

summer 2011

BeaumontHouse NEWS



News and Events from in and around Beaumont House Community Hospice

AMAZING SUPPORTERS



accompanied them as their support team throughout the cycling. Claire and Jenny also climbed the three peaks with Ben and Stuart.

A foot of snow on the top of Ben Nevis made it a tough start to the challenge. Weather conditions worsened on the trip south, with gale force winds cancelling all ferries onto and off the Isle of Arran. Back on the mainland, the wind continued to hamper progress causing Ben to have a fairly spectacular fall, one of three! Climbing Scafell Pike was a great rest from cycling and was very much needed.

Ben Wills and Stuart Dickinson's 3 Peaks Cycle Climb was a huge success. Despite horrendous weather conditions, the cycle-climb went ahead and was completed on time!

To date they have raised well over £6,500 for Beaumont House. The work of the Hospice is very close to Ben and best friend Stuart's hearts as Beaumont House cared for Ben's Mum (Sue Wills) who died there in 2009 from cancer of the brain aged 53.

The challenge involved Ben and Stuart climbing the three peaks, Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon and cycling a total of 500 miles between the three peaks. Ben and Stuart's fiancés, Claire Elington and Jenny Le Roi



Ben & Stuart made it to Wales on Friday, 27th May and walked Snowdon with 21 friends and family on Saturday, 28th May.

Ben said

'It has been a truly amazing experience and we have been amazed by the generosity and support of many people and businesses. Without whom we would not have been able to generate such an enormous amount of sponsorship.'

Some of our supporters will go to extraordinary lengths to help raise funds for Beaumont House.

We had four runners participate in the London Marathon; Tina Peet, Will Robson, Doug Unkles and Paul Zementas. Jamie Clarke flew to Boston, Massachusetts to participate in the Boston Marathon and Teresa Rollins participated in the Edinburgh Marathon.

A group from Flowserve and Yorkshire Bank have taken on the Three Peaks challenge this summer. Our very own Amanda Newcombe (Receptionist) beat the "Yorkshire Three Peaks". Stuart & Craig Willis completed the 190-mile "Coast to coast Walk" challenge. John "Della" Marum and Leonard Spratt beat the 30-mile "Trent Kayak Challenge".

These are just small samples of challenges that our supporters have beaten. Thank you to them and the people who supported them, either by sponsorship or logistically. If you are inspired and want to take on a challenge, speak to a member of the fundraising team to see how we can support your efforts.



A message from Patrick

More than just 32 London Road...

When talking to people I am always a little surprised that some think that Beaumont House is just 32 London Road. I hope the overview of how many people we supported during the past twelve months, including all our different services below, may help to dispel this misconception.

Over the last year 357 people were referred to the hospice and we now have over 400 registered patients, relatives and carers. One of our key priorities is to ensure that more people are able to stay in the comfort of their own homes which is exactly where they want to be. The number being supported at home has increased by 110% in the last twelve months.

A few other statistics:

Respite care – 1460 nights

Day care – 2680 episodes

Equipment loans – 418 items

Complimentary therapy sessions - 478

Benefits advice – generated £842,204 direct to patients and relatives

Carer and bereavement support groups 1338 sessions



Our new Resource and Information Centre on Stodman Street has supported over 200 people since it opened at the end of January this year – it's there for everyone so feel free to pop in you will be made very welcome.

Our strategy for the next five years has been agreed and in developing our strategic vision we have taken account of what patients and carers tell us, of NHS policy documents and directives and of the views of our supporters. We have also considered the growing needs of the local population, the combined effect of growth and increasing numbers of elderly people indicates a rise in the incidence of life-limiting illnesses and hence increased numbers seeking Beaumont House's services in the future.

In simple terms our vision has been developed to make all Beaumont House services accessible to more people in need of supportive care, to include patients, relatives and carers.

All of our services are provided free of charge to patients and their families and we continue to rely on the generosity of the local community to fund this care. The generosity of people shopping in our shops, taking part in our events, sponsoring their friends, making donations, planning their own fundraising and leaving gifts in their wills continues to amaze and inspire me.

On behalf of the board of trustees, patients, relatives and carers I express my sincere thanks to all of our supporters and to our fantastic team of staff and volunteers.

There are many charities working in this area but we know that Beaumont House touches many hearts across the Newark and Sherwood area. A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters who allow us to continue to provide supportive palliative care to patients with cancer and life limiting or terminal illnesses and their families.

