

The Shakespeare Hospice update



June 2010

Day Hospice meets changing needs



We welcome new healthcare assistant Jennie Atkinson, pictured above, to the team. Thanks to Alex Miller of iD2 for the photo

The Day Hospice staff and volunteers are continually evaluating and improving the service we provide as the referrals we receive are growing in number and diversity.

We are currently working with 150 families whose lives have been affected by illnesses that affect their quality of life. Many need support while coming to terms with their diagnosis and treatment, while some families have to face end of life issues.

We endeavour to meet everybody's needs in the Day Hospice – recently Diversional Therapist, Linda Shrimpton, arranged for specialist company 'Pink' to exhibit their selection of wigs and talk to patients about caring for hair following treatments like chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Linda also organised a visit from the Debenhams

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Summer fun!

The Hospice fete takes place on Saturday 10 July at the Hospice in Shottery and promises to be bigger and better than ever!

Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. There will be a vibrant array of stalls, games, refreshments and entertainment. Please find a poster enclosed – if you could display this for us, perhaps in your workplace, community notice board or a

shop window, we would be most grateful. Thank you!

A highlight of the fete will be the drawing of our cash raffle. Thanks to your support we raised more than £6,200 from our Spring raffle, to help families in our community affected by serious illness. Don't miss out on your chance to win the top prize of £500 – tickets are on sale in all our shops, the Hospice, or at the fete.



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cosmetics ladies; they spent a whole afternoon teaching skin care and doing make up. Everyone had a fabulous time and many of the staff hoped they would be

chosen for a make over but alas time ran out (or maybe it was just too big a job to take on? Ha! Ha!) We look forward to more exciting events in the future.

Counselling and Bereavement Support Service Update

After the death of someone close it is common to feel overwhelmed and unable to get on with day-to-day tasks. In the early days of bereavement people are often able to work through their grief with the support of family and friends. After some time this support may lessen, even if it is still needed. The Shakespeare Hospice Counselling and Bereavement Support Service offers emotional support and counselling to any adult, relative/carer/friend, of any patient who is registered under the care of The Shakespeare Hospice. We are here to enable a person to deal with their loss and grief, both pre and post bereavement in a confidential non-judgmental environment.

We are able to work quite flexibly and offer a variety of support. Some people only need a few sessions to know that what they are going through is normal; others may need support for a little longer. Some people may experience real difficulty with their grief because circumstances around the time of loss were particularly stressful, in which case counselling may be more appropriate and beneficial.



Counselling and Bereavement Support Service Co-ordinator, Marisa Parker

At The Shakespeare Hospice we are fortunate to be able to meet these diverse needs by having a wonderful team of four qualified and experienced counsellors and nine 'in house' trained bereavement support volunteers.

If you feel that you or someone close to you may benefit from talking with someone please do not hesitate to contact the service Co-ordinator, **Marisa Parker** on **01789 266852** or email **mparker@theshakespearehospice.org.uk**



Retail Round-Up

A fantastic sell-out fashion show at Harvington village hall was organised by the W.I. It was compered by Kim Hartman (Helga in Allo Allo) and featured clothes and accessories from all of the Hospice shops, which were sold afterwards. The models included members of the W.I., volunteers from the shops, students from Inkberrow design college, a Hospice at Home nurse and our own Chief Executive Angie Arnold. More than £1,700 was raised.

Recently, the Greenhill Street shop received a wonderful donation of unused ball gowns and two special events were held which raised nearly £1500. There are still lots of dresses available. Our shops all have a great range of Spring/Summer fashions and we would be happy to take any clothing too when you have that wardrobe clearout!

We welcome our new manager, Darren Chandler to our Burton Farm shop.



Information and Support Officer, Alison Burford

News from Information and Support

The service is continuing to grow and develop, with an encouraging and varied number of enquiries so far this year. We are concentrating on developing our outreach service, which offers information and support to people in the community who may find it difficult to access our service in Shotton. This is proving to be an extremely beneficial venture; we have helped a number of people in the community who were struggling to cope at home and didn't realise what help and support was available to them.

