

27 November
"Wine & Wisdom" Charity Quiz Night.

It is amazing the amount of competition that prevails at our Annual Event. Some teams compete to become the overall winners whereas others simply endeavour to just do better than other teams, possibly to prove something....? It matters not, the 2009 event proved to be just as noisy and enjoyable.

This year we were supporting The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, locally based in Leatherhead, who provides emotional and practical support to families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. We were pleased to welcome Angela and Jackie who were available throughout the evening selling cards and other gifts from their 'goodies' table. We understand that their revenue for the evening amounted to just over £120; an excellent result.



Concentration.....

The "Wine & Wisdom" fund raising event was originally devised by Surrey CC Highway Engineers to both provide an evening's challenging competition and raise funds for children based charities in the local area. To ensure continuance and consistency, Southern Branch adopted the running of the event some years ago. We are now perhaps quite adept at it but organisation takes effort and we are grateful to the Branch Committee members and many other people who willingly lend their support and practical help.

We are also mindful that many others contribute by regularly supporting the event even though, in their realistic minds, they perhaps realise their chances of winning are remote. Our sincere thanks to everyone and we hope you will continue to be there.

Harry Paterson set the questions which comprised a fair spread of difficult and easy which catered for varying degrees of knowledge. With some clever twists, occasional bonus points were awarded where either the questions or answers provided a link. The clear winners for the evening were *Bunkers and Jumpers*, (where do they get these names?) a team from Surrey County Council's Information Management and Technology Service. Well done to them especially as they were unable to field a full team of 8 and achieved their victory with just 6 participants. Just goes to show that size really doesn't matter.



Peter Sullivan of the winning team, *Bunkers & Jumpers* receives the challenge shield from Sara Pegram, Vice Chairman, Southern Branch



Chris Stark presenting the cheque to Amy Ferguson at The Rainbow Trust

All receipts and expenses having been accounted for we realised £700, which included a massive £300 plus taken in the raffle. Branch Chairman, Chris Stark, had the very pleasant task of attending The Rainbow Trust offices at Leatherhead where he handed over the donation to the Trust's Fund Raiser, Amy Ferguson, on behalf of the Branch and "Wine & Wisdom" Supporters. Amy has since written expressing the appreciation of The Rainbow Trust to everyone involved in the venture with the assurance that our contribution will make a difference to their valuable work.

Friday 26 November is the date for this year's event. See you there.