

Our vision is a world in which children
no longer suffer institutional care

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Anniversary year



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Celebrating 20 years

2014 is a landmark year for Hope and Homes for Children. For 20 years we have been successfully changing the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children, placing family at the centre of all we do and confirming our belief that institutional care is never acceptable for any child.

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary year, we look back at all we have achieved and the impact we have had and recognise that none of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our loyal supporters.

Our supporters have stood by our side throughout this exciting journey and as we now embark on the next ambitious stage of our mission – to eradicate institutional care globally within our lifetime – we hope that you will all join us as we step up this challenge. We cannot do it without you.

The change we are leading will transform the world and end a global injustice against children for good. With the expertise we have gained over the last two decades we have the momentum behind us and are moving forward with confidence to ensure that children worldwide grow up within a loving family environment. With you by our side we know that we can make our mission a reality.



News updates

Landmark decision for children in Europe

In November, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) backed closing orphanages and moving children into loving families, when they voted in favour of rules that will shape how the European Union (EU) will spend €325 billion of public money over the next seven years.

Thanks to our efforts and those of our partner in Brussels, Eurochild, Deinstitutionalisation (DI) is included as a priority in the regulations on the use of the much talked about Structural Funds, which account for a large proportion of money paid by the EU to European countries.

With this landmark decision, the EU has sent a strong message about institutional care in the EU - it is unacceptable and EU money should not be used to support it.

Read more about our campaign to influence policy and funding across 12 countries in Europe at www.openingdoors.eu



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Cover: Thanks to our supporters we have transformed the lives of children for 20 years.

New start for children in Ukraine

We are delighted to announce that we have moved 14 children from the Dnipropetrovsk Institution in Ukraine to a brand new Small Family Home in the local community.

The children moved into their new house in late December, just in time for Christmas. They adapted quickly and are delighted with their new home. They have visited the local school which they will be joining and participated in daily life in their home and the community.



My room, my kitchen, my desk, my bed... I dreamed about this for much longer than it took to build this house.

Prestigious award for Hope and Homes for Children founders

Hope and Homes for Children founders, Mark and Caroline Cook have been awarded a prestigious lifetime achievement award by the St James's Place Foundation which has supported Hope and Homes for Children for over 17 years.

The award, given in recognition of exceptional accomplishment, was presented before a crowd of 3,000 onlookers at the St James's Place Annual Company Meeting at London's O2 arena in January.

"It was a great surprise and huge honour to receive this award. Through their selfless generosity, The St James's Place Foundation and all the St James's Place Partners have played a vital role in the development of Hope and Homes for Children. Our close partnership and friendship

with them is integral to our success and our future".
Mark Cook

David Bellamy, St James's Place Chief Executive Officer remarked,

"I was delighted to present Mark and Caroline with this award as it recognises the immeasurable difference they have made to our Foundation and our culture of giving. Not only have they given their lives over to Hope and Homes for Children and the children they help, but their efforts have inspired and continue to inspire members of our community to do more and raise more through the St James's Place Foundation."

Rwanda success draws high profile attention

In the last issue of HOPE we told you about our plans to close the Noel Nyundo Orphanage – Rwanda's largest orphanage with over 500 children and young adults. This work continues to go from strength to strength and, so far, 165 children have been moved out of the orphanage and into loving families.

In December we were delighted to host the First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs Jeannette Kagame, at the orphanage where she presided over a ceremony held to celebrate over seventy children and young adults leaving to join families or begin independent life.

Flora, the little girl featured in the last issue, continues to make progress now that she has been reunited with her father. The shy, withdrawn little girl we met in the orphanage has blossomed into a happy, talkative and sociable child.



Photo: Laura Elizabeth Pohl/HHC



Photo: St James's Place

Above: Mark and Caroline collecting their lifetime achievement award at the O2 arena.

