

## **Friends of Ethiopian Children in Need (FECIN)**

### **AGM on 21 July 2019 at Gill and Richard's, Little Abington**

**Present:** Gill and Richard Smith, Audrey & Andy Jackson, Paul & Veronica Stower, Val & Rowan Jackson, Peter & Sue Woodsford, Adarsh Grewal, Lucy & Graham Edgeley, Barbara Sinclair, Boni Sones

**Apologies:** Jo Archer, Stephanie Barnes, Dr Abraha Derso & Mrs Sharon Derso, Bolette Pedersen, Lesley Gillespie, Natasha Sharpin, Christina Leadley, Rosemary and Gordon Heald, Anne Purvis, Dora Bulen, Sue & Chris Wagner, Jeanette Cavey, Gunnel Clark, Phyllis Newman, Lorna , Phyllis , Chris Cook

#### **Minutes of FECIN AGM on 27 June 2018**

The minutes of last year's AGM on 27 June 2018 were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by Adersh, seconded by Andy and agreed by all

#### **Minutes of the EGM on 7 November 2018**

The minutes of our EGM on 7 November 2018 when we decided to dissolve FECIN were accepted as correct record. Proposed by Peter, seconded by Val and agreed by all.

#### **Chair's Report --- 2017/8**

- A. Audrey, the Chair, welcomed everyone to this, the last meeting of FECIN and passed round many past leaflets, photos, letters, minutes and other mementos of the charity's 27 years from its start in 1992.
- B. We held two fund raising events during the year, a coffee morning at Audrey's in September 2018 which raised £235 and a jumble sale on 17 November 2018 which raised £350. We again celebrated Ethiopian Christmas on 6 January 2019 with a Bring and Share party.
- C. The EGM meeting on 7 Nov 2018 decided to dissolve the charity and pass on the baton to Ethiopian Orphans Support (EOS-UK) which is already supporting the El Shaday Orphanage. We agreed to transfer remaining sponsors to EOS-UK and EOS-UK formally accepted this arrangement at their meeting in March 2019. We wrote to Tesfai and Alemseghed at El Shaday to tell them of this and received a lovely email back, expressing their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the work we have done for them over the years and the numerous projects we have funded for there.
- D. At the meeting on 7 November 2018, Audrey and Andy reported on their recent visit to El Shaday with Chris Cook when they had been impressed with the situation there. A well-run system of House Mothers was working well and the children were benefiting from that and the good food they received. The school is self-sufficient, the kindergarten is making a profit and the farm is bringing in money too.
- E. We celebrated Ethiopian Christmas on 6 January again with another party.
- F. FECIN Trustees met on 25 February 2019 to discuss procedures for dissolving FECIN. Our account contained £5,000 which the Trustees decided to send to El Shaday as a good will gesture. Their email reply was prompt and full of gratitude and thanks.

- G. In order to keep in touch with EOS-UK and as sponsors of El Shaday, Lucy and Graham and Audrey and Andy have applied to become trustees of EOS-UK and have been accepted. They will be attending some of the EOS-UK meetings and will keep us informed about what is happening at El Shaday. Lucy offered to apply to the Derek Moore Foundation for a grant for El Shaday.
- H. We hope to continue our tradition of celebrating Ethiopian Christmas on or around 6 January.

### **Treasurer's Report ... 2018/9**

Please see accounts attached. We have £1,110 left in our account. We also have accounts with Abbey National and the Co-op Bank which Stephanie is trying to close. These should yield about £500. Sue proposed and Lucy seconded a proposal and all agreed that this should be sent to El Shaday.

The Treasurer was mandated to close FECIN formally with the Charity Commission

### **FECIN Website**

Peter has kept the FECIN website ever since we had one and words were agreed for him to put on the website informing those who visit it that FECIN is being dissolved. It will say:-

On 21 July 2019, FECIN was dissolved and passed its remaining assets to the El Shaday Orphanage and its good will to Ethiopian Orphans UK (EOS-UK) which was formed three years ago to support the projects in Ethiopia that FECIN has supported in the past. If you are interested in their work or wish to support it, please visit their website at:

<http://www.eos-uk.org/>