT and then sell them when a reasonable number have been accumulated, keeping commission costs to a minimum.

The benefits to donors are also substantial as **NO CAPITAL GAINS TAX** has to be paid and tax relief can be claimed on the market value of the shares at the date of transfer at the donor's highest rate of Income Tax. For example, a higher rate tax payer with shares with a market value of £500 would pay £200 less Income Tax in that year.

Finally, leaving shares to charity in your will may also save tax. Your solicitor will be able to advise.

If you would like further help or advice about supporting us by donating shares please contact ROBERT BREAKWELL rbreakwell@irhh.org on 01442 890222.

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CHRISTMAS FACTS AND FIGURES:

- WE SOLD 11,200 PACKS OF CHRISTMAS CARDS
- WE PROCESSED 450 ORDERS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER
- OUR VOLUNTEERS HELD 50 CHRISTMAS CARDS SALES
- WE SOLD 1,700 'FURRY FRIENDS'
- WE SOLD 90 CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
- WE SOLD 480 IRHH/ST FRANCIS CALENDARS

HAVE YOU JOINED THE HOSPICE LOTTERY YET?

Just £1 per week helps the Hospice and gives you the chance to win £1000! Call 0870 3300218 for details.

Charter Mark Award for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home

Since taking voluntary redundancy from her position as Branch Manager of a leading High Street bank, Janet Shaw has devoted much of the past 18 months as a volunteer, leading the IRHH organisation towards being awarded the prestigious Cabinet Office Charter Mark award in December 2002.

Janet says, "The Charter Mark scheme was introduced by the Government about nine years ago to allow public sector organisations to demonstrate that they were providing value for money. The scheme has subsequently been widened to include organisations in the voluntary sector and encourages them to focus on and improve customer service." She went on, "The Charter Mark is more wide ranging than, say, the ISO scheme for commercial organisations: Charter Mark covers not just processes but also the organisation's role in the community, their consultation procedures etc."

To win a Charter Mark, the IRHH had to demonstrate that it meets ten criteria: setting standards of service; being open and providing

full information; consulting and involving; encouraging access and promoting choice; treating all fairly; putting things right when they go wrong; using resources effectively; innovating and improving; working with other providers; and achieving user satisfaction.

Whilst working towards the award, Janet liaised with all IRHH departments. "Everyone got involved and it was tremendously motivational," Janet remembers, "Internally, we now see departments work together much more closely. For instance, the nursing group and the fundraisers have two quite different roles but, in reality, they rely totally on each other: without one the other cannot exist. This is now clearly recognised and working practices have changed to reflect this." Janet smiled. "And, externally, a good example of improvement is the publication of our Patients' Charter which sets out our service standards. The standards listed, such as 'We will respect your dignity, privacy and freedom of choice', are ones that Iain Rennie nurses have always worked to. The difference is that now they are

published and freely available, for example on our website, and our success in achieving them can be measured through patient feedback questionnaires."

Following the news of the Charter Mark award, Iain Rennie's Chief Executive, Rowena Dean, said "Our special thanks go to Janet Shaw for her commitment, determination and cheerful enthusiasm in co-ordinating our successful application for this award."

And, despite this tremendous achievement, Janet has no plans to take a rest: her new role at Iain Rennie will be to contribute towards achieving the new National Care Standards. Many thanks, Janet!



IRHH PAST & FUTURE

REMEMBERING PADDY SEALE

The sudden death in late December of PADDY SEALE, husband of Margaret – one of the 5 nurses who started the IRHH service, came as a shock to us all. One of the other founding nurses, Thelma Steer, writes:

"Paddy played an important part in the foundation of IRHH. In those early days while we were still nursing Iain Rennie and giving support to Moira and the family, Paddy, along with all of our partners, attended several meetings to decide how we could continue to provide a similar service for others. Ideas were bounced back and forth, and the rest, as they say, is history.

I think the other four nurses would all agree that without the firm backing, support and encouragement of our menfolk nearly eighteen years ago, the venture might never have got off the ground. I am so glad it did."

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CARING

In 2005 the IRHH will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Even at this early stage, ideas and plans are emerging and we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to help in any way. We have a lot to celebrate and a challenging future ahead. Please contact Rowena Dean (rdean@irhh.org) on 01442 890222 if you would like to get involved.

COMINGS&GOINGS

Welcome to: JANET HOLLAND, Clinical Nurse Specialist, LYNN JACKSON, Specialist Support Nurse and MERIEL GARNHAM, Bank Nurse, all joining the South Bucks team; LIZ RUFF and JANE CLOWES, new Support Nurses with the Paediatric team; LINDSAY LILLEYWHITE, Play Therapist; MICHELLE WILLIAMS, Specialist Support Nurse and GILLIAN AMBROSE, Bank Health Care Assistant with the Wycombe team; ELAINE MURRAY, Lottery Assistant.

Welcome back to: CHRISTINE GLENNON, Specialist Support Nurse rejoining the Wycombe team; JULIE FARRIS, Specialist Support Nurse now working with the South Bucks team.

Goodbye to: JENNY AGGARWAL, Clinical Nurse Specialist with the Wycombe team; and RITA MORGAN who provided Clerical Assistance at Cedar Barn since the IRHH started in 1985 who has retired.