Twenty years in the making

When Hope and Homes for Children started in 1994, in the rubble of the Siege of Sarajevo, we were solely focussed on rebuilding the Bjelave Orphanage, driven by the desire to help vulnerable children in desperate need. Twenty years on our motivation remains the same, but we have changed our approach from rebuilding orphanages to closing them down.

Our way of working has evolved over those 20 years as our experience and knowledge has grown. We have faced and overcome new challenges, but always with the interests, rights and needs of children as our guiding principle. Today our way of working combines direct work - closing orphanages, setting up family-based alternative care and preventing families breaking apart in the first place; training and capacity building of local professionals to do the work of

Deinstitutionalisation in order to amplify our impact; and advocacy with governments and communities to influence permanent, systemic change and end institutional care of children for good.

Over the next six pages we highlight some of the major achievements we have made together with our supporters, meet some of the team and hear something of the challenges and successes of our work.

With 20 years of expertise behind us we can look ahead to the next 20 or 30 years and see the end of this global problem once and for all.

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Working directly with children

Our hands-on work impacts the lives of children and their families and gives us the expertise and credibility to demonstrate to governments and authorities exactly how it is possible to technically, financially and culturally change a childcare system from one based on institutions, to one based on families.

We have worked directly with over 30,000 children and young adults. We have closed 66 institutions, reintegrated children into their families with support or placed them in family-based alternatives such as adoptive families. We are currently working on the closure of the largest orphanage we have ever closed - Noel Nyundo Orphanage in

Rwanda, which has a capacity of 500.

We have set up hundreds of services to provide an appropriate alternative to institutional care and address the issues that can cause parents to place their children in an institution.

- ➔ Introduced emergency alternative care in Sudan and developed other services including alternative permanent families.
- ➔ Developed seven Community Hubs in Rwanda offering a range of services to the local communities from parenting classes to income generating projects
- ➔ Opened hundreds of Family Type

Homes where children who cannot be reintegrated with their families can receive the specialised and dedicated care they need

- ➔ Opened the first Mother and Baby Unit in Ukraine in 2003 to support vulnerable mothers at risk of abandoning their child. The model was so successful it was replicated by the state who have now opened units across the country
- ➔ Developed 100 alternative family-based services in Romania alone, including Small Family Homes, Mother and Baby Units, Day Centres and Counselling Centres



Angeles and Ion - Moldova

Saanvi loved her children and was desperate that they didn't grow up in institutional care like she had. She was alone with no financial support and living in a dilapidated, damp room with her two small children Angeles (pictured), four, and Ion, ten months. Her children were repeatedly admitted to hospital with ailments directly relating to the conditions in which they lived and the authorities were threatening to take them away. Fortunately we were able to intervene. Saanvi and her children were placed in the local Mother and Baby Unit while we refurbished their room. Replacing the window, buying new furniture and adding a heating system transformed an unsanitary room into a cosy home. During her time at the unit we introduced Saanvi to her local doctor and helped her complete the paperwork to claim the state allowance she was owed. This money makes a significant difference to the family's future.



Stefan Darabus, Country Director, Romania, started working for Hope and Homes for Children in 1999.

Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

I always remember my first encounter with a living nightmare, on the third floor of an orphanage for children under three years old, on the top floor of a hospital. There were 86 babies and toddlers, who should have been crying, shouting, making noises. Instead, there was just a deadly silence - cots without bars, two toddlers in each cot, each of them playing with their own hands, rocking back and forth, again and again. I realised the children had stopped crying,

as no one was there to hug them, to build attachment, to offer affection. They were all in shock, and had already then "understood" the world did not care for them. Hope and Homes for Children took them out of that nightmare.

What excites you about the future?

I want my own children to live in a world in which institutions cannot ever again put a child through the torment of living without the love of a family. Because I imagine hell to be a place without love. So are institutions.

