

# CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

‘Supporting families throughout East Anglia’



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Spring/Summer 2009

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS BOTH LARGE AND SMALL AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES' SUPPORT! YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AS IT ENABLES US TO CONTINUE ORGANISE DIFFERENT EVENTS FOR FAMILIES IN THE EAST ANGLIAN REGION AS WELL AS FINANCE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR A PROJECT AT ADDENBROOKE'S TO ENHANCE THE CLEFT CARE WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

## FUNDRAISING FOR AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

for speech recording used by the specialists working with the core team in Norwich, Stevenage, Kettering and Suffolk. This will ensure that the quality of service is more equitable and will also make it possible for clinicians locally to carry out video therapy which may substantially increase the effectiveness of therapy. They will also be able to evaluate video therapy as an intervention. The cost of the complete set is about £850. We are looking to finance two sets of the equipment.

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Cheques presentation at the Summer Party 2008.

## DONATIONS CLAPA CAMBRIDGE HAVE RECEIVED SINCE DECEMBER 2008

**The Wicked Cake Co Ltd** – for supplying numerous yummy cakes and cookies for our events

**Adam & Abbey, Jaimee's aunty and uncle, from 'The Big Wooden Horse Theatre Company'** for donating 18 Horrible History books and 6 cuddly pigeons, handed out to children at the 'Annual Talk'

**Lucy Wood from Kenny Wax Ltd** for donating 2 sets of family tickets for 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'.

**Mr & Mrs Chris & Louise O'Boyle** for giving us many beautiful raffle prizes at our Winter Party

**Mr & Mrs Alex & Emma Jeyes**— £100

**Mrs Proctor**—£10

**Cambridge Building Society**—£25

**St. John's Lodge of Freemasons**—£150

**The Sudborough Foundation**—£150

**Stacey Tedbury's family friends**—£190

**Elaine Keohane**—£25

**Cambridge Building Society, for Per Halls trips**—£50

**Mrs Maz Poole, Charlotte's Mum, raised at Charlotte Christening party**—£200

**Ms Hayley Duffy, organising ladies evening**—£600

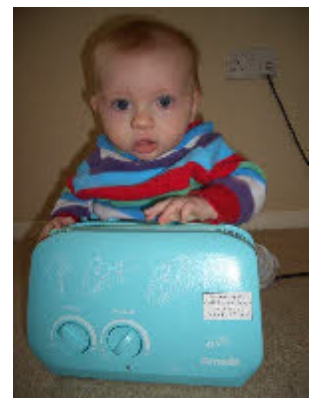
**Mr Davey Frost, Stacey Tedbury's Dad**—£1,190 to 3 more breast pumps for Addenbrooke's

**Mrs Monica Weekes, Charlotte Poole's Grandmother, organised a workers reunion party**—£127

**Jaimee Tuck (Molly's big sister) from The Rackham Primary School at non-uniform day**—£236.06

**Heart 103, Cambridge Radio Station, for Harry Potter Themed Day**—£750

**Catherine Jeffs from Co-Operative Insurance at a 'dress down' day** - £100



*Thank you to all of you who have kindly donated or raised the money for the branch, helped to organize the events and supported us by coming to our meetings and parties. Your endless generosity and kindness helps us to support the families in the East Anglian Region and the Cleft Team at Addenbrooke's hospital  
Cambridge Committee*

**BECAUSE OF YOUR FANTASTIC SUPPORT WE WERE ABLE TO FINANCE THESE PROJECTS £5,500 OXYGEN DESATURATION MONITORS WITH BLUE TOOTH CONNECTORS FOR D2 WARD AT ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, CAMBRIDGE.**

This equipment will be highly beneficial to children on the ward who need to be monitored before and after surgery as the old individual monitors required constant attention by staff nurses and caused considerable stress to patients and careers, as they frequently became detached and the alarm sounded by the individuals bed. The committee agreed to finance £3,000 for Saturation Monitors and £2,500 for wireless interconnection, so that the information during the night is on the screen at the nursing station (and the bleeps don't sound by the bedside and wake everyone up). Total cost was over £7,000 and the difference was paid by the Addenbrooke's Cleft Lip and Palate Fund 9562. **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR DAVID SAPSFORD, CONSULTANT ANAESTHETIST**, for all his help and effort installing them on d2 ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge.