Congratulations to: SARAH and STEVE ROTHWELL following the birth of baby Erin; and KERRY LANE SELLERS from the Paediatric team who has given birth to baby Holly.

RIP SIR ROGER CORK We are sad to record the death of IRHH patron, Sir Roger Cork.

RIP RAY DEE We will greatly miss long-term supporter and envelope stuffer "par excellence", Ray Dee.

MOBILE INFORMATION UNIT DRIVERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

If you are able to tow a trailer and could spare a few hours each month we are desperate to hear from you. Our team of four drivers is now down to one and, unless we can find more volunteer drivers, we will not be able to organise a full programme of events for the MIU this year. This would be very sad as our colourful exhibition sponsored by Colossal Colour is an important point of contact between the IRHH and our local communities. Please contact Rozina Ahmad rahmad@irhh.org on 01442 890222 if you can help

IRHH Church Links

Could you help us by keeping your congregation up to date with news from the IRHH? We have a growing number of Church Links who put up posters, replenish leaflets and generally act as a point of contact for church members on behalf of IRHH. Please contact Rozina Ahmad rahmad@irhh.org on 01442 890222.

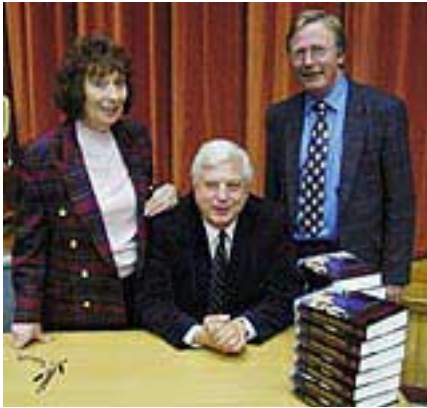
NEW PATRON We are delighted to announce that Cheryl Gillan, MP for Chesham and Amersham, has agreed to be a patron of the IRHH.

INTERESTED IN FUNDRAISING?

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.

NEWS FROM OUR FUNDRAISING GROUPS

• The HEMEL HEMPSTEAD GROUP were very busy running various stalls in November. They had an unwanted gift tombola and a Christmas card stall at the DCVS Winter Fair and a Teddy Tombola at the Victorian Evening. We were delighted to receive a cheque for £2,000 from the Group. Many thanks to everyone involved.



• John Simpson, the veteran BBC World Affairs Editor, was in Berkhamsted on Thursday 26th September 2002 to promote his new book, "News From No Man's Land". The Centenary Hall at Berkhamsted Collegiate School was full, and around 500 people heard him talk about his passion for the BBC, his addiction to "seeing things for himself" and his opinion on the developing crisis in the Middle East. After answering questions, the BBC's veteran World Affairs Correspondent spent over an hour signing copies of his book and talking to members of the audience. The evening was organised by Nick and Dee Potts from the Hemel Hempstead group (pictured with John) and £1100 was raised for the IRHH.

• The FARNHAMS GROUP held a Christmas Bazaar at the end of October which raised £94.20 and a further £76 from the sale of Christmas cards. The Group would like to thank the Warden of Warren Court for the free use of the residents' room for a number of their fundraising events.

• A successful coffee morning was held by the COLESHILL GROUP at the end of September where they sold £337 worth of Christmas cards. The Group have been working hard producing hand-made Christmas Crackers and hoped to have raised in excess of £1,000. The annual singing of Christmas carols in the village pub in December was enjoyed by everyone.

• SPEEN SUPPORTERS GROUP have been busy selling Christmas cards for the IRHH and four other local hospices and have sold over £200 worth of cards for the IRHH. We are very grateful for their support.

• BEACONSFIELD GROUP had another sell-out Burns Night on their hands on the 25th January, and are now hard at work planning A Midsummer Night's Ball. Interest in booking tables has been extremely strong, and anybody wishing to attend are urged to contact Nikki Pritchard on 01494 677039 or Mary Bischoff on 01494 671441. The Beaconsfield group have so far this year raised an amazing total of £46,831.00, through immense hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

• HIGH WYCOMBE & AMERSHAM GROUP are to be congratulated on selling over £2,500 worth of Christmas cards and merchandise. Plans are now well advanced for the musical event with Terry Lightfoot in July as well as street collections, a Jumble Sale and numerous other events. The High Wycombe Group have also raised a stunning £41,640 again though immense hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

• Rhyme & Reason's annual anthology has sold well and was given a worthwhile boost by the annual Book Signing with Fern Britton on 7th December and "An Evening With Simon Brett".

• A glittering black tie AUTUMN BALL with music from MR KITE'S BENEFIT BAND took place at Breakspear Park, Hemel Hempstead on 2nd November. Organisers



Diane Chambers and Helen Harwood must have worked incredibly hard to organise such a successful event to support the work of our nurses. Diane and Helen called into the IRHH Tring office to present Chief Executive, Rowena Dean, with a cheque for £2,260.95. Mr Kite's Benefit Band will also contribute their fee of £450.00 to the IRHH bringing the grand total raised to over £2,700.

