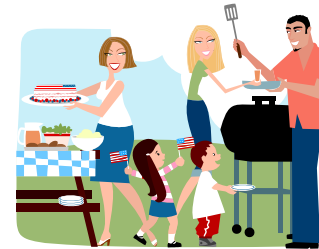




Fundraising events

We have two lovely fundraising events organised for the coming months;

2 course BBQ



The first is our annual summer barbecue to be held on **Friday 7th August** between 6.30pm and 9.00pm. Bring your own drinks and come and spend the evening in our beautiful gardens.

Live entertainment from a local Valefest artist! Tickets must be purchased or reserved in advance and cost £7.50 for 2 delicious courses. Children under 10 are free of charge. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us but it will be indoors if its wet.

Auction

Our second annual auction will be held on **Saturday 19th September**. Viewing will commence at 12 noon, bidding starts at 1.30pm. If you enjoy bidding for a bargain come and join the fun and help us to raise some funds for the hospice.

Don't forget to empty those cupboards, lofts, sheds and garages, as donations of items to sell are always welcome. Goods are accepted the week prior to the auction
Mon-Thurs between 9am-4pm.



2009 Dates for your Diary - Cut out and Keep

Friday August 7th BBQ and Open Gardens 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sunday August 30th Teas on the lawn at Hose Lane Farm, Harby, from 2.30pm onwards.

Saturday 19th September - Auction. Viewing 12 noon Start 1.30pm.

Tuesday 20th October - Fashion Show 1.30pm

Please note that the underwear and bedwear sale scheduled for Wednesday August 26th has now been cancelled.

Do you still want to receive your copy of our newsletter? Are we sending it to the correct address?

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Email lisa@dovecottage.org and we will add your details to our mailing list.



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Chris's Corner

What glorious weather we have been having lately. As you can see from the photo, many of our guests have been enjoying our beautiful gardens by playing a relaxing game of dominoes in the shade of the trees. We try and incorporate as many activities as possible during people's visit to Dove Cottage. These range from arts and crafts, yoga, complementary therapies, games and quizzes – you name it, we give it a go. No wonder so many people enjoy coming here and having a break from their daily routine.

All of our services are provided free of charge and we couldn't do it without the support of so many kind people. The Girl Guiding organization have been very busy raising money for us and we were delighted to receive a cheque for just under £2000 raised from various events. We had pleasure in hosting various brownie and guide meetings throughout June and it was great to see that the movement still thrives today. I know I have many happy memories of being a brownie and guide in my youth (many years ago I'm afraid!).

We were also delighted to be nominated Charity of the Year by our local Sainsbury's in Bingham, and look forward to working with them to both raise our profile and work together on various fundraising initiatives.



Cream Teas on the lawn for Dove Cottage and Hose Parish Church

John and Sue Mackley will be hosting a **'Cream Teas on the Lawn'** with raffle and games for all the family

on **Sunday 30th August from 2.30pm** onwards, at their home, Hose Lane Farm, Harby.

Proceeds from this lovely event will be split between Dove Cottage and Hose Church.



£3.00 to include cream tea!



Recycling Appeal

We can now recycle used printer cartridges, toner cartridges, mobile phones and PDAs to raise funds for the hospice.



We can recycle all **original** (not compatible) ink jet/toner cartridges from the following brands: Apple, Brother, Canon, Dell, HP, IBM, Lexmark, Panafax, Ricoh, Samsung, Olivetti, Phillips and Xerox.

Please consider letting us have your used items, boxes will be placed in Reception at the hospice and also a box will be placed in the Tea Room. Thank you!

Collecting Pots/Key rings/Pens

Can you host a collecting pot, sell trolley tokens or pens to raise money for Dove Cottage?

We have recently upgraded our collecting pots and are looking for new sites to host them.

Also we are looking for new spots to place our posters to advertise our fund raising events and services. Does your village have a notice board or could you put one up in your place of work for us?



Any suggestions or ideas as to how and where we can extend our PR would be gratefully received.