We now have regular monthly information points at community groups in Bidford and Studley as well as The Shakespeare Hospice Book Shop in Rother Street, Stratford. In June we will hold information points at Stratford and Charlecote Garden Centre where we hope to offer help and support to even more people affected by a serious illness.

If you would like any more information about our outreach visits please contact **Alison Burford** on **01789 264234** or **01789 266852**.



The Great Shakespeare Ride, our brand new cycling event, takes place on Sunday 22 August. All rides start at the Stratford Manor Hotel; with 3 levels to choose from there is something for every ability, whether you are a two-wheel enthusiast or someone who simply likes to amble along in the Summer sunshine. All details can be found in the

enclosed leaflet or at www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/thegreatshakespeareide

If you aren't able to take part we would really appreciate some help on the day. If you have a few hours to spare give **Carole Lomas** a call on **01789 266852** for more details.

Forthcoming Events Calendar

July - November 2010

For full listings including community and Friends' events please refer to our website www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk but here are some key dates for your diary:

June

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th CAMRA Beer Festival

We'll be at the beer festival again in 2010 thanks to The Shakespeare Branch of The Campaign for Real Ale.

July

Saturday 10th Hospice Summer Fete

– at the Hospice in Shotton, 1pm - 4pm. See front cover and enclosed poster for more information.



Saturday 17th Greenwood's Midsummer Ball

Live music from Tony and The Sapphires, Supper & Cabaret all for £32. For tickets contact Colin or Margaret on 01789 778007.

Saturday 17th The Shakespeare Hospice 10,000m Swim Relay Challenge

– at The Stratford Leisure and Visitor Centre, contact **Amanda** on **01789 266852** to enter a team. An amazing swim challenge that will test your strategy and team work; this event encourages teams of 10 to work together to complete the race and raise money.



August

Sunday 22nd The Great Shakespeare Ride

– 3 rides to choose from. visit www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/thegreatshakespeareide or call **Carole** on **01789 266852**

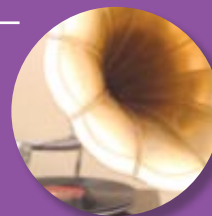
Thursday 26th Food and Craft Fayre

– Chipping Campden Town Hall, 10am - 4pm. Join us for this increasingly popular event!

October

Saturday 2nd The Stratford Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice Annual Auction

– we are currently seeking donations of good quality china, glass, silverware, jewellery, small pieces of furniture, designer handbags and accessories etc. Please call **Marian** on **01789 293695**, **Margaret** on **01789 414584** or **Rosemary** on **01789 204565** to donate – thank you.



November

Saturday 20th The Shakespeare Hospice Tails and Tiaras Ball

– Stratford Manor Hotel, contact **Amanda** on **01789 266852** for details.

For full details of all our forthcoming events please call us on **01789 266852** or visit: www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/events/forthcoming_events.aspx

Fundraising in Brief

Details of how much was raised at our glorious Golf Day on May 28 and magnificent Moonlit Walk on June 5 are not available as we go to print but will be next time! We're thrilled by the continued support of our local community – individuals, groups and businesses who raise funds to care for the seriously ill in Stratford and the surrounding areas. Please visit our website, www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk for up to date news on events and community activities. If you would like to get involved contact **Linda** on **01789 266852**. For more information about other ways to help the Hospice, such as volunteering, regular giving or gifts in wills please visit our website.

Return of the Cantlow Walkers

After a 3 year rest following their completion of 'The Shakespeare Way', the Cantlow Walkers are setting off in September to take on 'The Macmillan Way' and 'Macmillan Way West', a trek of 350 miles from Boston in Lincolnshire, to Barnstaple in Devon. Once more, they will be raising funds for the Hospice. The team would like to hear from anyone who may be able to provide corporate sponsorship or media support – contact **Andy Walker** (**01789 488678**) or **Lyn Anslow** (**01789 488449**).



Have you got talent?



'Stratford's Got Talent' is back in 2010 for its 3rd year and is supporting The Shakespeare Hospice as part of our 100 Heroes Challenge! To apply as an act visit www.stratfordsgottalent.org.uk or call **07880 821 933**. All acts of all ages are welcome.

