

Having a Ball in Shipton!

Six years ago *Ragged Edge* were playing at Jeremy Huntingford's birthday party. Gordon Halliday said to Jane and I; "I've booked the village hall for a night next March and I thought we could have a dance for a local charity. What about David's Trust? It's important: if we don't have some gigs soon Terry Tew is going to sell his drums and *Ragged Edge* will pack up." Recognising the seriousness of the situation all at the table agreed that something had to be done. Ideas flowed thick and fast: black tie, bubbly reception, sit-down meal. A group of eight formed itself to organise a ball. It seemed risky, nothing liked it had been done in the new Beaconsfield Hall, and there was no guarantee of success. However, the ball took place, a handsome profit was made, Terry kept his drums, and it was agreed that another ball was essential.



£4,000; Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital £4,000; ABC Breast Cancer £4,000; Sandy Scott's Pheriche Hospital £7,000; Youth of the Wychwoods £7,000; Help for Heroes and

SSAFA £10,750. This year the Ball was for the David Hills Trust again and it raised £7,400.

Book Your Ticket for the 2010 Ball

We have now come full circle and it is time that younger minds work on the Shipton Charity Ball. Gill and John Drew, Christine and Gordon Halliday, and Jane and I are standing down. Gail and Jeremy Huntingford are going to continue, forming a new Shipton Charity Ball Committee with Sandy and Wimpy Scott. The **2010 Ball**, will be held on **4th December 2010** in support of the **Wild Garden Fund**, for details please ring: **01993 831134**.

All the Committee thank you - so many wonderful and kind people and businesses, for your generous support and hope you will continue to enjoy the Shipton Charity Ball for many years. *The David Hills Trust, founded in memory of David who was killed in a car accident in 1991, supports Toynee Hall's initiatives to ease the problems of poverty for children and young people in the East End of London.*

Peter Hills

More than £40,000 for Charity

It has become part of the Wychwoods' social calendar: This year there were 195 applications for tickets for 145 places. From a very uncertain start the gang of eight became a rather informal Shipton Charity Ball Committee and they and those who have joined them for specific charity events are proud that they have achieved some very enjoyable successes for charities. The David Hills Trust