

The Shakespeare Hospice

July 2009

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Welcome to the July edition of The Shakespeare Hospice newsletter

There is currently so much going on at the Hospice that we are having difficulty fitting it all in so we will keep this introduction brief!

Enjoy the newsletter and do keep an eye on our website, which is updated regularly www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk

BIG 10 Sky Dive

Our first BIG 10 celebration was a great day for all who took part.

The ten brave souls all went through with their 10,000 ft jumps in this fantastic challenge. Thanks to everyone involved!



Neil Teasdale

"I'd like to make a large donation to the Hospice but I can't afford it"



Perhaps you can, through your will

Over the years The Shakespeare Hospice has received substantial sums from bequests. If you are making or revising your will, please remember the Hospice and help to sustain our work in the future. Further information is available from the fundraising team on 01789 416950.

BIG 10 Moonlit Walk



Wow, what a night! We're thrilled that over 400 ladies (and 1 man!) took part in our 1st ever Moonlit Walk - a true 10th Birthday celebration.

Shefali from BBC Midlands Today started the walk at 10pm on Saturday 20th June and after walking 10km around Stratford everyone was awarded their medals by Stratford's Mayor Cllr Jenny Fradgely. We'd like to thank all those who made the night possible, especially our

army of volunteers. With an astounding £40,000 likely to be raised through sponsorship, a true 'Girls Night Out' to remember in every way.

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The BIG 10 Golf Day

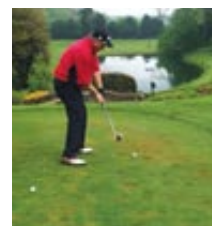
The Shakespeare Hospice BIG 10 Charity Golf Day was a great day, and in spite of a few showers it proved to be a really fantastic event raising over £9,000.

Our winning team the Desperado's took home the trophy for the second year running, after a superb game out on the Menzies Welcombe Golf Club course in Stratford.

Well done to everyone taking part

and thanks to you all for making it such a memorable day. Thank you also to HSBC Private Bank for sponsoring the event, all our hole sponsors, prize donors and excellent volunteers - we couldn't do it without you.

(Below) Perfecting the shot at the BIG 10 Golf Day



Summer Raffle

Our Summer raffle is underway - with some truly fantastic prizes on offer including the top prize of a two night stay for two in a 4 star hotel in the centre of Oxford, The Cotswold Lodge Hotel - so do join in and see if you can win some fabulous prizes. We are always so grateful for your loyal support in this and cannot thank you enough for taking part.



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News from the Day Hospice

Well, it's good to be back. After having been away for a year I have returned to a familiar but different Day Hospice, with its brand new facelift and new Sanctuary. We are holding a service of dedication for the new Sanctuary on 2nd July 2009, at 4.30pm, and we are very delighted to have the Bishop of Coventry Diocese attending to perform the dedication. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, but please contact the Hospice to let us know if you wish to do so.



We are currently going through a 12 week pilot phase of offering supportive care to our first heart failure patients. As with everyone who attends the Hospice, the aim of the support is to help these patients maintain the best quality of life, and to help them understand and manage their condition more effectively. It is hoped that this phase will be successful, and that heart failure patients will regularly attend for Day Hospice care in the future.

Another exciting development concerns some of our Day Hospice staff (Kay Sadreddini, Sister, Sue Horne, Physiotherapist and Jo Sparrow, Occupational Therapist) who are founding members of The South Warwickshire MND Network Group. This group meets every two months to promote the optimal care for Motor Neuron Disease patients and their families. The group has recently been selected as finalists (out of 243 applicants!) for a regional award that celebrates innovative healthcare, so we wish the group good luck with their endeavours.

The last part of the Hospice refurbishment project is now complete, and the newly landscaped gardens are ready for patients to enjoy, in what we hope is a long, hot summer.

One final piece of news to mention is the kind donation to our Diversional Therapists of an 'n' gauge railway (I know that will mean something to all you train enthusiasts). This has created great interest and enthusiasm, primarily amongst our male patients, and much studying of electrical diagrams and discussions to get the trains running, and much plotting and planning to site all the houses, stations and trees in just the right position. Those little boys just never grow up. Kerry Bagshaw

News from Hospice at Home

From March 2008 to March 2009 the Hospice at Home team has been piloting an "out of hours on call service". This service operates 7 days a week and one of the highly experienced trained nurses in the day, is on call during the hours of 22.00 - 08.00am. We offer telephone advice or we will visit if this is required. During our first year we received 133 telephone calls resulting in 53 visits. Throughout the night, which can be a very lonely and a difficult time for patients and families, support and reassurance is often needed to prevent a crisis occurring. Reasons for the visits were mainly pain and symptom control and for invaluable support when the patient had died. Relatives, when asked, have said that it was very reassuring to have a number to ring if they did have a problem, and very importantly to hear a voice that they knew if they required help.

