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Landlord Stuart Sullivan with the Holidays for Heroes plaque and Dog and Sausage patrons Tracy Stringfellow and Graham Dauphin Picture: ROB CURRIE (01791679)

Cheers for a generous pub

Dog and Sausage landlord and patrons have raised £40,000 for Holidays for Heroes

IT may be small, but the Dog and Sausage pub in St Helier has proved it has a big heart – after raising £40,000 for Holidays for Heroes Jersey.

During the last three and a half years, landlord Stuart Sullivan along with his friends and customers have organised and taken part in a number of events to raise money for the charity.

The money has so far funded at least 80 holidays for injured servicemen and women and their families.

On Saturday night Mr Sullivan presented the charity with a cheque for £11,719 raised during the Combined

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Services Military Ball, which he organised last year.

And in return, Dawn Woodhouse, who launched the charity with husband Richard in 2008, presented the charitable landlord with a plaque to thank him for his support.

Mr Woodhouse said: 'We launched in 2008 and only arranged for a few holidays for that year.'

'But by the winter we knew that we had 100 or so holidays planned for 2009 but we had not got the money – we had just gambled on generous Jersey coming good.'

'Stuart was one of those people who really helped us in the early days.'

'He was an integral part of the 2009 holiday programme and has given us constant support ever since. We are both extremely grateful for everything he and his friends have done.'

During the years, Mr Sullivan – a former Royal Air Force serviceman – has raised money by arranging annual balls and auctions at the Royal Yacht, being part of a group who trekked across the mountains of Crete and by encouraging customers to put loose change in a giant whisky bottle on his bar.

He said: 'When I got my own pub I decided I wanted to pick a chosen charity.'

'One day, the first ever Holidays for Heroes holidaymakers came in and I started talking to them and decided that I wanted to support the charity. I was in the Air Force for 16 years, so it is just like family to me.'

'To know that 80 people have had a holiday because of the money we have raised is great – it is what it's all about.'

Mr Sullivan will now display the plaque, made by a former serviceman from the UK who heard about the charity while on holiday in Jersey, on his wall in his pub.

IN BRIEF

Grave assault

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman accused of attacking another woman appeared in the Magistrate's Court yesterday. Rachael Margaret Phillips, of St Brelade, has been charged with committing a grave and criminal assault on 30 December last year. She was released on bail with the condition that she lives at home, does not contact the victim and does not enter licensed premises. She is due back in court on 18 February.

Stella painting

A POLICE investigation has been launched after an original painting of a ship was allegedly stolen from a house in St Helier and replaced with a copy. The picture of the ss Stella steamboat, which also bears the words 'full steam ahead', was allegedly stolen between 24 December and 11 January. Anyone with information is being asked to phone the States police on 612612 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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