

EMEF Newsletter

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Walton on the Hill Pageant

EMEF were invited to the Walton on the Hill May Pageant and are one of the Main Beneficiaries for the 2016 event. This took place on Saturday, 21st May from 2 p.m. As the various groups entered the arena they were introduced and each group represented a cartoon character dressing to match their theme as a song was played. It was obvious that everyone had put in a lot of effort. Despite the drizzle, the field was packed with parents, friends, relatives and children. Sadly the rain got heavier as the afternoon progressed. This was a local event not to be missed so look out for next year's date.

Visit to Dorking and Deepdene Rotary Club by Barbara Christopher

On Tuesday 17th May the Rotarians at Deepdene were pleased to welcome Bess Harding MBE to talk to us about Epsom Medical Equipment Fund. Few of us knew of this Fund whose President is Sir Adrian White. Bess is the Fund Co-ordinator and was able to tell us about all the medical equipment the fund has been able to purchase for use at Epsom Hospital. Bess has been raising funds for the hospital for 37 years and over £4 million pounds has been raised in that time. Two Platform Molift Raisers are being used to aid patients on the Stroke and Medical Wards. £7,500.00 bought a bladder scanner. Those with respiratory problems will benefit from the two Nippy Cough Assist machines. The current project is for a £54,000.00 Ultrasound Scanner for vascular and stroke investigations.

Bess's enthusiasm for the EMEF was obvious. She told us that behind all this fund raising is the motto "Patients first". Listening to her talk about fund raising in every possible way anybody could imagine caused us all to wonder what we could do to help. Many of us have had cause to use Epsom hospital and now know that much of the equipment there is bought by the work of local volunteers. Rotarians believe in being active in the community and so were very happy to present Bess with a cheque for £500.00 to add to her Fund. Please do visit the EMEF website www.emef.org.uk and see if there is something you too could do to help.

Fund raising Dinner

On Wednesday evening a party of 30 supporters of EMEF visited the Jolly Coopers at Wheelers Lane Epsom for a Fund Raising Dinner. We received a very warm welcome from Dan and his staff who really went to town with little extras like names on tables and a list of what people had ordered. It had been hard to choose from the menu what to have as all the food sounded delicious. It was nice that people ordered different things so that we could see what we could have ordered. So much choice it was difficult to know what to choose. The food was hot and delicious. Many guests expressed their comments on the food they had ordered and wanted to visit the kitchen to thank the chef for such a lovely meal. A raffle was held which raised £82 giving a nice boost to our appeal. The setting was great and the atmosphere made for a very enjoyable evening. If you have not visited the Jolly Coopers yet, they do a very nice Sunday lunch and plenty of it. We had to book as it is becoming a very popular venue.



Car Boot Sale

What are you doing on Bank Holiday Sunday? We are holding our Charity Car Boot Sale again at Epsom General Hospital on the Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to midday. Do spread the word and maybe visit us or take a stall to raise money for yourself.

Ashley Shopping Centre

Epsom Medical Equipment Fund will be at the Ashley Shopping Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday 27th May with a range of knitted items, recycled cards, badges, key rings, soft toys as well as miscellaneous items. We will be outside Marks & Spencer. Do come along and see what we have for sale. This is only a small selection of items available from our Aladdin's Cave Shop next to the Lifts in the Wells Wing at Epsom General Hospital. All monies raised from the Ashley Shopping Centre Sale will go towards medical equipment for Epsom General Hospital. We still have a fair way to go to purchase the Ultrasound Scanner for Stroke and Vascular investigations so do come along and see what you can buy.

Ewell Castle Junior Choir

A note for your diary is Tuesday, 7th June at 2 p.m. at the Ashley Shopping Centre when Ewell Castle Junior School will sing to raise money for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund. Their Festival Choir were a joy to listen to with two piano solos. I wonder what talents we will see on 7th June. Do come along and listen. We will be outside House of Fraser.

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