



CANCER CARE CLUB

January/February 2020 Newsletter

Here we are with Christmas and New Year behind us and Spring to look forward to. The Christmas Lunch at the Abbots Barton Hotel on 12 December was again a resounding success and probably the best one yet! Well done to all the staff at the hotel for making it such a success. We have our regular lunches at the Abbots Barton Hotel on the third Thursday of each month to look forward to. More on the Christmas lunch later in the newsletter

Christmas Lunch 2019

The Christmas Lunch was again held on Thursday 12 December at the Abbots Barton Hotel. There was as usual a very big raffle and all those in attendance enjoyed some marvellous food, which was probably the best food yet! A total of 62 people sat down to lunch. Emma and all the team at Abbots Barton Hotel worked very hard to serve us all in a very efficient and friendly manner and we have not had one negative comment! Thank you to all the Staff and Management at the hotel for such an enjoyable event. Below are some pictures of the event.

Christmas Lunch Pictures







The article below was oriented in the local press in December following our Christmas Lunch:

Once again, The Abbott Barton Hotel hosted our annual Christmas Luncheon and did so with aplomb. Our thanks go to the Management, the Chefs plus the Waiting and Reception staff for their hard work, pleasant nature and cooperation.

This event took place on Thursday 12th December and was attended by some 66 members and a tasty four course meal was well received by the members and their guests. The occasion was much enjoyed, and many guests went away loaded with items from a raffle that displayed more than more than 130 donated gifts. These ranged from a child's bicycle pristine in its packaging, electrical goods, soft toys, wine, games and so much more plus two delicious Apple Cakes prepared by club member Sue (a Shepherdess / Shepherd) who never fails to seduce and delight our taste buds with her baking. A big thank you goes also to all the other providers of gifts so generously donated.

This event however could not take place without the hard work put in all throughout the year by Nic Goodger, Daphne Woodcock, Malcolm & Sylvia Hodgson, Eve Twyford and their team of soldiers who would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Healthy, Happy 2020!

Abbots Barton Hotel Monthly Lunches

The lunches at Abbots Barton Hotel on the third Thursday each month are still as popular as ever, so please come along and meet all the other members for a bite to eat and a chat. Lunch costs only £3.50 per person. This is subsidised by the Club so is good value.

Raffle Prizes Wanted

If you have anything which could be donated as a raffle prize (an unwanted present that needs a good home)? We would be very glad to take it off your hands. If you need something collecting contact Daphne or one of the other Committee members to arrange this.

Thank you to all those that donated

Either through our collection tins or by other means. Without your help and support we couldn't continue with our work.

Unwanted Jewellery, Watches & Fountain Pens

If you have any of the above that you no longer need, we can raise money for the club by selling these. Either bring them along to one of our lunches or call Daphne on 01227 720631 who will be pleased to arrange collection.

Reminder: 'Donate Now' button on our website

To make it easier for people to donate to the Club if they want to support our activities, there is a 'Donate Now' button to the website. You can use PayPal, or a credit or debit card.

What has the Club been doing with its funds?

As you all know, we use a small amount of our funds to support social activities for our members. We use most of our funds to buy items for the Cancer Services at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital for the benefit of cancer patients.

Electrical hook up point at Tesco in Whitfield. We funded an electrical hook up point for use by the Hope for Tomorrow, mobile chemotherapy unit (Chemo bus). This allows those patients that are suitable, to receive their chemotherapy closer to home and takes pressure off the chemotherapy units at the main hospitals. The overall cost is £2871.08p We have paid this work which has been jointly funded by the club and our friends at the local Prostate Support Group who have paid £1500 of this cost. On behalf of all our patients and club members we wish to express our grateful thanks to the PSG for their support and generosity.

Future Projects. If you are aware of any other potential projects, you would like to see us support then please let a member of the committee know and we will take it forward. At our last committee meeting, we received a request from the Head & Neck team for the purchase of some 'Headlights' which are used by the clinicians while examining patients. We are awaiting the details of this but have agreed to fund the purchase in principle, at a cost of approximately £1000. We have received another request from the Oncology (Radiotherapy) department for the purchase of special support pillows., The approximate cost is £1000 and again we have approved this in principle, subject to further details.