Training and sharing our expertise

Alongside our hands-on work we share our expertise with local professionals, foster parents and carers equipping others to provide family-based care. To date we have conducted training for almost 20,000 people. On average, we now train 3,400 professionals per year, each of whom will work with approximately 50 children. Between January 2009 and June 2013 alone this vital capacity building is estimated to have benefitted more than **three quarters of a million children.**

- ➔ In Ukraine we have developed nationally approved training manuals for professionals working in Mother and Baby units and Family Type Homes
- ➔ We have trained social workers in Sudan in preventing family breakdown, reintegrating children with families and methods of improving childcare practice
- ➔ In 2013 we supported a local NGO, Shamal, to open a Mother and Baby Unit in Khartoum, the first of its kind in Sudan

- ➔ In Bosnia and Herzegovina we have assisted the Federation Government in implementing their policy on childcare protecting children without parental care and run higher education training for future child protection professionals in the universities across the country. We have also developed training manuals for professionals working with young adults leaving care
- ➔ We launched the IMPACT training manual for the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in Romania to equip them for working with children with special needs

Clarisse - Rwanda

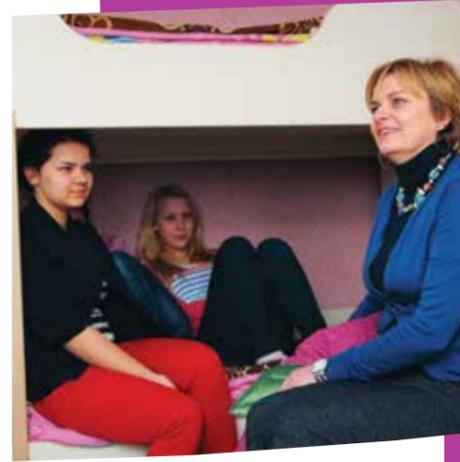
Nalia, a village leader, and her husband had both attended the 'Nkundabana' (I Love Children) and 'Mutima w'Urugo' (Heart of the Household) training schemes run by Hope and Homes for Children in Rwanda. They were designed to help prepare families to welcome foster children into their homes. Nalia had also followed our

awareness raising campaigns highlighting the devastating effect of institutional care on children. So when a tiny baby was found abandoned on the streets and was brought to Nalia she knew that institutional care was not an option. Because of this knowledge she was able to work with the hospital and Hope and Homes for Children to come up

with an alternative care plan for this small vulnerable child. She and her husband were able to put their training into practice and became emergency foster parents for baby Clarisse, enabling her to be part of a loving family instead of being placed in a damaging institution.



Halyna Postoliuk, Country Director, Ukraine. Halya started working with Hope and Homes for Children in 1998 in her role as a child protection professional for a local authority in Ukraine. Then in 2000 she started working for Hope and Homes for Children.



Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

Many memories come to mind, most of them are connected with children recovering from their suffering and then flourishing because of our help. In 2001 I met five siblings between the ages of one and eight years old. When their mother died they had been placed in separate institutions with no support or psychological help. We reunited them and placed them in a loving foster family. I have a picture in my mind of those children when they came into the family. The older ones looked uncertain, mistrustful, still fearful as a result of the tragedy they came through. The youngest one was almost two years old and could not sit up and was very weak. With our support and the loving care of the foster family the children changed. They had smiles, confidence and a sense of a home and a loving family.

Before working for Hope and Homes for Children I could not imagine the level of suffering which children are forced to endure in institutions. I also did not think that there could be so many adults working in institutions indifferent to child sorrow and cruel in their attitude. I feel very privileged to be part of such important changes in the destinies of children.

What excites you about the future?

I am excited that we are helping to stop the suffering of the most vulnerable children and families in the world. The services that we create and promote are not only supporting those families and children, but also improving the lives of whole communities and beyond. The progress we have made so far, the team that we have and the strategy that we have developed makes me sure that our vision is achievable.

Claudine Nyinawagaga, Country Director Rwanda, started working for Hope and Homes for Children in 2011.



Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

Nina, a young woman of 14 years old, had lived in the Mpore PEFA orphanage in Kigali for six years where she was neglected, mistreated and stigmatised because of her epilepsy. Her care givers didn't want to even touch her. I saw a total transformation in her when we placed her with a loving,

trained foster mother. Nina is now thriving; she is receiving proper medication for her epilepsy, she is well-loved and she has the joy of living.