• Colin and Tricia Nicol, who live in Prestwood, also organised a dance in Prestwood Village Hall, featuring Mr Kite, which raised £755. They do one of these every year, and the Band always receives all of the proceeds, but this one was particularly successful.

• WHAT A WHOPPER! The IRHH High Wycombe and Amersham Fundraising Group took guests at their recent Nature Evening by surprise and presented IRHH Chairman, Valerie Gunn and IRHH Patron, Geoffrey Palmer with a cheque for £32,000. This magnificent sum is the result of some fantastic fundraising over the last few months including the enormously successful "Swing Into Summertime" event last June



MASONIC GIFTS

A huge thank you for the tremendous support we have received from Masonic Lodges with TRING MASONIC LODGE, CYMBELINE LODGE and CESTREHAM LODGE each donating £250. Rickmansworth Lodge sent £100 towards our funds and BORLASE LODGE presented our South Bucks Nurses with a cheque for £900. We recently received a further grant of £1,000 from the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of Buckinghamshire. HADDENHAM LODGE OF FREEMASONS kindly donated £50.00. We have also received generous donations of £310 from NORMAN ARCHES LODGE; £350 from BOWEN LODGE and £194.90 from THE NELEUS LODGE.



• Representatives from Borlase Lodge called into our offices at Cedar Barn, Hazlemere to present South Bucks Team Leader, Sue Wright, with a cheque for £900.

JOHN LEWIS SUPPORTS LOCAL HOSPICES



• (L-R) Pam Parkhurst, Sobell House Hospice; Hans Peters; Jean Gilchrist, Clerk to the Branch Council; and Robert Breakwell.

IRHH Appeals Director, Robert Breakwell, had the honour of being invited to attend the annual John Lewis Watford Branch Council Dinner. Following a speech by David Felwick, Deputy Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, Hans Peters, Branch Council President, presented cheques for £1000 to both the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home, and Sobell House Hospice.

In thanking John Lewis partners for this surprise donation, Robert Breakwell acknowledged the continued generous support of the Watford store which had already made several donations and provided a digital camera for the IRHH to use. The picture was taken using this camera.

Free Wine Tastings 2003

We are already taking Wine Tasting bookings for this year. The idea is simple: you provide the venue and the guests and we provide the wine and Champagne. We also provide a magnum of bubbly for a raffle, print invitations and posters, and bring along a team of people to run the evening for you. Last year we organised successful tastings for clubs and organisations as well as private events. Please contact Robert Breakwell rbreakwell@irhh.org on 01442 890222 for full details.

The Hospice of St Francis Joins The Hospice Lottery

We are delighted to report that the Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted has joined the Hospice Lottery. From 2nd January, the proceeds from the lottery will be shared between 4 local hospices including the IRHH. This is great news for hospice supporters in Berkhamsted who can now enjoy a weekly chance to win a top prize of £1000 and support their favourite charity. If you would like to join, call us on 01442 890222 or join on-line at www.hospice-lottery.co.uk. This year, each of the participating hospices has received over £45,000 from the lottery.

MAYORAL NEWS



Beaujolais Champagne Challenge 2002

The Mayor and Mayoress of High Wycombe, Ian and Sarah McEnnis represented the IRHH in the 2002 Challenge organised by BP. Although the IRHH team didn't manage to record the shortest mileage between Beaujolais and Champagne which is required to win, the consolation prize is a massive £25,000 boost for the Mayor's Appeal. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who supported the challenge by sponsoring wine and to Team BP for organising another successful challenge.

West Highland Walk

Michael McCoy and Ryan Moore walked the West Highland Way in Scotland to raise funds for the Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal. Starting at Fort William on the 16th June 2002 and finishing at Inverness on 23rd June 2002 they covered a distance of 95 miles. Through sponsorship they raised £702.00.



Good Luck Denys!

Denys Hood conducted the Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir for the last time, after 35 years as their Musical Director, at a wonderful concert on 28th September at Wycombe High School. Following the concert, which was in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for IRHH, Denys was presented with gifts from the choir. IRHH Appeals Director, Robert Breakwell also made a presentation to Denys and spoke of his long association with the Hospice At Home. He particularly recalled working with the IRHH High Wycombe & Amersham Fundraising Group on many concerts, including several Voices For Hospices events, which he had directed.

L-R: Concert Compere, Norman Donkin; Mayoress, Sarah McEnnis; Denys and Shirley Hood; Mayor of High Wycombe, Ian McEnnis.



Mayor Derek Tops £44,000

The Dacorum Mayor's Appeal was given a final boost of £2,004.30 raised by the Heritage Walk organised by Hemel Hempstead Lions Club. The final total for Derek Townsend's year as Mayor was £44,349.73p.



CYCLE AUSTRALIA: LATEST NEWS FROM MIKE HILL

Anyone who has been following Mike's progress by reading his fascinating bulletins on our website, will know that he is ahead of schedule and has decided to cycle round Tasmania before concluding his journey round Australia. His last report from Mount Gambier revealed that he had covered 14,500kms round the coast of Australia and sponsorship pledged now exceeds £10,000! Mike, who is 27, embarked on his year long solo adventure on 9th April to raise funds in memory of his mother, Lorraine, who was cared for by Iain Rennie nurses. If you want to support Mike, you can send your gift or pledge to our Tring office or donate on-line at www.irhh.org.

