



*putting a smile back on their faces*

## KASTDA NEWS

### Sri Lankan Delights Come To Canterbury

An evening celebrating culinary delights from Sri Lanka is being held to raise money for children orphaned by the tsunami.

The social get together is at Chaucer Technology School, Spring Lane, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 7, from 7pm-11.30pm.

The £15 entrance fee includes the chance to sample a full range of traditional meals from Sri Lanka, plus listen to music and watch dancers from the country. The food is being prepared by specialist chefs from the The Golden Platter caterers from London. Tickets are £10 for children 5-12 years old; under 5s are free.

The evening also includes live music from a band playing Sri Lankan music and popular hits, a fund raising tombola and raffle, plus the chance to buy ornaments imported directly from Sri Lanka.

The event is organised by a volunteer group from Kent that is working to help devastated communities in Sri Lanka.

The KASTDA Fund – the Kent Association for Sri Lankan Tsunami Daruwo – is dedicated to helping orphans throughout the stricken country, and members have visited on fact-finding missions to see how best they can help.

Links have already been forged with orphanages and schools and KASTDA funds have been released to help around a hundred children and young people.

Meththa Methananda, who is a founder member of the KASTDA Fund, said: “The social evening is one of our major fund raising events this year and it follows a successful similar evenings in Canterbury and Birchington in the last 18 months. As well as being a chance for people to try out dishes from our country, it is also the opportunity for the volunteers to mix socially. “

Any business that wishes to donate prizes for the raffle to help raise money for the tsunami orphans should contact Mr Methananda on 01843 228828. Also call this number for more details about how become a volunteer with the group, or for information about the Sri Lankan evening.

The volunteer group chose the Sri Lankan word for ‘sons and daughters’ – Daruwo – as part of their name to create a high profile focus on the children who will need assistance for many years.

\* KASTDA Fund members include representatives from the Thanet, Canterbury, Herne Bay, Deal and Dover areas.

\* Patrons have been invited to join the fund, which is seeking charitable status.

\* KASTDA Fund is supported by the Sri Lanka High Commission

\* Donations can be made to the KASTDA Fund via its head office at 75 Canterbury Road, Westbrook, Kent.

**TICKETS:** Are available from KASTDA, 75 Canterbury Road, Westbrook, Kent, telephone Meththa or Karuna on 01843 228828; or contact Senerath or Kamala on 01227 454369.