What excites you about the future?

I'm motivated by our vision of a world free of institutional care, where children can enjoy their right to grow up in loving families.

Victoria Martin, Senior Programme Manager, started working for Hope and Homes for Children in 2010.

Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

Meeting the very youngest children at Noel de Nyundo orphanage in Rwanda recently, I was deeply saddened by the empty eyes and clinging hands, lack of identity, the way in which they were held at arms-length, left in dirty nappies, given no stimulation or affection. Sadly this is not a one-off. For me, this is a crime against children and

gives me the determination and conviction to fight for change.

What excites you about the future?

Our vision and mission is clear, and I believe that we can really achieve it. We have catalysed Deinstitutionalisation and child protection reform at national levels already, and we have the passion and determination to do this on a global scale.



Influencing national and international change

The success we see in our hands-on work and training gives us the credibility to influence decision-makers at national and regional level in order to change policy and practice, divert resources and secure better outcomes for children on a bigger scale.

- ➔ The Rwandan Government has pledged to close the remaining 33 institutions in the country following the success of our work there, including our pilot project to complete the first closure of an institution in Africa by preventing abandonment of children and developing effective alternative family care services
- ➔ Since we started working in Romania the number of children in institutions has dropped from 100,000 to less than 9,000. We have an agreement with the Government to close down all remaining institutional care facilities

- ➔ and we are shaping the policies which will see the funding for institutions redirected to family-based alternatives
- ➔ In Sudan we worked with the Government to write and publish national guidelines for the alternative care of children and have led the training of professionals in how to implement the policy
- ➔ Following the successful closure of the Teteven Institution for Babies in Bulgaria we signed an agreement with the Bulgarian Government in 2011 to close a further eight institutions for babies and prepare an additional five for closure
- ➔ We worked with the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to produce an Action Plan for the first stage of the reformation of the country's childcare system

- ➔ Our flagship Ray of Hope Centre for social support in Makariv has prompted an official order that Centres based on this model must be established across the country
- ➔ In partnership with Eurochild we have influenced change at European Union level to strengthen the voice of European organisations working to end institutional care of children. Thanks to our efforts a landmark decision has been made by the EU to include Deinstitutionalisation as a priority in the Regulations on the use of Structural Funds, which account for a large proportion of money paid by the EU to European countries



Ghita - Romania

Ghita spent 26 years in institutional care. He was moved from a maternity unit, to a baby institution, to an institution for young children and finally, at the age of six, into an institution where he stayed until he was a young adult. He feels so passionately that institutional care can never be anything other than damaging that he has joined our fight to eradicate it globally within our lifetime. Recently we invited Ghita to speak at a meeting in the European Parliament in Brussels hosted by Mairead McGuinness MEP and attended by leading experts in childcare reform where he highlighted the urgency for Deinstitutionalisation to be kept high on everyone's priority list.

“Now that I am older I understand better what we were missing. What was really terrible about institutional care? It was having nowhere to belong, and no one to belong to – no one to love.”

Galya Pourcheva-Bisset, Regional Manager Europe, started working for Hope and Homes for Children in 2007.



Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

The story of a mother and child I met recently demonstrates the reality of what we are fighting against. A baby, only a month old, was institutionalised totally against the will of his mother. Their doctor had recommended to the local child protection department that the child, who has cerebral palsy, be placed in an institution because the mother would not be able to care for him. She said in horror “I am trapped, I cannot do anything to keep my child!” After we got involved our specialist consultant concluded that the child needed treatment for his fits but that he could be cared for at home by the mother, which we oversaw and supported them to attend a neurological clinic in Sofia. In addition we uncovered

that the hospital had been colluding with the baby institution to make misleading or exaggerated diagnoses and ‘provide’ children to keep the institution population high and ensure their Government budget is protected. This kind of corruption is all too common and as a result families are torn apart. Working in these circumstances, seemingly against all the odds, only increases our resilience and determination.