FUN, FACTS & FIGURES

The imagination of Iain Rennie supporters knows no bounds and we are constantly delighted by the generosity and ingenuity of so many people. It's impossible to include everything here, but we hope we manage to give a flavour of what's been going on over the last few months.

- MICHAEL MASON, a Finance Director at Cadbury Schweppes, fines colleagues £10 if their mobile phone rings during a meeting. He has just sent us £100!
- Collecting boxes in BOOTS stores at Heathrow Airport have now raised over £5,000!
- Local churches have been incredibly generous and we thank TRINITY CHURCH at RAF Halton for £500.00; HEDGERLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL raised a fantastic £1189 from their Festival Week; KINGS LANGLEY METHODIST CHURCH donated £284. Further support was received from ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH in Wigginton; ST MARY THE VIRGIN, Ivinghoe with Pitstone; and ASTON CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH for which we are most grateful.
- BERKHAMSTED COLLEGIATE SCHOOL held a 24 hour "Treadmill Run" covering approximately 190 miles! Their efforts realised an amazing £885.
- We continue to be supported by THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL in High Wycombe, who donated a further £200; and LITTLE KINGSHILL COMBINED SCHOOL kindly donated £109.30 following their Christmas Celebrations.
- THE HERTFORDSHIRE CENTRE FOR THE CARAVAN CLUB presented the Fundraising Department with a donation towards a printer which is greatly appreciated.
- The NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PO & BT PENSIONERS Hemel Hempstead Branch held a Bring & Buy coffee morning and raised £110; WIGGINTON LACEMAKERS sent us £230 and JORDANS VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB donated £210.
- The OLD BELLGATE pub continues to support us and recently held supper evenings raising £200. They are also raising funds by selling 2003 calendars featuring some of the regulars.
- JOHN FRYER and THE WENDEL SINGERS continue to support us and have been very busy spreading Christmas Cheer by singing at various local venues and kindly passing on their donations.
- KATE SMITH kindly organised a Fashion and Gifts Fayre in Gerrards Cross and we were delighted to receive over £200 as a result.
- "Jazz in the Barn", organised by the BOURNE END & COOKHAM ROTARY CLUB, raised a fantastic £900.00.
- A very successful Jazz Evening by Candlelight with COLIN HOLDOM and Friends was organised by GORDON ROLFE at Little Hay Golf Club and raised over £1,400. It is looking very hopeful for a repeat performance next year so keep checking Doorstep or our website for more information! A big thank you to MONTAGUE'S CATERING SERVICES and LITTLE HAY GOLF CLUB for their support for the event.
- JOHN ROWLAND dressed up as Pinocchio when he organised a Dance entitled a 'P Themed Evening and we were delighted to receive a donation of £1,286.
- GAEA CRYSTALS of Wendover donated a wonderful cheque for £468.00
- RICKMANSWORTH TENNIS CLUB held a 2 day Bring and Buy Sale with half the proceeds coming to the IRHH and we were presented with a cheque for £265.00 – we were all thrilled with the result.
- FOR PURE PLEASURE organised another wonderful evening in aid of IRHH with "A Night of Christmas Music".
- Christmas Cheer: a big 'thank you' for all the support we have received from local companies who bought our Christmas Stickers and made a donation to us instead of sending Christmas cards - TAYLOR WALTON; PHILLIPS & CO; AMERSHAM INSURANCE BROKERS; ASM FACILITIES; COLBREE PRECISION LTD; LANGFORD & CO; ASHBYS; PIONEER GB LTD; ALPECO LIMITED; AND COX THERMOFORMING LTD.
- Moon Walking: at midnight on Saturday 11th May PHILIP TANCHAN will be walking the Moonwalk Marathon to raise money for our Hospice at Home. Please call us if you would like to sponsor him.
- On-Line Auction: A signed Manchester United shirt was among the 48 lots in IRHH's first on-line auction organised by WENDOVER ROUND TABLE which raised over £4,500.

GOLF Once again we have received tremendous support from Golf Clubs within the community: ELLESBOROUGH LADIES & MENS SECTIONS raised over £7,000 and the CHRIS MULLAN MEMORIAL GOLF DAY supported us by holding their third annual golf event and raised a further £7,000. The Chiltern Charity Golf Classic organised by ROTARY CLUB OF AMERSHAM at Harewood Downs raised £4,200. CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB organised a golf match between the Ladies Section and the Wednesday Men and raised over £200. Both the Club Captain and the Ladies' Captain at WYCOMBE HEIGHTS have supported us this year and we have received a magnificent £6,600. As we go to press, we have just received £2,223.57 from the Ladies' Section of OAKLAND PARK GOLF CLUB to whom we send our thanks.

Chris Mullan Memorial Charity Trophy



Golfers from all over the world gathered to compete for the Chris Mullan Memorial Charity Trophy at Bushey Hall Golf Club on Friday 20th September 2002. The annual Golf Day in memory of local man, Chris Mullan, has been organised by his family and friends to raise funds for the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home which cared for Chris and his family.

• Our picture shows Iain Rennie Nurses Jackie Eaton and Judy Pears accepting a cheque for £7000 from family and friends on the night.

