

RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR

This delightful event delivered net proceeds of £1,355. Half will go to each of the two organisations. Friends of Leatherhead Parish Church assist in maintaining the building and grounds of one of Leatherhead's oldest and loveliest buildings; and the Leatherhead Residents' Association have a Project Fund which has benefitted many worthwhile causes, including campaigns to Save Teazle Wood and Leach Grove Wood's designation as a Village Green, contributions to the Community Garden, and flowers to brighten the High Street.

It was the second year for this popular fundraiser, similar to our Duck Race, where punters bet on one of the 8 horses in each race. Once the race video is broadcast, holders of winning betting slips queue up for their winnings. Gazumper Jumper in the Patrick Gardner Stakes, and Havago Hero in the Cradlers Cup, were two of the winning mounts.

Included in the £10 entry fee was a delicious lasagne & salad dinner, which drew rave reviews on the food and its quick service.

We are grateful to the organisations who sponsored our races, which were named: Black Dog Gallery Gallop; Cradlers Cup; Fire and Iron Gallery Gate; Hartfield House Care Home Hurdles; Leatherhead & District Chamber Cup; Patrick Gardner Stakes; Swan Centre Cob Chase; the TecRes Trophy; and the TWM Solicitors Tourney. We also had splendid raffle prizes donated from B&Q, Boots, Charlie & gingers coffee house, Giovanni's L'Ultimo Italian Restaurant, Leatherhead Theatre, No.34 High Street Barber Shop, Nuffield Health, Olivia's Closet, and Waitrose. The continuing support of all these organisations is vital to the community and is valued greatly.

And Simon Edmands of Leatherhead Rotary ran the event brilliantly, again. We make a donation to Rotary for his services and are so very grateful to him.

Finally, we thank those people in both the LRA and the Friends of Leatherhead Parish Church for their efforts in the marketing, catering & serving, setup and help in running the event itself. **MARK THE DATE somewhere for next year's CALENDAR. FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2020 !!**