



# CICELY NEWS

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### Fundraising

- Cicely Gala Dinner 2009 To Be Announced Soon.
- Fireman Mick to run the London Marathon

Welcome to the first edition of Cicely News, the official newsletter of the Cicely Foundation. We will be publishing six times a year to keep all our supporters up to date with our progress and developments. Please email us at [info@cicelyfoundation.com](mailto:info@cicelyfoundation.com) if you have any article ideas or know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list.

## Bob Wilson becomes Honorary Patron



Football legend and former TV presenter Bob Wilson OBE, has agreed to become the Honorary Patron of the Cicely Foundation. Maureen Clifflen, Cicely co-founder and vice chairman, was enthusiastic about the new appointment; "It's fantastic such a high profile personality has joined us.

He is a wonderful man and I think the experience Bob and Megs of course, have gained through the Willow Foundation will really help us." For more information about Bob check the About Us section of the website.

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## Make a difference.....ever thought of volunteering?

The Cicely Foundation is beginning to develop a service that will allow people to make a real difference by volunteering to work with our linked charities. For example, this work could vary from a half day per month driving a van collecting items for charity shops, to a full one day per week fund raising commitment. Placement opportunities in the UK or

Tanzania for a month or longer, are also available.

Retired, on gap year or just some spare time on your hands, If helping the Cicely Foundation interests you, please CONTACT US for an introductory chat.

Please see the website for further details [www.cicelyfoundation.com](http://www.cicelyfoundation.com)

## Cicely Peace Matunda



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Tanzania is one of the world's poorest countries but is rich in so many ways; the scenery, wild life, lush vegetation and of course the people can leave you breathless.

Five kilometres off the main Arusha to Moshi road nestling in the tiny village of Kimundo, with Mount Meru towering in the background, lies Peace Matunda Orphanage and Primary School.

Born and raised in the area, Unambwe Kaaya has been working for the last five years as a safari and mountain guide as well as developing the Matunda Cultural Tourism Project in order to fund Peace Matunda. Kaaya has opened his home and small plot of land to build classrooms and accommodation for some of the poorest children in the area. He is ably supported by his wife Joyce and relies upon a willing but sporadic team of volunteers. Eleven children live at the orphanage and sixty children receive their education at the school in three small classrooms. Kaaya's ambition is to provide a full programme of education along with accommodation, healthcare and nutrition in order to give these underprivileged and vulnerable children some chance of a more prosperous future. With plans to build two new classrooms and employ more local teachers to work

alongside the volunteers from developed countries, he has already achieved a great deal and has managed to develop an educational and care provision that is helping meet the needs of this under developed and needy community. The children are delightful, intelligent and funny. They are keen to learn and are working well in both English and Kiswahili under difficult circumstances. They are beginning to reap the benefits of what Peace Matunda has to offer. However the project is now desperately in need of greater financial support and The Cicely Foundation is very excited about their involvement.

As a result of a 'chance' visit by Cicely founder, Steve Cliften in 2006 and Steve and Maureen spending a week there in November 2008, The Cicely Foundation has decided to provide Peace Matunda with sufficient funds (US\$ 2,000 per month) to cover their on-going running costs. In addition we are hoping to provide a range of other supportive measures ranging from volunteer identification, resource provision and delivering training.

Peace Matunda have agreed to incorporate the name of The Cicely Foundation in their title and this will now be reflected in all their literature, website and signs.

The Cicely Foundation exists for deprived, vulnerable and needy children in both the United Kingdom and throughout the world

## Extending Irish Links

Dublin-based Ann Gaffney has agreed to become the Cicely Foundation's Irish Representative. The foundation already has established links with Ireland and is now hoping to develop this further.

Ann's initial task will be looking for potential recipients to benefit from holidays at Tracy Ann House,

Bournemouth's Youth Cancer Trust centre as well as raising the general awareness of the Cicely Foundation in Ireland.

Ann said, "I feel proud to be part of the Cicely Foundation and to be able to support their wonderful work with needy children".



*Ann Gaffney The Cicely Foundation's Irish Representative.*

*Since 2007 nineteen charities have received support from The Cicely Foundation. Amounts between £500 and £15,000 have been donated.*

## Cicely In The Running!

London fireman and married to Becky Lee, Cicely's honorary secretary, Mick Lee is in training for the 2009 London Marathon. Mick completes thirty years service with the London Fire Brigade in January. Formerly a semi professional cyclist and British Junior Record holder, Mick is used to a challenge. Cicely Director Maureen Cliften said "I'm really proud of my brother for taking this on board".

All money raised from this challenge will help fund Demelza House, an 8-bedded Hospice recently opened in Sittingbourne, Kent

If you wish to support Mick, donations can be made through the Cicely Foundation Website or through Mick's Page on Justgiving [www.justgiving.com/micklee](http://www.justgiving.com/micklee).

If you are a tax payer we can claim a further 25% plus a 3% top up through GiftAid. It takes just a minute to complete a GiftAid certificate available as a download through [www.cicelyfoundation.com](http://www.cicelyfoundation.com).

### Fund Raising



*Mick to Run the London Marathon*

## Events Manager for Youth Cancer Trust



On 5<sup>th</sup> December John Langridge along with Steve and Maureen Clifflen visited the Youth Cancer Trust in Bournemouth. The trust provides free fun activity based holidays for seriously ill young people and their friends or siblings.

John was able to hand over a cheque for £6,000 to cover 50% of the salary for, Derek Smith who has been appointed as the new Events Manager. Youth Cancer Trust Founder, Brenda Clark said, "It is very difficult to raise funds for core costs.

However, without an events manager we would have great difficulty organizing our fund raising events such as Three Peaks Challenge. Such events are so important, not only to raise essential funds, but to help spread the word about Youth Cancer Trust to any young person who is in treatment or has had treatment for cancer. I would like to thank John and the trustees on behalf of us here at Youth Cancer Trust".

### Recent Donations

*Eric & Lillian Napier  
Ruth & Andy Thomas  
Colin & Carol Iseard  
Fay Curtin  
Phil & Birgit Jennings  
Tristan & Debbie Bernard*

## Cicely Celebrates It's First Anniversary

The Cicely Foundation wishes to thank everyone who has made donations and supported us during our successful first year. 100% of all donations reach the intended cause.

If you wish to organize an event or donate there are many ways to help, please see our 'How to help' section on the website [www.cicelyfoundation.com](http://www.cicelyfoundation.com).



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