Flackwell Heath Golf Club

Basil Davis, President of Flackwell Heath Golf Club presents IRHH Vice Chairman, Tom Johnson, with a cheque for £700. During his two years in office Basil and his wife, Edith, have raised almost £2,000 through various golfing events and from their own Golden Wedding celebration last year when they asked their guests to donate to their chosen charity instead of giving them presents.



Come and hear



TERRY LIGHTFOOT and his JAZZMEN

**Saturday 5th July 2003
Lancaster Arts Centre
Wycombe Abbey School**

The first performance will be at 2.30pm with the gates open for Matinee picnickers at noon.
The second will be at 7.30pm with the gates open for Evening picnickers at 5.30pm.

For further details phone **01494 812458**

IN AID OF THE IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT AND GUIDE THE WORK OF THE IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME?

Your opinions are important to us and help us to plan the future of the Hospice At Home.

We have two consultation groups:

IRHH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP

whose 12 members are bereaved carers and volunteers. We meet quarterly in the evening for 1½ hours.

IRHH PATIENT THINK TANK

whose 10 members are patients and current carers. We meet 3 times a year in the afternoon for 1½ hours.

Both groups meet in Amersham to discuss and comment on a wide variety of topics given to us by the Iain Rennie nurses, fundraisers and administrators. The feedback we give provides valuable guidance and helps to improve the service that the IRHH provides. Any out of pocket expenses will be covered and we would love to welcome you to either of our lively groups.

For further information please contact Sarah Wallington-Smith sarahw-s@irhh.org on 01442 890222

JIGSAW INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you want to find out more about how the IRHH works, then come along to one of our Jigsaw Information Sessions. In an afternoon you will find out how the service was established, how the nurses work, how the IRHH is funded and what we believe in. In short – how the Iain Rennie Jigsaw pieces fit together! Anyone interested in the work of our Hospice at Home is welcome. Sessions in 2003 will be on 19th May in Princes

COMMENTS FROM JIGSAW ATTENDEES

"I found whole afternoon very helpful and informative"

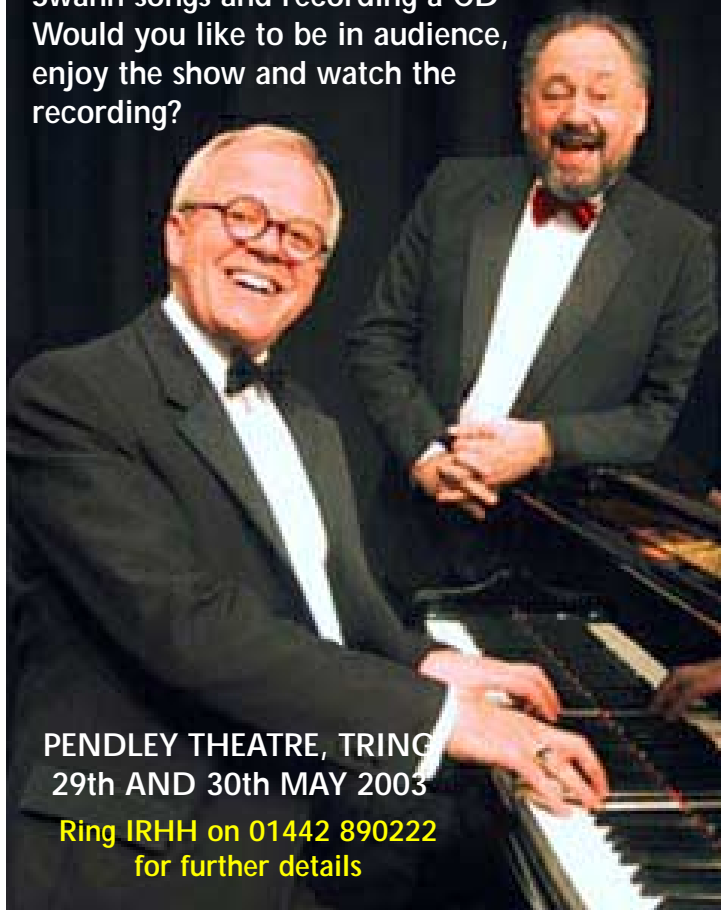
"I learnt about all aspects of the Iain Rennie organisation"

"Congratulations to all on a very useful afternoon"

Risborough and 29th September in Tring. If you would like to attend please contact Emily Shorthouse on 01494 877200 or email eshorthouse@irhh.org to book a place.



MICHAEL BERNSTEIN and COLIN STEVENS will be performing a revival of Flanders & Swann songs and recording a CD. Would you like to be in audience, enjoy the show and watch the recording?



**PENDLEY THEATRE, TRING
29th AND 30th MAY 2003**

**Ring IRHH on 01442 890222
for further details**

ABSOLUTELY PEGGY

A profile of volunteer,
PEGGY BAINBRIDGE,
by Colleen Richardson



Peggy met me at the door of her picture postcard cottage in Tring. It was a lovely August day and within seconds I felt we had been friends for years. She introduced me to her neighbour – a charming man who lived in the cottage next door – and then whisked me inside. I was invited to sit in what Peggy deemed was the most comfortable chair, and presented with a ham sandwich and an ice-cold French beer. It wasn't long into our conversation when I realised that 'absolutely' was her key word. If she agreed with something, she had generally 'thought it through' and her commitment was absolutely total. Her decisive 'absolutely' made one feel that one had said something that was slightly cleverer than it really was. "I learned very young," she told me, "how to turn a pound into a fiver. It was my father who taught me this. I must have inherited his instinct for business."

