

More Balls than Most!

December 2nd 2006 was *the night* to be at the New Beaconsfield Hall! 140 people, dressed in their best, filled the hall to enjoy the fourth Shipton black-tie ball and to raise funds for **Dr. Sandy Scott's Everest Memorial Trust.**



Vic Last, Sandy Scott, John Bean and Peter Earl

The evening started with canapés and bubbly, followed by an excellent meal from Unique Catering. Our thanks to Michelle and Phil, serving such large numbers in limited space was a challenge they lived up to most successfully. Mervyn Cawley again provided 'music to feast by' from his seemingly inexhaustible piano repertoire.

Funds for Clean Water

Music for dancing was provided for free by the ever-popular *Ragged Edge*. Every table won a raffle prize, all donated by local businesses, artists and residents. The raffle was followed by an auction of three fantastic holidays in-Chamonix, Marbella and in a cottage on the Lizard. As if this wasn't enough, we also had a metal sculpture, a framed photograph, a bulging Christmas hamper and four signed World - Cup footballs to auction and swell the funds.

An astonishing **£7,573** was raised for the Everest Memorial Trust, a worthy tribute to Dr. Scott in his retirement year. The complete accounts are on display in the New Beaconsfield Hall. Dr. Scott plans to use this money to help provide clean water systems in the Everest region for

Sherpas, climbers and trekkers alike. With pure water stations along the trails, the need to carry bottled water (800,000 bottles per year) into the National Park will be obviated. We cannot thank everyone enough; all the generous people who gave

donations of cash, raffle and auction prizes, port and cheese and all who came along and spent their money on a brilliant night out.

The Fifth Charity Ball Will Be...

The committee plan to hold another Ball on **November 17th 2007**, to raise money in support of local youth organisations such as Brownies, Guides and the Youth Club. A meeting will be held on **February 26th, 8pm** in the Committee Room at the New Beaconsfield Hall. If you are interested or want to nominate a deserving recipient, please come along.

We have held four very successful balls now and have raised almost **£20,000** for charities with a local connection. Tables are booked for the next event before the current one is finished! Whilst it is good to be able to accommodate our regular supporters, we know that other folks would like to come and enjoy a 'bit of a do' on the doorstep.

If you would like to take part in any way, or to buy tickets, available in August, contact **Christine Halliday** on: 01993 831134 or **Gill Drew** on: 01993 830398.