



FRIENDS' HOSPICE NEWSLETTER



EASTER 2009

Fifty two people turned out on a damp evening to a hastily re-organized venue at St. Stephen's Church in Tala, thanks to member Tim Sabben-Clare. Chairman Stephen Willis introduced the Committee and our new Treasurer Brian Hill, a Chartered Accountant. The Chairman's report on the successes of the past year met with approval as did the thorough **financial report** given by the outgoing treasurer **Andy Papaicovou**.

Frank Chapman read his resolution for a working party to be set up to look into the constitution and rules of the Society, the work of the original committee having changed with the actual opening of the Hospice. This was agreed and has the full support of the current Committee.

The Chairman explained that the Committee feels that we need to set up a structure in line with UK practice. There Hospices are run by a separate charity managed by a competent board of Trustees where experience and continuity are essential. Thus the Society can have a separate committee to concentrate on fund raising but under the same "umbrella".

At question time it was asked if the Hospice catered only for cancer patients and the answer given by Hospice Manager Ruth was a firm 'No'. All life limiting diseases may be cared for in the Friends' Hospice.

The meeting closed at 6.40 with a vote of thanks to the Committee proposed by Harry Fenwick .

Hospice admissions are now running at 60% Cypriot intake and 40% other, mostly British expats. It is essential that all members make their Cypriot contacts/friends aware of the Hospice, to ensure that the working community in Paphos give us their support. Many Cypriots still do not know of our existence.

Polis Charitable Foundation have generously agreed to sponsor a nurse for a year which will pay her salary. Nurses salaries are our biggest overhead.

Tala Pine, Design Village, who gave us the beautiful curtains in the Hospice Quiet Room, have now donated blinds in each patient room to keep the sun out of patients' eyes.

It was all aboard the Ocean Flyer on April 21st. for a birthday celebration night. Our Hospice is now 3 years old and going strong. Departing the Harbour at 7, we sipped on champagne and nibbled canapés. We cruised up the coast enjoying the sun set, enjoyed (*not too heavil !*) a buffet, and on the return wallowed in a chocolate fountain.

Our generous sponsors, *Executive Weddings*, made this night possible, and over €2000 net was raised.

Paul Clarke seems to be training on kebabs as he prepares for his' round the free territories cycle ride' starting West to East on May 1st. He should reach Paphos on the second day of his marathon ride. His stated aim is to raise at least €10,000 for his chosen charities, **The Friends' Hospice**, & the **Children's Ward** and **Cardiac Ward** at the General Hospital Paphos .We wish him a fair wind and few blisters for his brave endeavours, and will turnout to greet him in front of the Mayor's office on May 1st.

Donations please marked Cyclist

Most of your committee attended a well organised lunch at the Corallia Bay Hotel in aid of our Hospice. The Agapinor Masonic Lodge, who have made us their Charity of the Year under Worshipful Brother Bob Tucker, welcomed us warmly.

The recent Sunday lunch at the Collosseum Italian Restaurant was attended by 73 people. It was thoroughly enjoyed and raised over €1000. Big thanks to Nicos the owner and to Andrew Oliver and Maria who entertained us so well. Several members have returned to enjoy the food yet again.

What's next?

May 23rd. Day of Beauty at Kamares Club. 10 a.m –5 p.m. enjoy therapies and treatments from our qualified practitioners for only €10 All the usual treatments plus threading to remove facial hair, angel readings, Indian clothes, nearly new summer clothes and many stalls and raffles. Better booking system with Sandra. Call Elizabeth on 26622520 for info . Refreshments all day.

Don't miss this lovely day with our Therapists,

June 12th: the weather should have improved by then so we will be out in the glorious garden at the Gallery Tala enjoying Stuart's fabulous Tapas. Not just an olive on a stick or an anchovy on damp toast but mini elegant confections of mouthwatering flavours both savoury and sweet. Share a platter with friends and have a glass of wine all included in the price of €25. No need for dinner after, they are a meal in themselves. Time 7 for 7.30pm. book with Caroline 26911641 or email caro@spidernet.com.cyy

We now have two regular Book Sales each month. Last Wednesday of each month sees the team in Armou in the Old Schoolhouse, 1 –5 p.m thanks to the Muhktar who has given it to us for free forever. 2nd Friday same times in Community centre Tremithousa. Books €2.

May 2nd. There will be a Plant Sale and barbecue signposted to the **School House Armou. We need plant donations please. 12.30 onwards. This is a pleasant venue & refreshmnts are available.**

Call Sue 26653223. May 23rd. 1-5 Book Sale 22 Kafizi St. Peyia call 99699174 for info.

NEW SHOP – POLIS

Our exceptionally hardworking shop Manager Sue Busfield has now found a new shop for us in Polis. **Volunteers will be needed to run** the new shop when we have one, Sue has some names from the area already. Our Paphos and Pissouri shops both need donations of clothes and goods. Replace your summer clothes inexpensively and donate us your discarded ones.

We have started a 100 club. Five euros per month and draws every month from May. To join and win call Jane on 26654115

Save those horrible little euros in a Hospice Home Pot devised by David Brazell. To get one call him on 26654217. Empty your pockets into one every night.

We need some experienced person to help our overworked Secretary. If you have been a company or legal secretary & are willing to help, get in touch with Keith on 26654429.

Our treasurer will produce standing order forms for regular donations. You can pledge a little each month or each year and the Hospice benefits.

Your Committee

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<http://www.paphoshospice.org>