We are very grateful that in March 2009 we received some trust funding and the service will be able to continue for another 6 months.

The service is available to all patients who are registered with the Shakespeare Hospice, and is available 7 days a week, from 22.00 to 08.00am. If you would like to speak to the Hospice at Home Team for more information please contact Gillian Trench - Clinical Coordinator on 01789 299426.

Are you on Facebook? We are!

You can join our facebook group at www.facebook.com/home or by searching The Shakespeare Hospice. We keep our page updated with forthcoming events and welcome discussion and ideas. We'd love you to join us.

News from the Sanctuary



When you visit the Sanctuary, one of the first things you will notice is our Rainbow Tree. Everyone is invited to help create the Rainbow Tree by choosing a coloured ribbon and tying or draping it over a branch. The tradition of tying cloth or rags on trees is associated in Britain with a Celtic tradition but is a practice found across cultures and generations. By the action of tying cloth, rags or ribbons, people bring memories of loss and love. We will keep the Rainbow Tree in the Sanctuary for a time and then we hope to sew the ribbons into a cloth for use in the Sanctuary.

News from the Counselling and Bereavement Service

The counselling service is about to introduce a pilot scheme for a new Bereavement Support Service. It will be available to anyone who has lost someone special to them, who has been cared for by The Shakespeare Hospice.

Bereavement Support means having a sensitive and caring visitor who is willing to listen, in confidence, to anything that a person needs to share. Visits will be about an hour and usually on a weekly basis. The number of sessions needed will vary from person to person; this can be decided together with the Bereavement Support visitor.

The visitor will be a volunteer who has been carefully selected and screened by staff before they undertake work with the Bereavement Service. Ten such volunteers have recently been successful in completing the first part of a demanding six day programme on Loss, Grief and Bereavement. They have additional training to complete in June and will be ready to begin seeing people around mid July.

If you feel that you would like to speak to someone about your bereavement or might benefit from receiving a visit from one of the Bereavement Support volunteers, please contact Marisa Parker 01789 266852 or e-mail mparker@theshakespearehospice.org.uk.

News from Retail

The bookshop Books Etcetera now has an internet cafe with Wi Fi and coffee, which has been introduced recently and is already proving popular. Stratford, Henley and Alcester shops all have their new collections in stock, which are selling fast so visit soon to view the latest Summer collection. Burton Farm is crammed full of goodies and also has had its annual delivery of compost, just £3 per bag and it will not be there long!

Cancer Support Group

Are you living with cancer? A friendly and sociable group meets every month, and welcomes anyone affected by cancer including patients and their carers, family and friends. We offer practical help and support, arrange various speakers and occasional days out.

We hold our meetings at the Hospice, every 3rd Friday in the month. Why not come along - there is always a pot of coffee and delicious cakes on offer! If you would like to find out more give Carole Lomas a call 01789 266852.

BIG 10 Events Calendar 2009

There are still lots of fun events you can join in with - Have a look below and join our tenth anniversary celebration!

July

4th BIG 10 SWIM

11th Fete

(see details on the back page)

24th Quiz evening

7:30pm to 10:00pm at Cubbington Village Hall, Broadway, Cubbington, Leamington Spa

Teams of four - £7.50 per head to include a Ploughman's Supper. Pay on the night, notify Mike Young (mike.young.barn@gmail.com or 01926 335654) if you intend to enter.

25th Summer Ball

Margaret and Colin Greenwood are hosting a ball at the Civic Hall in Stratford-upon-Avon. Tickets - £29.00 include supper and live music from 'Tony and the Sapphires'. For details and tickets contact: Margaret or Colin Greenwood on 01789 778007.

August

13th Summer Raffle Draw

31st Craft / Food Fayre

Chipping Campden Town Hall. Call Fundraising on 01789 416950 for more information.

September

5th Collection at Stratford

Racecourse

Organised by The Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice.

6th Addidas Women's 5k

Visit www.womenschallenge.co.uk/runforcharity/ to find out how you could take part and raise money for us.

11th-19th Cork to Kerry

Liz and Mike Young are embarking on a sponsored bike ride challenge. They will travel 350 miles over 9 days. To sponsor them visit their Just Giving page; www.justgiving.com/lizyoung.

19th BIG 10 Sing

Do you have a passion for music or just enjoy a good sing-along? Then join our Big 10 Sing. You will be challenged to learn and perform a concert in just one day - popular songs from the shows - under the guidance of our Musical Director, Barry Todd. For details contact Linda on 01789 416950.

