



## Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

### Newsletter No 35

### Christmas 2021



Please find enclosed a copy of the latest **HHI** Tidings which we hope you will read and find of interest.

It's not too late to send a special Christmas Card. These cards are special because they are

delicately hand painted and do convey a special message to those who receive them. They are also special because the artists benefit greatly from the sale of the cards. Out at the Neyer Dam, the leaf card artists are still working but their hours and pay have recently been reduced as they have so few outlets for their leaf cards. Strathaven Friends of HHI, are keen to support their work and would like to increase card sales. So please consider buying even one or two cards, it all helps. It is very easy to order from the website or phone **Kath 01357 521059**.

Individual hand painted leaf cards with a Christmas message



**A Christmas Card for someone special!**

View the complete selection at [www.sfhhi.org.uk](http://www.sfhhi.org.uk)

### BANYAN TREE TUITION GROUP

As you can imagine this year has been like no other year. There have been extra unforeseen costs for our tuition groups, social distancing, face coverings, isolation, inoculation and peripatetic teaching have all changed the way we offer our help. The Avendale group support three Tuition Groups in Kerala in South India. Last year at this time the estimated running cost for each group was £50.00 per month but unforeseen conditions have made that estimate difficult to achieve. However due to your continued support and generosity we achieved that estimated figure in October allowing this important work to continue. All donations for the Tuition Group go directly through HHI to the Banyan Tree Tuition Group work. After completing a number of health inspections and certificates being issued schools can re-open. We hope it will not be long before the Tuition Groups can meet in a "pre covid" way.

### HHI Supporters Evening

This had unfortunately to be abandoned due to technical reasons but all of the items which were to be presented are now available to be viewed on both the HHI and SFHHI websites. We recommend that you take time to do so. They will give you a real insight into the excellent work which HHI has been able to continue doing over the past year in both India and Zambia despite the Covid Restrictions.

### The Round Strathaven 50

This annual charity cycling event was able to take place again this year having been cancelled in 2020 due to the Pandemic. It was again very successful attracting more than 500 cyclists, young and old. HHI has once again been one of the main beneficiaries and has received the very generous donation of £4,500 from the RS50 committee.

### A Christmas present for someone?

A reminder that Iain's books are still available for sale either from him or from the 'Shop' on our Website – '**Eye to the Hills**' (£25) and '**In the Shade of the Banyan Tree**' (£15). All monies from the sale of these goes to HHI. Phone **Iain 01357 520204**

On behalf of the **SFHHI** Committee

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