And don't forget if you want to take up the challenge to be a Hero it's not too late, visit www.102touchfm/hero to find out more.

LATEST NEWS

Comedienne Jo Brand has signed up as a Hero! Watch this space!

Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who has supported The Shakespeare Hospice so far this year. Your kindness makes a real difference to those affected by serious illness in our community.

The Stratford Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice



The Stratford Friends of The Shakespeare Hospice raised £26,513 in 2009 making it a record year! We are truly grateful to all the friends for their tremendous hard work. Their superb efforts have continued in 2010 with £772 raised at the NFU quiz in February and £313 from tea dances so far.

Skydiving Super-Gran



Jean Massey, a volunteer in the Henley in Arden Hospice shop and a 77 year old great grandmother, teamed up with her son, Tony, for The Shakespeare Hospice 100 Heroes Challenge. Together they chose to raise money by taking part in our Skydive on Sunday 11 April. They were joined by 9 other brave souls who took to the sky and jumped 10,000ft in aid of the Hospice. Happily everyone landed safely and raised a fantastic amount for those affected by serious illness in our community. Jean and Tony brought in over £4,000 between them, a super achievement for a super Great Grandma and her son. We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the Skydivers for being real superstars.

5 Days, 5 Girls Smash Hero Target



Lindsey, Jo, Annie, Eva and Lou walked the Cotswold Way from Bath to Chipping Campden to raise money for the Hospice as part of our 100 Heroes Challenge. They did an amazing job of raising in excess of £10,000. Thank you, well done and put your feet up girls!

Thank you to all those in our community who have helped the Hospice including:

John and Karen Ward who completed the Wainwright Coast to Coast walk in May,
Mr and Mrs Ross for donating funds from their joint birthday celebrations,
all those who supported and took part in **The Shakespeare Marathon** in April,
The Iguanas, Katherine Abbot & Cox's Yard for a fab night in March,
the **stall holders, volunteers and supporters** at our **Food and Craft Fayre** in Chipping Campden this Easter,
everyone at the **Dunnington Coffee Morning** for raising £350,
the **Healthy Heroes** for hosting an open day for us,
the **Folking Heroes** for doing gigs all over the county,
The **Stratford** for hosting fundraising Cheese and Wine evenings,
Marc Miller and **Sir Donald Sinden** for a truly inspiring night at **The White Swan** that raised over £1,400,
Mr and Mrs Iles and the **Tea Dancers** for donating over £1,500,
Emma at Thorntons for continued support,
Stratford Dermatherapy Clinic for their superb open night,
and all the **Restaurants** who participated in our February scheme.

Thanks also go to our corporate supporters including:

Bernadette's Restaurant for ongoing support,
Boots for their kind donations and support,
DCS for continued support and in particular goods donated for the Moonlit Walk goody bag,

The Aga Shop for supporting the Hospice through their Easter Egg & Spoon race,

Lombard Vehicle Management for a tremendous year of support raising over £3,000 for care we provide but also decorating the Hospice and working hard to keep our garden tidy. We're thrilled they are continuing their support for the Hospice through 2010,

White Stuff for continued support and amazing fundraising for their local Hospice donating £3,500!

Debenhams for a fabulous Summer Fashion Gala evening raising £1,600. Tickets sold out so we'll keep you posted for the next event planned for November,

Jewsons for working so hard raising money for us as their charity of the year. As part of the fundraising **Mary** dyed her hair all the colours of the rainbow taking the total well over £1,000,

Sainsbury's Local for having selected the Hospice as their chosen charity in 2009 and raising over £1,315 from staff and customers through themed events,

Tesco for their generosity in donating goods needed for our events and registering as a Hero Team,

Menzies Welcombe Hotel Spa for supporting the Hospice through donating prizes for our raffle and Moonlit Walk as well as a luxury pamper that was part of a top auction prize at November's Ball,

Touch FM and **The Stratford Herald** for supporting the Hospice and wherever possible communicating our latest news and stories.

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