With your continued help we can really make a difference to the lives of many people.

Trek of the Sahara

Beaumont House Trek of the Sahara 10 - 19 February 2012

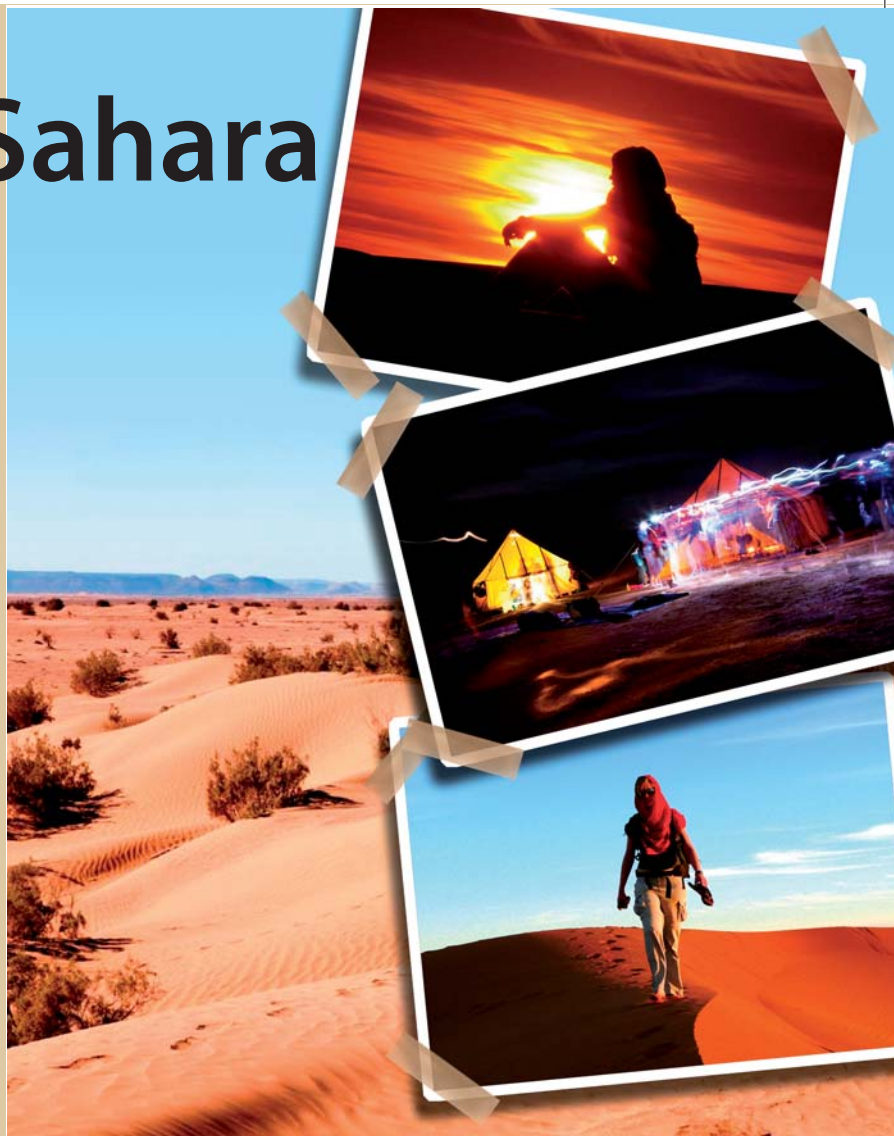
As part of the Beaumont House 25th year anniversary celebrations, we want to take 25 intrepid trekkers on an exceptional experience that will be remembered for a life time.

The Trek of the Sahara is our first overseas challenge and has been chosen for its "medium" level of challenge, meaning that almost any of our supporters could participate. It is a 10-day trip and includes time in the ancient city of Marrakesh, a wonderful drive to and from the desert and a 6-day trek in a very different, unique and challenging environment.

"There are no roads, no villages, no people, no ambient light at night, just total silence and a sea of sand. At night, you can even see the satellites zooming across the sky as you lay out in the open. This is the great Sahara Desert."

The experience is free to supporters who raise a minimum amount of sponsorship (deposit required) or can choose to pay for the experience with no minimum sponsorship required.