I looked round the pretty sitting room, with the sun streaming through the open door. "Do you live alone?" I asked.

"Sadly yes. My husband died about thirty-five years ago. We had a wonderful seventeen years of marriage, though, and together we had two lovely children. He was an engineer and worked for De Havillands on rocket propulsion.

"After he died, I decided to go in for 'House Clearance' and I began to get very good at it. I soon understood what was a valuable piece of furniture and should go to the auction rooms and what was useful, but would only fetch a few pounds.

"I took a stall in the Tring Market, which is held on Fridays, and did very well indeed. After about ten years I decided it was time for me to retire and do something else with my time. It was a funny/sad thing though, because the husband of a very good friend of mine was at that time dying of cancer. The Iain Rennie Hospice was looking after

him and I thought they were such a great team of people that I asked if I could do something to help them. That was when I met Rowena Dean – she was a real live wire at the Iain Rennie in those early days. I was impressed with her energy and commitment and the way she could inspire people and of course, still does.

"I suggested to Rowena that I took a stall in the market again but this time I would turn over all the profits to the Iain Rennie organisation instead of working for myself."

"What a marvellous idea, to do something you really know about, and turn it into an income for the Hospice. Did Rowena like the idea?"

"Absolutely! And it turned out to be a really great success. People used to turn up and give me all sorts of things to sell, and some of the things were valuable enough for me to put them into the Brown and Merry Auction Rooms. It was great fun and at the end of each market day, I used to take the cash round to my Iain Rennie friends and we'd take great delight in counting up all the money – however small it was, it all added up.

"After about two years, I began eyeing some shops in Tring High Street. 'It would be great to start our own charity shop', I told Rowena. She was a bit wary and nervous about it as she knew we would have to find quite a bit of rent before we ever made a profit."

"Did you make a good enough case for her to agree in the end?" I asked.

"Absolutely! I came up with this empty shop, in a perfect place in the High Street, for five thousand pounds a year. I calculated that if we opened five days a week and took only £60 a day, we would have our rent money. The Friday market stall had been taking a lot more than that and had been doing so for over two years. Rowena finally agreed and everyone was so pleased. We would have a permanent shop and a place for people to come and visit and room to store things we were given, so that we could depend on more profit."

Peggy's dark eyes twinkled with enthusiasm as she talked. "Now nearly ten years later, having acquired the greengrocer's shop next door seven years ago, the Tring shop is now quite large and we have four more shops. They are all doing well. There is a book shop in High Wycombe, two shops in Hemel Hempstead – one at Bennettsgate and one at Warners End - and the fourth is at Princes Risborough."

"How do you feel about dedicating so much of your later life to this charity?"

"I feel that it is the best thing that could have ever happened to me. I have so many friends through both the shops and within the Iain Rennie organisation itself."

As Peggy walked me to my car, I said how much I had enjoyed meeting her and hoped that she had enjoyed our meeting also.

"Absolutely," she replied, giving my hand a friendly squeeze.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND AMERSHAM FUNDRAISING GROUP

Christmas Markets in Holland & Germany

Monday 1st - Thursday 4th December 2003

Cost: £174



For a full itinerary please contact:
Christine Nisbet, Pipers Haunt, Sandpits Lane,
Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 8HD
Telephone: 01494 812458
or download a copy from: www.irhh.org

Your Holiday Price Includes:

- Return Coach travel from various joining points in Bucks.
- Return ferry from Dover to Calais.

Half board, to include:

- Buffet Breakfasts.
- Rooms with Private Facilities.
- All gratuities.
- Excursion to Aachen Christmas Market and Cathedral.

Not included:

- Single room supplement £36.
- Personal Travel Insurance £18.
- Meals and drinks en route.

Saturday 15th February

The Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal - Valentine Rock 'n' Roll Dance with Shades of Night The Royal British Legion, High Wycombe
7.30pm until midnight. Tickets £6 from The Mayor's Parlour 01494 421134.

Saturday 22nd February

The Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal - Murder Mystery Evening Unsolved Murder Mysteries presents "A Frightful Affair". An evening of suspense and intrigue. Sands Village Hall, Sands, High Wycombe
7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 to include a meal from The Mayor's Parlour 01494 421134 or Wycombe Tourist Information Centre.

Tuesday 25th February

Quiz Night
Potten End Church Room
7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets £6 from Mabel Fletcher 01442 871242 or Mrs D Turnly 01442 874508.

