

Welcome to our November edition of the HAPC Newsletter, which includes topics on the following:

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1. New Year's Eve Anniversary Ball

Taking on board many favourable comments from the guests who attended the 2014 gala ball, there have been a few changes to this year's annual event:

- a. The introduction of the early bird adult tickets, which are priced at £28, have proved popular and we now have only a few left. Once this batch is sold, only the £30 tickets will be available.
- b. Included with your ticket this year is a free plate of 4 hot and cold snacks.
- c. Children tickets are priced at £15. This is strictly for those who are under 10 years of age.
- d. We have again been able to negotiate discounted hotel rates for those of you planning on staying overnight at the Park Inn Hotel. £45 for a Double Room and £55 for a Family Room. A discount code will be provided once your ticket application has been processed.
- e. For the first time at the Park Inn, dancing will end at 3.00am, following a request from some of the younger crowd for a late finish! DJ Deevine will be playing in Hall No. 2.
- f. In the Main Hall, we have a new and exciting band "Electric Dreams" also playing until 3.00am.
- g. Bernie's Kitchen will be providing a full catering menu throughout the evening.
- h. For a copy of the flyer, please [click here](#).
- i. For a copy of the ticket application form, please [click here](#).





Images from the 2014 HAPC New Year Eve's Gala Ball

2. The Rt Hon. Sir Vince Cable joins HAPC as its Patron

It is with great pleasure that we are able to inform our supporters that The Rt Hon. Sir Vince Cable has accepted an invitation to be the Patron of HAPC.

The charity is honoured and privileged to have Sir Vince as its Patron. His association with HAPC and endorsement of its work will raise the charity's profile at an important time as it seeks to raise essential funds for its projects. More on this wonderful and uplifting news can be found on our website.

Sir Vince will also be our chief guest at the New Year's Eve Anniversary Ball.

3. Launch of new HAPC Logo

The HAPC logo, which was voted in by our supporters in 1987, has been changed to something more contemporary and now combines an innovative style of the name "HELP A POOR CHILD" with a new design of the iconic hands.



4. New website goes live

After 10 years, we felt it was time to replace the current website and, earlier this week, a new site was launched.



We hope you will find it not just informative, but also easy to navigate through the various topics. The site is simplified to accept online donations as well as the sponsoring of some of the children in our sponsorship programme. For the first time we also have an online events booking platform, making the process of booking tickets for our events much simpler.

Do please visit the site and consider joining our Membership Programme, which is free. <http://hapc.co.uk/member-registration/>.

5. Update on the Colombiere School project

Another milestone was achieved in July 2015 when the nursery children, who enrolled in September 2012 at our Colombiere School in Gambia, graduated and have now moved on to the primary level of the school. It's customary in Africa to have a formal graduation ceremony on completion of Nursery, Primary and Secondary school.

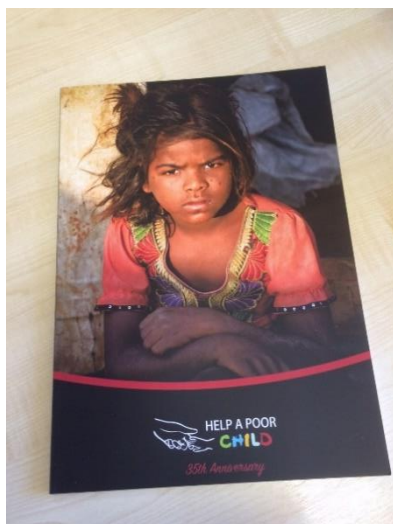
The graduation ceremony coincided with the construction of the school safety perimeter wall, which has completely elevated the profile of the school. According to the HAPC Gambia Chairman, Mataar Jallow, the ceremony was a grand affair, attended by the proud parents and government officials.

For all the very latest on the Colombiere School project, please visit our website.



Excited children from the Colombiere School in their graduation kit, along with their proud parents, await the graduation ceremony.

6. Issue of the 35th Anniversary Brochure



To mark the 35th anniversary of the charity, we have produced a brochure consisting of 48 pages, covering some of its work since its inception in 1980. This was an exciting project as we went about gathering information from all of our operating branches. The highlight for us was a rare interview with HAPC's founding Patron, Mother Colombiere. Now in her 90th year, she was overjoyed to learn that our most successful project, the establishment of a school in Gambia, has been given her name.

If you would like a copy of the brochure, please let us know and we will have one mailed out to you. We do, however, request a small donation to cover its printing and postage cost.

7. Night Fever in the UK

It was wonderful having the band Night Fever back here in the UK, following a special trip from Canada! A fundraising event was organised on 10th October 2015 to enable their supporters to come along and meet them and enjoy their fabulous music. They were not disappointed, as Bosco, Mario, Loy and Dennis flawlessly played some of their old favourites and new material. It was a wonderful evening, reminiscing their great music of the 80's, which reminded us of their unquestionable talent.



Night Fever first assisted HAPC by performing in 1983 at Wimbledon Town Hall and, thereafter, at every annual fundraising event until September 1986 at Harrow Leisure Centre. They emigrated to Canada in 1987, where they also assisted the charity by playing in Toronto at the HAPC (Canada) launch in 1988.

Night Fever in September 1986 at HAPCs annual fundraising event at Harrow Leisure Centre.



Almost 30 years later, the same Night Fever line-up at another HAPC fundraising event in October 2015 at St Boniface, Tooting. Dennis (second from left) taking a break from playing the drums to join Bosco, Mario and Loy in one of their popular songs.

8. HAPC wins High Court Case

The Trustees of HELP A POOR CHILD are pleased to announce to all its supporters that, after much hard work on the part of the Board and its team of voluntary helpers, the charity and its trustees have finally emerged from almost three years of High Court proceedings unscathed and entirely innocent of all or any wrong.

For a detailed account of this Case, please read our [Press Release](#).

Our grateful thanks for your support as always. Do please remember to provide us with your feedback, which we value very much and, of course, if you wish to help in any way or join our team, please get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

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a little help gives a lot of hope - HAPC, is a 100% voluntary organisation and only corresponds via email to save on costs. In Africa and Asia, a £4 a month donation can help provide a child's basic education, and other necessities such as medical care, clothing, etc.

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