Club Website

The Club website, www.cancercareclub.org, is a resource for both newly diagnosed patients and families and friends as well as those who have completed treatment. If you haven't already looked at it, please do so because we would really like to know what you think of it. We do our best to keep it up to date but as members you may like to see features, we have not included. There is a contact page if you would like to send the Webmaster a message. You can also donate online by using the '**Donate Now**' button.

Email Request

Please let us know if you have an email address, we can use to send you our newsletter, as this saves paper and postage, or if you change your email address, please let us know at hodgsonmg@gmail.com or tell one of the committee. Thank You.

Heather Morgan Fundraising

We are delighted to inform you that Heather held yet another 60/70's disco at the Deal Victoria & Barnes Close Cricket Club on Saturday 23 November 2019. Thanks again Heather for your sterling efforts in fundraising for us. The evening raised a marvellous £505 giving a total raised by Heather in 2019 of £1316. This is even more notable given the very difficult year Heather had in 2019. Look out for the 60/70's disco dates in the programme of events later in the newsletter.

Asda Collections Friday 1st May and Saturday 2 May 2020

With the kind permission of the Sturry Road branch of ASDA Supermarkets, our club will carry out another two-day charity collection in the foyer. *If you can spare an hour or two to help, then please contact Daphne on 01227 720631*

Asda Canterbury have very kindly included the Cancer Care Club in its 'Green Token' scheme. If you shop at Asda Canterbury please ask for your green tokens and put them in the Cancer Care Club section, so we stand a better chance of receiving the prize! Thank You.

Outings and events planned for 2020:

Outings:

29 March 2020 Thriplow Village daffodil outing £30 per person

6 May 2020 Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens £30 per person

19 May 2020 Horse Drawn Boat Canal Cruise including cream tea. £39.50 per person

9 June 2020 A visit to Harrods and afternoon tea at The Rembrandt Hotel £44 per person

26 June 2020 Blenheim Palace Flower Festival £47 per person

11 July 2020 Hampton Court Flower Show £59 per person

Events:

28 March 2020 Spring Fayre Whitstable United Reformed Church 9.30am to 1pm Daphne will have the cancer Care Club stall there.

1&2 May 2020 Asda Canterbury collection in the foyer of the store. Please come along and help if you can. Contact Daphne on 01227 720631 to offer your help.

15 May 2020 Heather Morgan's 60/70's disco and supper, dancing to 'Martins Mobile Disco'. Tickets £7.50 per person. Contact Heather on 01304 363710 to book your tickets.

13 June 2020 RNLI Garden Party 17 Grand Drive Herne Bay. Daphne will have the Cancer Care Club stall at this event.

19 June 2020 Richard Ovenden's Coffee Morning and Raffle and other items for sale. Entry £5 per person. To be held at 'Sunrise' Marshborough Road Woodnesborough.

1 August 2020 Cancer Care Club Summer Party. Abbots Barton Hotel Canterbury from 12 noon. £12.50 per person. Contact Daphne on 01227 720631 to book your places.

25/26 September 2020 Asda Canterbury collection in the foyer of the store. Please come along and help if you can. Contact Daphne on 01227 720631 to offer your help.

30 September 2020 East Kent Ploughing Match Eastry. Daphne is hoping again to have a stall at this event but this is subject to confirmation. Please call Daphne on 01227 720631 to check before attending.

7 November 2020 Christmas Sale at Whitstable United Reformed Church 9.30am to 1pm Daphne will again have her Cancer Care Club stall at this event.

21 November 2020 Heather Morgan's 60/70's disco and supper, dancing to 'Martins Mobile Disco'. Tickets £7.50 per person. Contact Heather on 01304 363710 to book your tickets.

2 December 2020 Christmas Part & Quiz Evening at the Cathedral Day Unit Kent & Canterbury Hospital at 7pm bring along a plate of food to share.

10 December 2020 Cancer Care Club Christmas Lunch and Grand Raffle. From 12 noon at the Abbots Barton Hotel Canterbury £22.50 per person. Contact Daphne on 01227 720631 to book.

Please contact Daphne on 01227 720631 if you are interested in any of the outings or events.

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We hope you enjoy this latest newsletter. We are always looking for interesting items to include. If you wish us to include anything then please let either Daphne or Malcolm know, and we will do our best to include in the next edition.

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