



CHAMBER MEMBERS RAISE FUNDS FOR AIR AMBULANCE

Seaford Chamber of Commerce held its AGM on Tuesday 20 May at Seaford Golf Club, incorporating a presentation from the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance which raised over £240 on the night.

Each time the helicopter is called out to an emergency, it costs £2,500 and thousands of people in the counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex owe their lives to the quick response provided by the Air Ambulance. They receive no funding from the government or lottery – the charity is completely reliant on voluntary donations.

Chamber members were amazed to learn that the price of a pilot's helmet is over £1,000, the special suits to kit out one crew member costs £800 (and they need 2 each), even one unit of blood costs £120 which has to be stored in a chilled container but is administered to the patient at body temperature and a small piece of specialist kit warms the blood as it is being transfused.

The evening commenced with the business part, where Gerri Ori was re-elected as President of the Chamber and the role of Chamber Ambassador was conferred on Dave Argent who has worked tirelessly for many years organising events such as the recent French Market . Following some delicious refreshments, the presentation from the Air Ambulance took place, followed by a lively quiz. The evening was rounded off with a raffle – Chamber members had been extremely generous with their donations and almost everyone present won something!

The backdrop of sunset over Seaford Golf Course was a perfect setting for a splendid occasion raising funds for an extremely worthwhile cause.

More details about the Air Ambulance can be found at www.kssairambulance.org.uk

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