

Charities Update

2009 Donations

Donations made to local and Association charities during 2009 have now been published and I am pleased to announce that we were able to give away £1,000. The following charities were the main beneficiaries. The Association Bursary Fund, Swale Youth Development Fund, Canterbury Cathedral Tile Fund, Lynsted School, Odyssey (a respite scheme for carers of disabled children), Age Concern (Teynham), Sittingbourne Salvation Army and Swale Carers centre.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising events and made this possible. Without you it would not have happened.

Charities and Worthy Causes receiving donations from Lynsted Branch since 2000

In no particular order; Kent Air Ambulance Trust, Demelza House trust, Kent Wildlife Trust, Macmillan Cancer Support Trust, RNLI Sheerness, Swale Youth Development Fund, Bredgar School Fund, Challock Church, Lupus UK, Lynsted Church Flower Festival, Everyman, Girls Brigade Minster, A.M.K.K.M. Bursary Fund, A.M.K.K.M.Benevolent Fund, Lynsted Church Millenium Fund, National Deaf Children's Society, Lynsted Chair, Lynsted Trees, Andre Eames Trophy (Lynsted & Norton School), Kent Wild Life Fund, League of Friends Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital, Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation UK, Sittingbourne Sheppey & District Heart Chest & Lung Fund, Zoe Patient, RNLI Whitstable, Save the Children Fund, Sittingbourne Heritage Museum, SSAFA-Forces Help Faversham, Wisdom Hospice, Lynsted & Kingsdown Society, British Heart Foundation, Woodland Trust, Royal British Legion, Pilgrim's Hospice, Philippa Butt, Kent Association for the Blind (KAB), Oliver Fisher Special Care Baby Trust, Park Farm Community Orchard-Lynsted, British Red Cross, Andrew Wheeler (Macmillan Cancer Support), Frank Lloyd Home, Swale Youth Development Organisation

Total Funds Raised for Charities since 01.01.2000 £12445.35 (updated after each donation)

Update from Park Farm Community Cherry Orchard Project The Project was established in 2004, when the happy chance of a local farmer, Pip Neaves, generously wanting to display his traditional cherry orchard to the public, coincided with the Parish Council's desire to do something to conserve such a historic orchard as a community resource. Heritage Lottery funding allowed access to the orchard to be improved, and the glorious cherry heritage of the area to be promoted. Various activities, such as an opera evening, a barn dance and wildlife surveys have involved parishioners - and more are planned. For the present, the core of the 'Orchard Year' centres on Blossom Day in the spring, Cherry Day when the fruit is ripe, and a Halloween Party for the children in October. These are now popular and established highlights, and are attracting increasing numbers of people, both local and from afar. The Lottery funding ceased in 2007, however, and we are now 'on our own' financially. What we can now achieve with the Community Orchard depends on the money we can generate through events, and attract through donations and sponsorship. We have a number of plans for the money which has been so generously donated by Lynsted Men of Kent. It will help cover our expenses for the three community events in coming months: Cherry Day on 20 July, a Halloween Party on 26 October and Blossom Day in April 2009. It will also help finance some new events which we wish to hold in the Orchard in the coming year. Thank you, Lynsted Branch of Men of Kent, for allowing us to continue with our project.

Park Farm Community Orchard Group Update from the Kent Air Ambulance Trust Thankyou, Men of Kent Lynsted for your recent donation The Kent Air Ambulance Trust is a registered charity established in 1989 to relieve sick and injured people in South East England and surrounding areas by providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) and air ambulance service for the benefit of the community. Responding swiftly to 999 calls, our air ambulance service can deliver its highly skilled team of Doctors, Paramedics and Nurses to the scene of an accident or medical emergency within minutes. Flying fast, direct and unhindered at over 150mph the Kent Air Ambulance Service can reach any part of Kent within 15 minutes flying time and can transport patients to the nearest major hospital or specialist unit in a fraction of the time taken by land ambulance. Kent Air Ambulance is one of 15 independent Air Ambulance operators and is funded entirely by voluntary donations, receiving no Government, National Lottery or NHS funding. Every penny of the £1.5 million it costs each year to keep the life saving helicopter in our skies 365 days a year comes from individuals, groups, businesses, companies and clubs from all over Kent.