**HARRY POTTER THEMED DAY**, Addenbrooke's Clinical Psychologists in cooperation with 'Changing Faces' organised an exciting day for 7 - 11 years old children with a cleft lip and/or palate. This workshop was designed to; enable children with a cleft lip and/or palate to develop confidence and self-esteem, enrich their social skills for managing other people's reactions to and questions about their cleft lip and/or palate, make friends, meet other children and share experiences, and most of all to have LOTS OF FUN. A very special thank you to Drs Charlotte Allen, Beth Mosley and Anna Zeffertt and Ms Giselle Zabban, Child Specialist, from 'Changing Faces' for giving us their time and organising such a great and fun day for children.

**CLAPA 'THE ANNUAL TALK' AND PRESENTATION BY MR PER HALL ABOUT HIS TRIP TO ETHIOPIA IN DECEMBER 2008.**

Guest speak Mr Per Hall, (Addenbrooke's Plastic Surgeon) told us about his trip to Ethiopia, with 'Operation Smile-UK'. The charity sends teams of surgeons, nurses, doctors and other medical professionals to 26 countries, to operate on children and adult with a cleft lip or palate, as well as train the local surgeons. Mr Hall showed us some fantastic photographs that his wife Mrs Sarah Hall, who went as a volunteer photographer, has taken on this trip. It was very inspiring and moving to hear about the project in Ethiopia, about a life-changing cleft surgery and how we can all help to change a life of a child or an adult with a cleft in developing countries. The committee is very grateful to Mr Hall for giving us his time and sharing with us about his trip. We are very keen to continue to support Mr Hall's work with Operation Smile and raise the awareness of these amazing projects that medical volunteers selflessly give their time, skills and compassion to, with an ever present goal of helping a child or an adult with a cleft in developing countries. Any donations towards his trip and the hospital in Jimma are very welcomed. Thank you everyone for coming and supporting this event. Please see the webpage for more information. [www.clapa-cambridge.com](http://www.clapa-cambridge.com)

"Perhaps my most moving picture is of the boy looking at his new lip in the mirror. He was 15 years old and lay still under local anaesthetic whilst I repaired his lip which had never been repaired. We gave him a mirror at the end and he just stared at himself transfixed. This shot summarises many emotions for me -a picture paints a thousand words"

(Mr Per Hall)



Summer Party



Winter Wonderland Party



Freya interviewing Per Hall before his trip



Mr Hall during his trip to Ethiopia in December 2008





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### GREAT FUN DAY FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

#### CLAPA SUMMER PARTY

Sunday 6 September 2009

#### WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY

Sunday 13 December 2009

At the Hexagon Hall, Frank Lee Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital

### POP IN FOR COFFEE AT OUR PARENT SUPPORT MORNING

Look out for us Tuesday mornings  
at Clinic 7 waiting area, Addenbrooke's.

We would love you to drop in, for a quick chat and a nice hot tea/coffee. Biscuits and a cup of juice available for children.

**This is a great opportunity to meet other CLAPA committee members, with children born with Cleft's and other parents.**

We welcome any suggestions for improvement of service's, or equipment or the type of information and help needed.

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## KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please let us know if you would like to be added on our mailing list or have changed your address, email or telephone number, so we can update our records and inform you about future events. Please contact us if you have any questions, would like to hear more about our work or to include something in the next newsletter.

MANY THANKS!

CLAPA is a support organisation for all those with and affected by cleft lip and/or palate. One in 700 children are born with this condition about 1,000 a year in the UK. CLAPA provides information, advice and one to one support through its national network of branches. It also runs confidence-building camps for children and distributes bottles and teats for babies born with cleft lip and/or palate.

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