Please telephone Lisa on 01949 860303 or email lisa@dovecottage.org

Cook Appeal

We are always looking for volunteer cooks who can offer their services on an occasional basis to cook for our guests here at the hospice. We are looking for people who can prepare a simple 3 course lunch for approximately 18 people

If you feel you may be able to support us in this way or would like further information please contact Chris Gatfield on 01949 860303 or call in at the hospice between 9am & 3.30pm Mon-Thursday.

The Vale of Belvoir Lions Club have also been very long standing supporters of ours and I was delighted to go along to their monthly meeting in May and once again receive a very generous donation.

The number of people and organizations that raise money for us are just too numerous to mention but I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us. All donations, both large and small, are so much appreciated and help us to provide all of the services that so many people need when struggling with ill-health.

I do hope you will be able to come along to our annual BBQ on 7th August and you will have a chance to see our lovely gardens for yourself.

With many thanks for your support.

Regards

Chris

Chris Gatfield
Registered Manager



Tea Room and Charity Shop

Due to the continued success of our tea room we have now extended our opening hours. The new opening times are 10.30am-4.30pm daily throughout the summer months. The charity shop will not be open on a Sunday.

We are always looking for volunteers, particularly for the weekend shifts. If you think you might like to help out, even if its just once a month, please contact the tearoom for more information or call in and pick up an application pack.

Tel: 01949 861950

Email: tearoom@dovecottage.org

Budding Artists at the Hospice

We recently purchased some new specialist art equipment from the Society for All Artists (SAA) to enable our guests to have a go at watercolour painting. The equipment is specially designed so that even people who believe they can't paint can produce some stunning artwork that you would be pleased to hang on your wall. Staff and volunteers as well as the guests were keen to have a go!

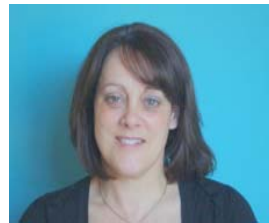


The results achieved from using the equipment were fantastic and those guests that took part were able to produce some very professional looking work as well as having an enjoyable time painting.

Look out in the next newsletter for some examples of the lovely work.

Hospice Development Nurse

We would like to welcome our new Hospice Development Nurse/Registered Nurse Dawn Waugh. Dawn has started working at the hospice recently with the main purpose of extending our hospice services out into the community along with working at the hospice as a Registered Nurse. Some of these extended services include; - community bathing facility, home sitting service, bereavement support, information and advice, carer support, chaplaincy/spirituality support. If you would be interested in finding out more about our 'Day Care Without Walls' services please contact Dawn at the hospice on 01949 860303 or email dawn@dovecottage.org



Wendy and Ann visit Buckingham Castle



We were delighted to receive an invite to send 2 representatives from Dove Cottage to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Two of our wonderful volunteers, Wendy and Ann, went along and this is what they had to say.....

"14th July 2009 was definitely a great day for us when we were privileged to attend a Royal Garden Party. We dressed up in our finery, feeling very conspicuous walking through Kings Cross Station until we joined hundreds of other people at Buckingham Palace. We were very lucky to have a relatively close view of the arrival of the Queen & Prince Philip and other members of the Royal Family and later in the afternoon an even closer view of Prince Philip talking to selected guests. We had tea on the huge lawn with the sun shining and then sitting by the lake, enjoyed a delicious ice cream. Our walking took us to the side of the Palace to see the amazing herbaceous garden and then we were lucky to see the Queen and Prince Philip return to the Palace through a side entrance. We finished the day by going to the theatre and arrived back at Grantham at 1am feeling very tired with sore feet but a memory to treasure."

THANK YOU!!! SUMMER FETE SUCCESS

A huge thank you to all of you who helped our summer fete in May be such a huge success. We managed to raise in total around £4,000 for the hospice funds.

Despite the threatening rain we were inundated with visitors, the barbecue was a storming success and our clown made sure that there were smiles all round. This year we had several local entertainers playing music, including Persiflage Saxophone Quartet, Chris Armson solo guitarist and Nigel Truman Classical guitarist.

Thanks to all who once again made this event our biggest fundraiser of the year.