

Understanding Differences

A Self-Help Group

Raising Awareness to Support Children who have Experienced Difficult Times

April 2005 to August 2005

Please contact us with your story to go in our next update

<http://groups.msn.com/UnderstandingDifferences>

REGULAR MEETINGS

We have just secured a regular venue at the Air Balloon, Horley as Brewsters has unfortunately come to an end due to them changing to a Brewers Fayre. They offered us great support and we would like to say thank-you.

Otherwise known as the Wacky Warehouse-The management are greatly supporting our meetings and fundraising. We will be organising

- regular stalls and fundraising activities throughout the summer for children
- a car boot sale
- suitcase sales for the children to keep them involved and busy

Please Contact us for more information.

MONEY SPENT

We have also spent approx £600 on books that have been divided between

- **Desmond Anderson School-Tilgate**
- **Squirrels Playgroup-Ifield**
- **Meath Green School-Horley**
- **Our Lady's Playgroup – who also very kindly insisted to pay for theirs**
- **The Air Balloon Pub-Horley**

- Approx £40 on ink cartridges
- £30 on other stationary items ie. stamps, magazine holders for the books
- Tables and Chairs and bookshelves-one has been painted and used at the Air Balloon.

OTHER INFORMATION

St. Margaret's School-have asked us to collect the sample books that we have left there as they now have their own supportive books.

FUNDRAISING

During the school hols unfortunately, due to us all having many other commitments we only managed to get to the Air Balloon twice;

July 31st 2005

We held a small raffle raising £23

August 11th 2005

We did the Pick a Card Game and raised 50p.

We started a larger raffle as I am always trying to get prizes when I am out and about! Again we have had some local support to obtain

1st Bottle of Whiskey which was donated by Co-op tilgate

2nd Bottle of Vodka that we bought -£6.99

3rd Bottle of Brandy that we bought-£3.99

4th Bottle White Wine which was donated by Spar tilgate

5th Bottle Red Wine which was donated by Spar tilgate

6th One of our notebooks

The raffle is still open. I think that is it for the fundraising.

Collection Boxes

In January we purchased 20 of our own Collection Boxes they cost £57.58 but, they were a very exiting idea. Just by people popping in their odd pennies has helped us to collect an amount of money that we otherwise would not have achieved. So many thanks to all the pubs and shops that have supported us in holding a box. Between January and April we managed to collect a total of £243.56 we think much of this was money from the 'CHD Day Roses'.

The amounts below have been collected since April 2005

Contact Details	Amount and Date Collected
<i>Apple Tree</i>	£23.15
<i>Centaur Social Club</i>	£10.09 20/6/05
<i>The Rose & Crown</i>	£36.56 18/5/05
<i>3 Bridges Football Club</i>	£0.00
Happy Shopper Langley Green Then.... Taken to Air Balloon	£21.77 6/7/05 £8.81 11/8/05
Dr Samuel Johnson	£0.00 10/8/05
Tilgate Park Café	£11.27 10/7/05 and £31 from grid game
Flight Tavern	£12.42 28/6/05
<i>Royal Oak</i>	£0.00
Pelham Buckle	£0.00 5/3/05
<i>Chip shop pound hill</i>	£18.39 18/5/05
<i>White Knight Pub</i>	£27.13 18/5/05
<i>Prince Albert Pub</i>	£22.73 12/7/05
Copthorne Social Club	£14.16 14/7/05
Brewsters Pub	£10.00 11/5/05 £7.00 22/6/05
Pizza Go Go	£25.74 11/5/05
Comet	£0.00 Lost the Box July 05
Fish Plaice, Tilgate Chip Shop	£32.31 30/6/05
Maid of Sussex	£8.98 15/5/05
Forget-Me-Not	£0.00

OTHER WAYS OF RAISING MONEY FOR US

- **Yellow Moon**

This is a craft catalogue that you can find by logging onto

<http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk/showitem.asp?fldImgID=3551>

Quote reference SUN 1062 and Understanding Differences receive the commission on all orders

OTHER WAYS OF RAISING MONEY FOR OTHER CHARITIES AND US

We have a few suggestions where we normally ask that you also donate a percentage to a charity of your choice too.

- **Sponsored Events**

anyone can do something silly or sensible for us!

- **Grid Game**

Anyone can take responsibility for one of these, in the office at your local club etc. This is just like a raffle with prizes only this idea raises awareness of some of the conditions out there.

If you have any ideas or would like to support us then please contact us for more information.

DONATIONS TO OTHER CHARITIES

As previously mentioned, our first CHD Awareness Day Event at the Rose & Crown Pub-West Green, Crawley, the second was at Green Fields Church hall, Tilgate, Crawley.

The final amounts sent to the Heart Charities that already provide a range of support for families who have children with Congenital Heart Disease was as follows

- Heartline and ECHO for £16.60 and a total to
- LHM for £41.60

I hope this will be a more successful attempt next year.

Visit their websites

www.lhm.org.uk www.heartline.org.uk and www.echo-at-guys.org.uk

We have also donated £100 to Children In Need