For more information about this trek, visit www.beaumonthouse.co.uk/Sahara or contact fundraising on 01636 610 556.



Do something amazing. See somewhere wonderful.

Day Care Patients' Day Trips

Our day care service provides care for over 60 patients, providing a day of activities and includes a three-course lunch, freshly prepared and cooked in our own kitchens by the catering staff. Recently, our patients have had the chance to go on a number day trips including a cruise the River Trent on the Newark Crusader, a trip to Lincoln Cathedral and lunch at Newark Town Club. Eva Carter said: *'I love coming to Beaumont House, but it's nice to do and see something different.'* The day trips are organised by the day care coordinators, Di Byrne and Wilma Robinson. Di commented: *'It's thanks to the volunteers who drive the mini bus and are on hand to assist, that we are able to*



put on the trips.' 'We have a few more day trips planned and it won't be long before we start taking the patients to Lincoln or to Downtown for their Christmas Shopping!' added Wilma.

Beaumont House provides 55 day care places each week (Monday to Friday). Last year, we provided 2680 patient days of day care at no charge to the patients or their families. For more information about our Day Care service, please contact Beaumont House (24 hours) on 01636 610 556



jazz in the garden

Jazz in the Garden returns with a slightly later date of Sunday, 18th September. The very popular event, hosted at Little Apples on London Road, is now in its seventh year. Bob Wilson and his band will entertain the jazz fans and a two-course fork buffet will be served by Zoe Appleton, facilities & catering manager at Beaumont House and her team.

Tickets are £18.50 and includes a reception drink, lunch and live entertainment. This event is one of our most popular events in the calendar and we recommend you reserve your places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! Contact a member of the fundraising team on 01636 610 556.

Brenda Dickinson



Congratulations to Beaumont House Volunteer, Brenda Dickinson, for winning the Newark Rotary Community Award. Brenda has volunteered at the Hospice for more than ten years and currently runs the Newark Magistrates Tea Bar with a team of volunteers to support Beaumont House.

We thank Brenda and all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to Beaumont House, without whom we would not run in our current form. If you would like to volunteer at Beaumont House, whether in the hospice, in fundraising or our shops, you are welcome to contact Beaumont House on 01636 610 556 for more details.



Redecoration Programme

We have commenced an internal redecoration programme at Beaumont House to maintain the very highest standards that we are known for. We are delighted to have been advised free of charge by Ian Kay who is a professional Interior Designer.

The first room that has been completed is the 'Blue Room.' We enlisted the skills of Malcolm Lamb - a friend and supporter of Beaumont House, who has decorated many times for us over the years. His attention to detail and dedication to quality workmanship has produced the very highest quality finish - the work of a true craftsman.

A few comments that have been made since the work was completed:

'I really like it and think it looks wonderful.

It makes such a difference to the room'

'Just to let you know the room looks really good:

it's light and welcoming and finished to perfection'

Ian Kay has just recently opened his new studio at 16 London Road where you can browse pattern books of wallpapers and fabrics and you can work with Ian on design schemes for your home or business. Ian works on projects of all sizes, from whole houses to a single room. With an extensive array of suppliers he can source furniture, lighting and accessories of all styles.

As ever the project has been managed very carefully to minimise the cost to the Hospice so the maximum amount of revenue can be directed into patient care.

Can I express my thanks to everyone who has been involved for their advice, support and generosity.

Patrick Fisher

OUR NEW MASCOT NOW HAS A NAME

After a "Name the Bear" competition, the judging panel selected "Sunshine" as the name of the Beaumont House Bear as named by James O'Connor and Holly Purveur.

David Buckler, a fundraising volunteer said "There were several hundred entries and we were overwhelmed with the response. It took us a while to get down to a shortlist and then "Sunshine" pretty much picked itself." Joanna Parlby, volunteer director agreed "The name "Sunshine" has many connotations; everyone smiles when they see the sunshine and our mascot is all about a sense of fun and happiness."

James and Holly will be joined by colour competition winners Emily Rowe, Hannah Sheldon, Daisy, Megan Thompson, Ellie Brealey, Jacob Orrey, Mary Gore & Amelka Nowatowska at a special Teddy Bears' picnic to meet Sunshine and be presented with their own Sunshine Bears.