What excites you about the future?

We are catalysing a global movement for Deinstitutionalisation (DI) to sway the opinion of professionals and decision makers, to create peer pressure and common understanding that institutional care, especially for young children, is harmful.

Julia Kragulj is our Regional Childcare Advisor for Europe. She was previously Country Director for Bosnia and Herzegovina and started working with Hope and Homes for Children as a volunteer in 1997.



Tell us about a specific memory that has had a lasting impact on you and your work.

In the early days when I was working as a volunteer in the Bjelave Institution in Sarajevo there was one little boy, about three years old, who took a particular shine to me. He would come to me every day wanting to be held and cuddled, and I cuddled him as much as I could. But it broke my heart that I couldn't give him what he really wanted from me: he wanted me to love him more than I loved the other children, to single him out as my favourite.

Of course I couldn't give that kind of exclusive love without being unfair to all the other children. This is what first convinced me that simply improving institutions can never give children what they really need – the exclusive love and attachment of a parent or carer and the feeling of belonging to a family.

What excites you about the future?

The fact that our vision is truly global in its reach and that the problem of institutional care of children can be resolved within our lifetime.

Looking ahead

The skills, knowledge and experience we have gained over the last twenty years puts us in a unique position to be the catalyst for the global eradication of institutional care of children. In January 2013 we launched our new organisational strategy which sets out a road map for how we

are going to achieve this within our lifetime.

As we celebrate our past and the enormous progress that has been made we hope you are as excited as us about the potential we have to transform the lives of generations of children in the

future. We truly believe that a day is coming when the world will wonder why orphanages were ever allowed to exist and why children were ever allowed to be damaged in this way and together we can make this a reality.

Fundraising in action

We could not have done any of what has been achieved in the last 20 years without the help of our supporters. We want to share with you some of the activities they have told us they are doing to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

The Great Pacific Race

There are two teams taking part in the first ever Great Pacific Race, a 2,400 mile rowing contest from California to Honolulu, starting in June. Both teams aim to raise thousands of pounds for Hope and Homes for Children and were inspired by our Night of Adventure evenings (see back page for 26 March event).

Team Boatylicious

Laura, Aoife, Anna and Emily are Team Boatylicious and are looking to complete the race in 40 days. Find out more at www.boatylicious.org.

Pacific Rowers

Fraser, Samuel, Colin, and James are rowing for the Pacific Rowers team and hope to win the race. Please see www.pacificrowers.com for more details or go to www.justgiving.com/Pacificrowers to make a donation.



Clifford Chance law firm

Clifford Chance has awarded its annual Access to Justice Award to Hope and Homes for Children which includes a donation of £50,000, 500 hours of legal

assistance and staff engagement across the firms' European offices over the next year.

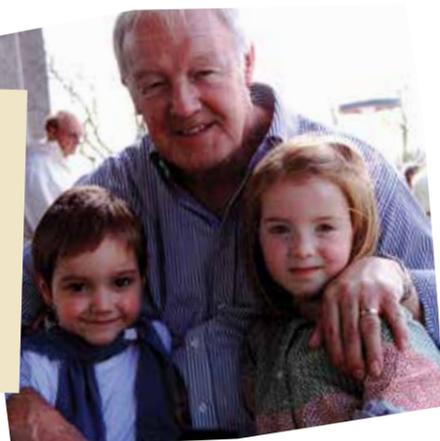
We are thrilled to support their incredible work to ensure that all

children have the chance to grow up in a family based environment.

Roger Leese, pro bono partner at the international law firm.

Rod Wafer

Following a visit to the last year's Christmas concert and tea, and learning more about what you do to close institutions around the globe, I felt strongly that I should increase my monthly donation to further support the work you do so magnificently.



Support Groups

Our support groups have raised millions of pounds over the past 20 years and as some of our most passionate advocates they wield considerable influence in their communities and beyond. See the back page for a list of many of their events this year.

