

Newsletter 6th October 2016

Dear Members,

In my Summer Newsletter I mentioned that we were proposing to find a specific charitable cause for us to particularly support in addition to our ongoing commitments and I am delighted to say I believe we have found a particular project. It is one that supports the arts in the Highlands and a vital service in our community.

The Highland Hospice in Inverness, a charity we have supported for over ten years, is currently fundraising for and constructing a new expanded In Patient Unit on the banks of the River Ness from where they will be able to provide palliative care and support to all in the Highlands.

Art will play an important role in this new building and the hospice has a number of projects planned to help create a peaceful and calm environment for patients and their families, the importance of art and design in hospices having been well documented. As many of those who use the hospice will have travelled a fair distance and be more used to rural life, Erlend Tait, an artist from the Black Isle is designing three stained glass windows inspired by an autumn scene in Glen Affric and the mountains of Coigach and Assynt in the North West Highlands. These windows will sit in the Visitors' Lounge and Sanctuary. Some examples of Erlend Tait's work can be seen in the News section.

Each window costs £6,000 and will contribute to the remarkable atmosphere at the hospice. We plan to donate one window from existing funds but would love to be able to donate at least one other and so I would like to ask you to help us achieve this goal. Donations can be made via a dedicated Justgiving website which can be found at

<http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/highlandsocietyoflondon/highlandhospiceartproject>

and I would ask you to do so by the 30th November. I hope that the project will strike a chord with many of you, as it has with me and my fellow Committee members. Highland Hospice holds a vital place in our community and this is a wonderful way to support both it and arts in the Highlands, the link to their website is <https://highlandhospice.org> and further details of their Art Project can be found in the News section.

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing many of you in November.

Yours aye

Duncan Byatt

President