Saturday 22nd March

The Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce - Race Night in aid of the IRHH and Sign The Bell House, Beaconsfield
7.00pm Until 12.00 Midnight. Tables of 10 £250.00. Individual Tickets £30.00

Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March

Rhyme & Reason - Blackberry Promises by Janet Moran Neil Creative Ink for Actors present a play set in the late fifties. Licensed Bar, Blackberry & Apple Pies, Cream Sodas. Not suitable for children under 15. The Community Centre, Amersham
7.30pm for 7.45pm. Tickets £7.00 from 07799 268911

Saturday 29th March

IRHH Hemel Hempstead Fundraising Group - Quiz Night Annual Quiz Night for teams of 6. Bourne End Village Hall, Nr Hemel Hempstead
7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 (to include supper) from Brian Fisher on 01442 409139. Please bring your own drink

Saturday 12th April

The Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal
The Mayor of High Wycombe's Ball Dancing to Boogie Wonderland. Help raise funds for the Mayor's Appeal at the social event of the year.
Town Hall, High Wycombe.
6.00pm for 6.30pm - Carriages at 1am
Tables of 10. Smaller numbers can be accommodated. Tickets £39.00 from The Mayor's Parlour on 01494 421134.

Saturday 19th April

The Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal - Charity Market Stall and Street Collection
High Street, High Wycombe
8am until 4.00pm. Everyone welcome

Saturday 26th April

Longwick Fete and Garland Parade
Longwick Village Hall
12noon - 5.00pm
All Welcome

Saturday 3rd May

Stream of Life
Classical Music Concert in memory of Susan Balogh. Featuring Anna Le Hair (piano), Margus Mauger (cello), David Agnew (violin), Ian Kille (French horn), Graham Hogg (clarinet) with Alice Bishop and Hilary Greenhill (sopranos).
Berkhamsted Town Hall at 7.30pm.
Tickets £10.00 (£5.00 for under 16's) from Anna Le Hair on 01442 243582

Sunday 4th May

Knockout Challenge 2003
In aid of the Mayor of High Wycombe's Appeal
A major attraction at the Wycombe Charity Carnival, The Rye, High Wycombe
Children's Competition at 11.45am.
Entry fee £150 for 10 people.
Company Challenge at 2.45pm. Entry fee £50 for 10 children. Early booking is recommended!
More details phone IRHH Tring office 01442 890222 or visit www.irhh.org.

Sunday 11th May

IRHH Service of Thanksgiving
Holy Trinity Church, Hazlemere
3.00pm. Invitations will be sent to bereaved families but all are welcome.

Wednesday 14th May

Shooting at Bisley
A day's shooting at the world famous Bisley Rifle Range, to include: Full Bore(7.62) 600 yards shooting in the morning. Lunch and Free Bar. After lunch, Full Bore (7.62) 1000 yards, Black Powder Pistol, Multi Shot and Gallery Rifle.
9.00am -5.00pm. Teams of 4 £500.00.
Call Steve Grudgings on 01442 890222 for details.

Thursday 22nd May

Sally Williams' Annual Garden Sale
An event not to be missed! Sale of plants, jams, cakes.
Brantridge Lane, Bourne End Bucks
11.00am - 6.00pm. Entrance fee £1.00

Saturday 24th May

Sally Williams' Garden Sale at Beaconsfield
A second opportunity for all those who did not manage to get to the sale on the 22nd!
Council Green, Beaconsfield
8.00am - 1.00pm. All Welcome

Saturday 24th May

Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches
12th Annual Donkey Derby
Burnham Park, Burnham
12 noon until 5.00pm. All Welcome

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May

Flanders & Swann Drop Another Hat
A revival of Flanders & Swann songs in the company of Michael Bernstein and Colin Stevens & live recording of a CD.
Pendley Theatre, Station Road, Tring
8.00pm. Tickets £10 from
For more details phone IRHH on 01442 890222.

Wednesday 18th June

Tring Running Club - Tring Midsummer Fun Runs
Tring Park Cricket Club
Further details from Steve Grudgings sgrudgings@irhh.org on 01442 890222 or visit www.irhh.org

Friday 27th June

Midsummer Night's Ball
Black Tie - Supper menu by Andrew Clark - caterer to the Queen at Henley and dancing to the highly recommended band Innovations.
Hall Barn, Beaconsfield
Champagne Reception 7.30pm.
Carriages 1.00am. £75 per Ticket, £750.00 per Table. Tickets and further information from Mary Bischoff, 9 Westfield Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1EG or call 01494 671441.

Saturday 5th July

High Wycombe & Amersham Fundraising Group - An Evening with Terry Lightfoot & his Band
Picnic by the lake and then enjoy an evening of Jazz with Terry Lightfoot and his Band. Lancaster Arts Centre, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe. Call 01494 812458 for further details.

Street Collections 2003

We have an extended programme of collections this year so, if you can you spare an hour, please contact Steve Grudgings sgrudgings@irhh.org on 01442 890222 or tick the box on your questionnaire. Our regular collectors will be receiving further details from us in early March. Unless otherwise indicated, all collections run from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

8th March - Bucket Collection for Mayor's Appeal at Adams Park. 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Wycombe Wanderers v Brentford.