Gail Jopling

I am thrilled to be helping organise a special 20th Anniversary celebration for our supporters in the North of England and Scotland at the magnificent historic York Minster to join Evensong on 22nd May.



Kate Birss

My husband, Colin, and I will be walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. Through our walk we are helping Hope and Homes for Children to dismantle the walls of institutions and give more children the chance to walk towards a new future.



Alan Gosschalk

I will be cycling from John O' Groats to Land's End. That's 70 miles a day every day for two weeks!

You can sponsor Alan at www.virginmoneygiving.com/alangosschalk



Ken Groves

My wife Violet and I will be helping Hope and Homes for Children with their special 20th Anniversary Carol Concert in December. I have been involved for 20 years but this year's concert will be bigger and better than ever!

20th Anniversary events

For more information on any of these events please contact the Community Team on 01722 790111 or email community@hopeandhomes.org

Scottish Premiere of Finding Family Tuesday 29 April

Vue Cinema, Omni Centre, Edinburgh
Oggi Tomic was one of the first children Hope and Homes for Children helped in an orphanage in Sarajevo. He subsequently went on to study filmmaking at university in Wales and in 2012 he returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina to try to find his family and mother for the first time. Finding Family is the story of this extraordinary journey. **There will be a drinks reception starting at 6.30pm followed by the screening.**

20th Anniversary Celebration at Evensong Thursday 22 May

York Minster We invite you to a special Hope and Homes for Children 20th Anniversary celebration at the magnificent historic York Minster. Evensong will commence at 5.15pm and will be followed by a reception. More details to follow soon.

20th Anniversary Celebration Ball, Central London Autumn 2014, date tbc

At a prestigious London location Join us for a unique celebration of our 20 years. This will be a truly special occasion. Details to be announced.

20th Anniversary Christmas Tea and Carol Concert Wednesday 3 December

St Mary Abbots Centre and Church Kick off the festive season by joining us for our special 20th anniversary celebration in London. More details will be confirmed closer to the time but please save the date in your diary.

St James's Place Foundation Triathlon and Duathlon Sunday 5 October

Nuffield Health and Fitness Centre, St Albans, Hertfordshire The entry fee is £15 and we ask that each participant raises £485 in sponsorship. The triathlon involves a 400m indoor swim, a 21km cycle and a 5km run. The duathlon involves a 5km run, a 21km cycle and another 5km run. These races differ from other triathlons as there is a 10 min "rest zone" between each activity so competitors do not have to go from one activity straight to the next - ideal for beginners! **Go to www.sprinttriathlon.org or email community@hopeandhomes.org**

Please contact us if we can help you celebrate our 20th anniversary.

Events diary 2014

March

Night of Adventure London Wednesday 26 March

University of London, 20 Bedford Way, Russell Square Join us to hear an eclectic collection of first-class explorers, daredevils and pioneers share their experiences of adventure. Each speaker is limited to 20 slides to accompany their tales. The challenge is that each slide automatically rolls forward after just 20 seconds. Tickets are £20. **To book and find out more, visit www.nightofadventure.co.uk, email community@hopeandhomes.org or call us on 01722 790111.**

April

GPS Adventure Trail Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April

Wimbledon Common, London Organised by our London Support Group. Led by Secret Trails who are experts in leading adventure trails for children aged 6-11 with GPS technology. Two trails per day will be led at 11am and 2.30pm. The whole family can enjoy base camp activities including face painting, a penalty shoot out and barbecue. **Entry is £20 per child. To book your place go to www.spondle.com/hhc**

May

Golf Competition Wednesday 14 May

Bradford on Avon, nr Bath Join the Bath Support Group for their annual Stableford Team Competition, taking place at Cumberwell Park Golf Club, Bradford on Avon. Starting times will be between 8.30am and 10.30am on two tees and 26 teams can be accommodated. Lunch will be served until 3pm at which time the prizes will be presented and a raffle will be held. **For more info or to book a place, please contact Peter King on 01225 723765 or email kingfreshford@gmail.com**

