

# Salter's Hill

## Hillsider

For all those interested in the work of Salter's Hill, a registered charity established in 1984 to provide homes and support for adults with learning disabilities.

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### Thank you Golfers

As usual Guy Vowles organised another very successful day in the summer at Broadway Golf Club. Not only was it an enjoyable day on a very beautiful course but well over £1,000 was raised for Salter's Hill. Why not look out for next year's event to be held at Broadway again!

The added bonus is that the Broadway Captain, Mike Hunt, elected Salter's Hill to be the Club Charity for this year. He said that it had been a fun year enjoyed by all members including the unfortunate person whose golf trolley fell into the captain's bunker whilst laden with fifteen balls! (Charity contributions are paid on every ball that falls into the captain's nominated bunker!) With such good fortune as this for the Charity, Mike presented a cheque for £6,300 to David Rust the Vice Chairman of Salter's Hill at the Charity Christmas Social on Friday the 21st December.



Thank you to everyone involved.

### Carols in the Castle

Each year Eastnor Castle opens its doors by kind permission of James Hervey-Bathurst for a celebration of Christmas. This year on December 17th there was a delightful evening of music from Georgia Francis, Tarrington Brass and Ledbury Community Choir. Traditional Christmas Carols followed with full participation from the audience. The evening was compered by local BBC Radio presenter, Mike George.

The magnificent hall with its large Christmas tree and a log fire was a great setting for the evening. It certainly provided a fitting start to Christmas with over £1500 being donated to Salter's Hill. Special thanks to Anne Bradshaw and Martin Watkins for managing and organising such an enjoyable evening. The wine and mince pies during the interval made the evening complete.

### Ledbury Community Choir



Our thanks to Brian Speakman, the Ledbury Community Choir and the Just in Time Youth Jazz Group for their evening of music held in Wellington Heath Memorial Hall on October 21st. The concert was in aid of Keeper's Cottage, part of the Salter's Hill Charity and Christ Church, Wellington Heath. The concert was well supported and raised over £250 for each cause.

### New Directors

We are delighted to welcome Liz Lloyd as a director to the Board. Liz comes with a wealth of experience of the voluntary sector and has taken responsibility for the Fundraising aspects of the Board's work. She will be working closely with our Financial Manager, Rob Woolf.

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## Building at Keepers Cottage

The barn development continues at a pace. The development is on schedule and on budget, leaving us with the exciting prospect of moving in around Easter. We are grateful for the generous donations and grants from a number of people and organisations. These include The Clothworkers Foundation, Herefordshire County Council, The Everson Trust, E F Bulmer Benevolent Fund, the Masons, Broadway Golf Club, Dymock Fundraisers as well as many private donations. Our thanks to all of these. Currently we have been pledged over £103,000 towards the cost of the development. Special thanks to David Rust who has given a tremendous amount of time to ensure such a successful outcome.



If you feel that you can help our project further please do not hesitate to contact us. Without this support and endorsement of all we do our development would not be possible.

## Other Developments

The Investors in People award recognises that the organisation meets nationally agreed standards which include commitment to train and develop and regularly review the needs of employees in order to achieve the business objectives. In November 2007 the organisation was reviewed and maintained certification initially achieved in 2001.

The Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS) is an accreditation which demonstrates that the organisation has been compliant with sound management of basic Health and Safety legislation. This scheme involves an annual audit and advice service. In October 2007 accreditation was achieved for the second time.

The new Business Plan 2008 is now available on our website.

## Thinking of others

In the build up to the Christmas period, two events were organised by people at Salter's Hill. There was an enjoyable Open Morning with sponsored activities at Ryelands which raised over £200 for Children in Need.

I am not quite sure what the Ledbury Community made of the shopping requirements of people at Keeper's Cottage as they prepared for their fundraising evening with a theme of cross-dressing!



Needless to say it was a great success with £130 raised for St Michael's Hospice.

## Liberty Care

Any edition of Hillsider would not be complete without an update on our Liberty Care work. New contracts have been started with a number of new clients from Lydney, Dymock and Ross. Some are very short term, others longer term for a few hours per week. We are rapidly building a reputation for high quality support and care. This is in no small part due to the dedication and commitment of our staff.

## Come Closer

If you would like to become more involved with Salter's Hill, we would be delighted to discuss the possibilities with you. Please contact Gill Sackett on 01531 671080

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