

23 November 2007
"Wine & Wisdom" Charity Quiz Night

Southern's now legendary annual charity Wine & Wisdom quiz night was held in Ripley Village Hall where 11 teams gathered on a November Friday evening to pit their knowledge against each other to win the Challenge Shield – theirs to hold and polish until the next year.

This year the event supported the efforts of Cherry Trees, located in Surrey that provides care for the families of children with disabilities. The Fund Raising committee from Cherry Trees provided a 'goodies' stall where June and Jean were able to sell seasonal cards and gifts to our competitors. We understand that this stall raised £140.00 on the night; such was the selling capabilities of these two ladies.

A range of questions set by the Question Setter, Harry Paterson, went from easy to downright hard which even occasionally caused complete silence – something unusual for this event. The 'Perky Parkers' team (Guildford BC Parking Services) were defending their right to retain the trophy but in the end 'The Nightmare' team from Surrey Laboratory, Merrow prevailed by a margin of 2½ points over the second place team 'Past & Present'. Pictured right, Dave & Cathy receiving the trophy from Tony Suter



The results of our efforts culminated in the presentation of a cheque for £700.00 to Trudi Harris Chairman of Cherry Trees which was handed over by Branch Chairman, Alison Coffey. Trudi expressed her thanks to everyone involved in the venture



Trudi Harris receiving the donation from Alison Coffey

"We were delighted and very surprised to hear that we would be receiving over and above the money we raised at your Wine and Wisdom evening..... Please thank all your colleagues for their wonderful support for Cherry Trees.....All the best and many thanks again, Trudi"

The Branch Committee would like to thank all the teams who participated in making the evening a success and we look forward to the next event this November. We would also like to thank many other supporters who contributed valuable support.

More information about Cherry Trees can be found on their web site www.cherry-trees.co.uk