29 March - AMERSHAM

3 May - HIGH WYCOMBE & HAZLEMERE

17 May - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD & TRING

24 May - BOURNE END

6 June - PRINCES RISBOROUGH

28 June - KINGS LANGLEY, AYLESBURY & WENDOVER

12 July - BERKHAMSTED

26 July - CHESHAM

6 September - CHORLEYWOOD

20 September - GERRARDS CROSS

4 October - BEACONSFIELD, FARNHAM COMMON, CHALFONT ST GILES & CHALFONT ST PETER

18th October - LITTLE CHALFONT

CHARITY GOLF DAYS 2003

Golf plays a big part in our fundraising calendar raising over £25,000 each year - enough to pay for a full time Iain Rennie Support Nurse! We are extremely grateful to to all the organisers who work so hard to provide first class golfing occasions. Further details and application forms will be available from our website www.irhh.org or call us on 01442 890222.

Friday 6th June

The Rotary Club of Berkhamsted
Bulbourne

11th Annual Charity Golf Day
Mentmore Golf & Country Club
18 hole Stableford competition for amateur golfers. Open to Ladies, gentlemen and mixed teams. Buffet supper. 12noon - 8.00pm. Teams of 4 £240.
Further details from John Simpson on 01442 234347

Friday 20th June

Hemel Hempstead Community Police and IRHH Hemel Hempstead Fundraising Group - 3rd Annual Charity Golf Day
Mentmore Golf & Country Club
Please call Nick & Dee Potts on 01442 871466 for further details

Friday 20th June

Berkhamsted Lions Club - Charity Golf Day
Whipsnade Park Golf Club, Dunstable
9.00am - 10.00pm
£300 per team of 3. Details from Peter Gent on 01442 864472.

Friday 19th September

Chris Mullan Memorial Charity Golf Day
Bushey Hall Golf Club, Bushey
Teams of 4 play 18 holes. Running buffet with entertainment.
Further details from Marion Mullan on 01494 786132

TRING FARMERS MARKET



• The Mayor of Tring, Cllr Helen Armstrong, was at Tring Farmers' Market on 21st December for a special Christmas market. She enjoyed free mulled wine and a mince pie with Christmas shoppers and stallholders before drawing out the winners of the Farmers' Market Christmas Festivity Draw in aid of the IRHH. A wonderful selection of prizes had been donated by stallholders including a turkey, joints of pork and lamb, wine, biscuits, cakes and even a Christmas tree. The draw raised £750.00.

Run for Iain Rennie

Running events have become an important feature of our fundraising at Iain Rennie and, each year, more people seem to get involved. The IRHH offers unrivalled support to anyone who wants to run for us. Whether you tackle the London Marathon or a local Fun Run, we can provide sponsorship forms, web pages, running vests, help with finding sponsors as well as practical help and friendly advice on how to get the most out of the big day. To find out more about any of the following or if you are planning to run (or even walk!) for the IRHH, give Tony Yates tyates@irhh.org a call on 01442 890222. Further details are on our website www.irhh.org.

- The IRHH has a team of 18 taking part in the **FLORA LONDON MARATHON** on 13th April. The enclosed leaflet gives details of all our runners and we encourage you to sponsor them or send a donation to speed them on their way. If you have a place in the London Marathon (or know someone who has), and would like to run for Iain Rennie, we would love to hear from you.
- The **BRITISH 10K LONDON** will take place on 13th July. The IRHH has guaranteed places available and we are hoping to enter a good team again this year.
- **TRING MIDSUMMER FUN RUNS** are on Wednesday 18th June and are a great opportunity for runners of all ages to enjoy a great running occasion. We are grateful to Tring Running Club for organising this increasingly popular event.
- No date has been announced for the **2003 FLORA LIGHT CHALLENGE FOR WOMEN** but we will publish details on our website as soon as they become available.

Santa Drops In!

Visitors to Wyevale Garden Centre in Chipperfield were able to visit Santa in his Grotto to raise funds for the IRHH. The final total raised is not yet known, but we are extremely grateful to all the staff at Wyevale and also to the army of IRHH volunteer pixies and elves who helped out. Our picture shows Santa arriving by helicopter at Wyevale Garden Centre.



PORTRAIT PROMOTION SNAPPED UP!



HYATT STUDIOS of Tring were proud to support the IRHH during 2002 – raising £1280 directly for the charity – and when you add on Gift Aid (tax refunded from the Government) this figure rises to over £1600!

"By offering £95 worth of our services for a donation of just £20 to the IRHH, we were able to attract new clients and raise money for your very deserving cause at the same time," explains Guy Mayer, professional photographer and proprietor of Hyatt Studios. "We made this offer at 4 regional craft shows in prestigious locations and are extremely delighted by the response it elicited."

Customers at Hyatt Studios are also very pleased – Mr Ken Barnes of Thame who took up the offer says: "We were very happy to support this wonderful local charity." Whilst Mrs Bellchambers of Edlesborough (portrait above) summed it all up by saying "Great experience, fab pictures – what a result!"

"In fact, since this offer has done so much better than we had dared to hope, we intend to kick off another promotion later in the spring – so lets see if we can beat this fantastic amount already raised!" adds Guy in conclusion.

If you would like details of the 2003 Hyatt Studios promotion, please tick the box on your questionnaire or contact Rozina Ahmad rahmad@irhh.org on 01442 890222.

Fun, Foam & Inflatables!

It's time to get your team together for our annual Knockout Challenge which will take place on Sunday 4th May. As usual there will be a Children's Competition followed by a Company Challenge. See What's On for more details or download a leaflet and application form from our website www.irhh.org.



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