Lions stage Indian Spectacular

FARNHAM Lions Club is planning a colourful 'Indian Spectacular!' this May in aid of the Little Flower Mercy Home for destitute adults and orphans in Kerala, southern India.

The event, on Saturday, May 16, will boast a sumptuous Indian banquet, Bollywood dancers and drummers, sitar players and tuk tuks, supported by the Farnham Herald and Riverprint.

It is being held at a private motor museum in Churt to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Farnham club's twinning with the Frankenberg Lions in Germany.

Guests will have a unique opportunity to visit the display of motor vehicles and memorabilia located at the venue, as well as tid in an auction of items 'that money just cannot buy'.

The objective is to fund the creation and launch of a medical centre at the Little Flower Mercy Home. A remarkable Indian couple, who developed the home, have for many years wanted improved medical facilities.

Mathew Manuel and Molly set up the Little Flower Mercy Home for destitute adults more than 25 years ago, and today along with the 170 men and women in care, there are some 120 rescued boys and girls provided for at an adjacent Chiks' orphanage.

A central group of buildings are to be converted to save new-build costs and these will provide for health care with the help of a permanent nurse, visiting doctor and a pharmacist. A number of patient beds will also be made available for treatment and observation.

Excited by the objective and the fundraising plans,

the Frankenberg Lions Club has donated more than £10,000 - and Farnham Lions, headed by president Keith Harris, aim to at least match that amount.

"Farnham Lions work primarily to support and serve our local community but to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our twinning with the Lions Club of Frankenberg, Germany, both clubs have undertaken to fund this exciting joint international project," said a spokesman for the Farnham Lions.

"Every single penny raised during the afternoon will help build, furnish and staff a much-needed medical centre in one of Chik's homes in Kerala, India.

"So get together with friends and family and enjoy an afternoon of exotic fun and excitement!"

Tickets cost £55 per head or £500 for a private table of 10 and includes a welcome drink, banquet, an afternoon of spectacular entertainment and free access to the motor museum. A bar will be available.

Tickets are limited to 450 and to reserve tickets, email les.walton@farnhamlions.org for a booking form.