October

3rd Friends Auction

If you have any good quality items suitable for the auction please telephone 01789 293695 or 204565 or 295546 to arrange collection.

4th Steve Kirk – Barcelona Triathlon

Steve Kirk is entering the Barcelona Triathlon to raise money for us. To sponsor him visit his Just Giving Page www.justgiving.com/ironman_kirk

November

13th BIG 10 Ghost Hunt

Are you brave enough to spend Friday 13th November in a genuinely haunted building? The Shrieve's house and barn (the Falstaff's Experience) is an ancient site steeped in history. So dare you follow in the footsteps of Derek Acorah on a ghost hunt? To take part contact Linda on 01789 416950.

20th & 21st Morrisons Collection

Organised by the Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice

26th Christmas Fayre

Chipping Campden Town Hall

28th BIG 10 Celebration Masked Ball

Help us celebrate our 10th birthday year in style at this Celebration Masked Ball. Held at the Ettington Chase Hotel, guests will enter via a VIP red carpet before being welcomed with a glass of bubbly. You can then enjoy a delicious 3-course meal, dance to our live band and bid for some fabulous auction prizes. Tickets are just £55 per person - or £500 for a table of ten. The option to hold one of our TOP 10 VIP tables is available, and for more information on this wonderful package. Contact Amanda on 01789 416950.

December

5th Tarantara Concert

at St. Andrew's Shottery

6th Light up a Life

Our much loved act of remembrance and thanksgiving

11th & 12th- Collection at Tesco

Organised by the Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice

12th Alcester Male Voice Choir concert

Details to follow.

Thank you

Kilimanjaro

David Steddy, his son Andrew and son-in-law Philip Lord have successfully tackled the gruelling ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro in memory of Angela, David's beloved wife. They have raised over £7,000 for the Hospice.

The Shakespeare Hospice is really grateful to everyone who has raised money for the Hospice - here are a few...

Thank you to the Warwickshire Farm Group

They raised £700 from a raffle at the Farms Stay UK Annual Conference, which was held in January 2009.



Another thank you to Lyn Sharpe

Who has raised £361.37 from her car boot sales so far.

Silence was golden

The 2nd Shottery Brownies raised £387.77 from their sponsored silence! Great effort!



A belated thank you

to the Redditch Westerners who presented the Hospice with a cheque for £1,000 at their annual Christmas party.

A group from Little Wolford

raised £106 from their Lent Lunch.

During Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations we gratefully received £180.03 from Stratford District Council from their Wishing Tree, £250 from Sheldon Bosley's Competitions, £50.77 from Speed Shakespeare and £208.76 from The Shakespeare Hotel from Birthday cake sales.

North Cotswold Hunt

raised a magnificent £800 from their tombola at their Point to Point meeting for the Hospice.

Bridgette Brown

has been giving foot spa and hand spa evenings and selling Forever Living Products and has raised £104.42 so far for the Hospice.

Thorntons Easter Visit

Emma from Thorntons visited us again to sell lots of lovely Easter Eggs. Thorntons donated £49.93 to the Hospice.

Salford Severn Ladies Group

raised £175 from holding a raffle at their fashion show and £450 from their Coffee Morning for the Hospice.

Rotary Club of Stratford

presented the Hospice with a cheque for £12,650 from the Stratford Marathon. A big thank you also to everyone who took part on our behalf - sponsorship money is still coming in!

The Premier Cru

A magnificent sum of £18,100 has been raised this year by The Premier Cru for our Hospice at Home service. They opened a nearly new Designer Shop in Stratford over four days in early May which was a huge success!

Graftonbury 2009

Graftonbury 2009 rocked Arden Grafton's May bank holiday weekend. Over £1,500 was raised! Our thanks go to Pat and Steve of The Golden Cross for organising this amazing event and to all the bands and supporters.

The ladies of Stratford-upon-Avon

raised £250 at their 'Tea and Entertainment' event on Saturday afternoon - 9th May at St. Andrews Parish Hall, Shottery.

Fete: 11th July 2009

The Hospice Fete is now approaching!

If you have any cuddly teddies that need a home, good quality bric-a-brac, plants, gifts or can bake us some cakes then please contact Amanda on 416950

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The Shakespeare Hospice Fete

Join us at a great community event for all the family
Saturday 11 July 2009, 1-4pm
at The Shakespeare Hospice

- Tombola
- Raffle
- Ice Creams
- Pig Roast
- Hook a Boat
- White Elephant
- Cake Stall
- Many more...

Entry £1
under 12s FREE