Thank yous

Beaumont House requires in excess of £700,000 each year to continue to provide care to over 400 patients and support for their families. £500,000 is kindly funded by charitable donations from the public and business community. Thank you to the following who have chosen to support Beaumont House.

John 'Della' Marum & Gary Simpson - Bike ride from Newark to Skegness	1022.00
County Scene - 'Hangers for Hospice' Appeal	577.34
Steve Ayling - Indoor Bowls Tournament	1700.00
Bob Vickers - Scarecrow Trail	416.40
Mrs J Mumby - Royal Wedding Street Party	135.00
Maureen Tunnard - Sponsored 90 mile walk	296.08
Jordan Ellwood - Magnus 15 Mile Challenge	500.27
Toni Smith - Open Gardens	519.00
Rod Pyke & Heather Locke - Lord Nelson sponsored Diet/No Smoking	250.00
Emma & James West and Ashleigh Parker - Masquerade Ball	4643.03
Lesley Hare, Liz Rhodes & Pauline Rouse - Gardeners Lunch	1555.00
Louise Barnsdale - sponsorship for 100th Blood donation	510.00
Flintham Cricket Club - Cricket Lunch	1966.00

A special "Thank you" to the customers and staff at The Rose & Crown, Balderton for raising nearly £4,000 in memory of Mo Brown. At the request of The Rose & Crown, we have purchased new TVs, wireless headsets and digital radios for our patients to enjoy.

In February we received a generous donation of £11,000 from the estate of the late Margaret Joan Argyle. This donation has enabled us to purchase various items and equipment for use in the hospice for which we are extremely grateful.



John 'Della' Marum & Gary Simpson



Steve Ayling Indoor Bowls Tournament



Bob Vickers Scarecrow Trail Donation (Bob's on the right!)

Unfortunately due to space, we cannot publically acknowledge everyone in this newsletter. Your contribution however, is very important to Beaumont House and the patients we support.

If you would like to organise an event or challenge, please contact the fundraising team on 01636 610 556 or you can download a fundraising pack from www.beaumonthouse.co.uk



Spotlight on Jenny Wilson

Jenny has been a registered nurse for many years, working in a variety of clinical areas across a wide spectrum, has a wealth of cancer and palliative care experience and a degree in Oncology and Palliative Care Nursing. She has experience as a Community Macmillan Nurse, Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist and Palliative Care Ward Sister. Managerially Jenny has previous experience as a Director of Patient Services in a 12 bedded hospice and has line managed a large team of clinical services. This means she brings skills to the hospice that are needed to move it forward so that we can provide more care and support for the people of Newark and surrounding area.

Following a recruitment process led by the Chairman of the hospice Dr. Peter Jones, Beaumont House is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Wilson who has now taken up the role of Head of Clinical Services.

The vacancy came about due to Christine Smith moving to her new role as Macmillan Information Support Specialist at our Resource and Information Centre on Stodman Street.

Jenny is delighted to join the team at Beaumont House and is looking forward to ensuring that the standards of care will continue to be maintained. Clinical effectiveness will be a major part of Jenny's role and promoting 'Best Practice' to enable a co-ordinated approach for patients and families in the local area.

Jenny said "Having spent most of my working life as a nurse I continue to be very passionate about improving patient care and providing clinical leadership & guidance to ensure the hospice provides the very highest of standards. I am looking forward to working at the hospice and being part of a great team who will, I am sure, continue to provide a valuable service to Newark and the surrounding areas."

Sunflower Run for Fun 2011

Our second "Sunflower Run for Fun" took place on Wednesday 22nd June at the Newark Showground.

Despite the rain falling through the afternoon, 200 participants completed the 5km course by "sprinting, striding or strolling". We hope to raise around £10,000 which is equivalent to 125 patient days of day care, 500 hours of nursing care or 2,000 patient lunches.



The Sunflower Run for Fun was sponsored by Ambitions Personnel and supported by Boundary Sound, Inspired by Print and the Newark Showground. Wil Chung, Fundraising & Marketing Manager said: "Without the support of our sponsors we would find it very difficult to stage fundraising events of this magnitude. The support from the local businesses ensures that all of the funds raised go directly towards patient care at Beaumont House."



"Team Highfields Mums"

Claire Haggard of Ambitions Personnel commented "It is a privilege to be associated with Beaumont House. Their care and dedication to the local community is something to be proud of and Ambitions are honoured to be part of such a special event."



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