

Jan's Afternoon Tea and Plant Sale



Jan Raven kindly hosted an afternoon of charity fundraising at her home and helped raise more money for GDS.

Jan, who is now one of our Trustees, has held several annual events raising money for Essex Air Ambulance and in fact last year went trekking in Nepal as a fundraising event.



The teas and cakes in the garden raised money for the EAA but this year, money raised from Plant Sales went to GDS.

The plants which had been raised by Jan and Lin, raised over £700. A wide range of shrubs, herbaceous plants and made quite a show. As well as these, bedding plants and vegetables were available. Fun planters including pretty wellington boots and saucepans were filled with begonias and trailing plants.



The new charity banner was used for the first time. Pictures and leaflets were also available to let people know what the charity does



There was also a fabulous display of Nepali jewellery which was put together by Linda Cairns and attracted attention raising over £100



To complete the event, Chelmsford Young Strings gave a wonderful programme of music as people sat in the sun in the garden. Naomi Poole runs the music group and kindly offered that the group join in the event.



A happy, sunny afternoon was had by all raising about £2,000 for charity. Thanks to all who bought anything, gave donations and completed the Gift Aid forms to ensure their money gains an extra 25% for projects in Nepal

Well done to Jan and all the great helpers on board.