

June E-Newsletter

Welcome

We have had a busy month of celebrations and fundraising events and have some exciting plans for the summer. Our residents have been enjoying a variety of activities and outings and our staff have been busier than ever ensuring that our young people continue to lead fulfilled and happy lives. We are also eternally grateful to our supporters for all they continue to do for Dame Hannahs.

Cream Tea Event

Our Cream Tea event was a great success with over 90 guests helping us to raise an amazing £1500. It was lovely to welcome some new faces as well as regular supporters. Everyone enjoyed a delicious cream tea and a fascinating talk by local author Stephanie Austin about her time as an author and her newly published book - DEATH ON DARTMOOR EDGE. Our guests really enjoyed the talk and were keen to buy copies of her book being sold by Matt from the Ivybridge Bookshop. Long time supporters Marian and Trevor Vanstone brought along their homemade preserves and homegrown plants and sold them in aid of Dame Hannahs. A big thank you to everyone involved who helped make it such a successful fundraising event.



Father's Day

It was lovely to see so many fathers and family members at our Father's Day celebration. Our residents loved getting together with their families to have a party and enjoy some refreshments on this special day.





Saltram Rotary Visit

It was lovely to welcome members of Saltram Rotary Club to Dame Hannahs recently. Our Community Engagement Lead Debbie really enjoyed showing them round and our staff and residents really enjoyed meeting them. We want to say a big thank you to Saltram Rotary for their continuing support.

Bingo Nights

Our monthly Bingo Nights are proving very popular with the local community. At our last event the activity hall was packed with supporters enjoying an evening with friends and families. Thank you to all our regular Bingo players from both the Ivybridge Community and further afield who helped to make it such a success. We were delighted to raise £823. Our next Bingo Night is on Friday 4th July at 7pm.



Party Time

We always make sure that all our residents celebrate their birthdays in style. Thanks to our Activities Coordinator Louisa, there is always a party to look forward to. Recently Sarah chose to celebrate her birthday with a pink party. Everyone really enjoyed getting together and dancing.



Quiz Night

Book now for our next Quiz Night
On Thursday 7th August at 7pm
At Dame Hannahs in Ivybridge
Challenge your knowledge while
having fun with family and friends at
our Quiz Night. Teams of up to 6
people so either create your own
team or join others on the night.

Ticket is £10 and includes quiche,
salad and new potatoes

Booking essential. Register your
team: 01752 898135 or supportus@discoverhannahs.org



Outings

Our adults are really lucky to be able to get out and about and explore Devon. Whether they are going for a walk on Plymouth Hoe or exploring Dartmoor, they always love an adventure. They have been making the most of the recent sunshine.



Autumn Lunch

Our annual Autumn Lunch is taking place on Tuesday 30th September at Boringdon Park Golf Club. There will be a fascinating talk by author Pam Vass about the Suffragette Story in the South West entitled Reason or Rebellion? As well as enjoying a delicious two course lunch guests will be able to shop at a variety of gift stalls.

Tickets are £27 each and booking is essential. Please book using the online form or call 01752 898135



Activities

Our adults really benefit from the more calming activities on offer. Millie really enjoyed her recent session with music therapist Beth and Lucy relaxed into her yoga and meditation.



Skylark Bingo

It was great to see so many supporters at the recent Bingo Night at the Skylark Inn. A big thank you to our friend Julie for organising it and to Victor and his staff at the Skylark for hosting the event and producing such delicious meals. It was lovely to see familiar faces as well as newcomers including a family from Germany who had never played bingo before. The pub was packed and the evening was a great success.



Hannah's Holiday

Hannah recently spent a week on holiday with Clare, her carer from home who used to work at Dame Hannahs, and Claire's parents. They had a fun and busy week of activities and outings including a walk around Weston-Super-Mare and the Grand Pier, a ride on a steam train, ice skating and shopping at Cribbs Causeway, crazy golf and a visit to a garden centre. They also enjoyed several sessions in the hot hub. What a lovely holiday!



Bucket Collection

We recently held our first ever bucket collection at Tesco in Tavistock. We are constantly trying to raise awareness in new areas and it was interesting chatting to the local community, most of whom were aware of Dame Hannahs and were very happy to engage in conversation and to support us.

New Communication Aid

Therapy Assistant Robyn has recently come up with a new communication aid to help our staff communicate more easily with our adults. She has created cards with core vocabulary symbols that can be attached to staff lanyards, after the Therapies team recognised that there was a need for this. Staff are already finding it really helpful to have this resource on hand when they are out about and want to communicate with our residents.



Community Festival Funday

We are excited to be holding a Community Festival Funday on Friday 22nd August 11am-4pm. There will be live music and entertainment, stall holders, games, crafts, bouncy castle, refreshments and much much more. We are looking forward to welcoming members of the local Ivybridge community to Dame Hannahs for a day of fun. There will be further information to follow soon but, in the meantime, if you wish to be a part of the festival or would like more information please email louisa.traynor@discoverhannahs.org



Mary Watts Event

Our dear friend and former Dame Hannahs pupil Mary Watts is organising a fundraising event to celebrate 80 years as a Polio survivor. Mary attended Dame Hannahs as a child in the 1940s when she was recovering from Polio. The event is in aid of both Dame Hannahs and British Polio Fellowship.

Ploughman's Lunch and Auction

Saturday 20th September at 12.30pm

South Milton Village Hall, South Milton, Kingsbridge TQ7 3JQ

Ticket £12 – includes a pasty plus cider or apple juice followed by cake

Booking is essential. Please contact Mary Watts direct:

01752 880047 or 07979 415215 or marywattswatts@btinternet.com

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers and fundraisers for all their dedication and hard work.

If you would like to get involved please contact supportus@discoverhannahs.org



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