Emerald Ball Saturday 17 May

Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire The Hertfordshire Support Group invites you to the Emerald Ball at Amwell for a sparkling reception, dinner, dancing, casino and silent art auction in the beautiful gardens of Amwell Cottage, Wheathampstead. **The event runs between 7.30pm – 1am and tickets are £90 which includes wine with the meal. For more details, please contact kate@amwellcottage.net**

Photography courses

May to June

Salisbury, Wiltshire The South Wiltshire Support Group is organising a series of one day courses: **Photographing landscapes** - Sunday 11 May, 10am-5pm, **Photographing people** - Sunday 8 June, 10am-5pm, **Storing and fixing digital photos** - Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 June, 7.30pm-9pm. One day courses are £85 (includes light lunch), both one day courses - £150, storing and fixing digital photos (two evenings) - £40, all three courses - £175, Landscapes or People + evenings - £110. **Please contact Chris Stanbury on 01747 858016 or chris@swallowcliffe.com to sign up.**

June

Ten Stores Challenge Sunday 1st June

The Ten Stores Challenge is our new 10km walk with a unique twist: a brand new challenge for those who prefer retail to running. Challengers must navigate a 10km course visiting a choice selection of 10 of London's most prestigious shops and brands. Each athlete must raise a minimum of £500. To complete the challenge participants must get their race passports stamped at all 10 stores along the route. Each store will be providing an exclusive experience or treat to refresh and revive our fabulous but weary challengers. **Go to www.tenstores.com for more info or email info@hopeandhomes.org**

Open Garden, Saturday 14 June

Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire Support Group The Garden will be open from 2-5pm as part of NGS yellow book scheme. View the wonderful roses in the stunning gardens of Amwell Cottage, Wheathampstead and enjoy plant sales, tea and home-made cakes. **Please contact kate@amwellcottage.net for more details.**

Hands and Voices 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert Saturday 21 June

Usk, South Wales South Wales Support Group invites you to the Sessions House in Usk, where a choir will entertain with popular music and piano duets. **Tickets are £10 and include light refreshments in the interval. Tickets are available from Jean Scarborough on 01291 672854 or Jean Murray on 01291 673171.**

Annual Quiz

Thursday 26 June

Salisbury, Wiltshire South Wilts Support Group invites you to bring your teams to the Milford Hall Hotel, Castle Street, Salisbury at 7.30pm. **Tickets are £5, please contact Chris Stanbury on 01747 858016 or chris@swallowcliffe.com to book your place.**

Garden Party Sunday 29 June

Bathford, nr Bath Join the Bathford Support Group at Sycamore House, Bathford for a fantastic Garden Party. **For more info, please contact Keith Masdin on 01225 858042 or email kmasdin@toucansurf.com**

July

Pete Allen Jazz Night Saturday 26 July

Winterbourne Dauntsey, near Salisbury, Wiltshire Join the South Wilts Support Group for an evening of traditional jazz in a thatched barn with the Pete Allen Jazz Band at The Grange. **Tickets are £20, please contact Chris Stanbury on 01747 858016 or chris@swallowcliffe.com**

October

Andrew Robson Bridge Day Thursday 30 October

Bath To express an interest in joining the Bath Support Group at this event, please email community@hopeandhomes.org or phone 01722 790111.

November

Annual Auction Saturday 29 November

Bathford, nr Bath Join the Bathford Support Group for their annual charity auction. **For more info, please contact Keith Masdin on 01225 858042 or email kmasdin@toucansurf.com**

December

Marlborough Carol Concert Saturday 13 December

Marlborough College, Wiltshire Join the Vale of Pewsey Support Group in the stunning surrounds of the Marlborough College chapel for their annual Christmas celebration starting at 4pm. **Tickets are £10 for adults and entry for children is free. Tickets are available on the door by calling Alison Netherclift on 01672 562777.**

Please see page 11 for details of our 20th Anniversary events.



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