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Annual Report 2008



The start of the year welcomed the appointment of two new Trustees. Dawn Pearson, who is an active supporter for cancer based charities locally, and Janna Pugh, who works for Parkinson Wright Solicitors and is a member of the Vale Business Forum. Both being of great asset to The Trust.

Resigning as Trustee members were Mr David Turner (*Vice Chairman*) and M/s Tracey Simmons, both due to work commitments. We wish them well.

We are please to report that Mr Graham Bonson was re-elected as Chairman with Mrs Lynn Betts elected as The Trust's new Vice Chairman. Treasurer Zuzana Brotherton was also elected as a Trustee.

During the year it was decided it was time to move with the times and find someone to create a new informative website. After receiving a couple of quotes it was decided to use Sue Holton Web Services. Sue started work on the site at the later half of the year with its launch planned to take place in 2009.

It was a pleasant surprise when The Trust received a magnificent donation from Mike Challenger (Community Support Officer) of the Vale of Evesham Round Table for £2,035.00. This amount has purchased an electric bed and mattress for patients on the haematology ward at Worcester Royal Hospital.

The Trust's AGM was held at The Fleece Inn, Bretforton on Monday 19th May with Worcester Royal Hospital's Charge Nurse Peter James in attendance. Peter related how much he appreciated the equipment donated by the Trust. Peter said it made such a difference to a patient's wellbeing and treatment.

The Trust's Patron, Gordon Giltrap, returned in April for his annual fundraising two day concert at The Fleece Inn Bretforton. Nigel and Jenny Smith kindly provided the venue and local business 'the think tank' designed and printed the event programme free of charge This was a very special occasion as it was also Gordon's 60th Birthday. Gordon was pleasantly surprised to be given a special birthday cake made and donated

by Fiesta Cakes of Wickhamford and delighted to receive a silver plectrum presented to him by The Trust's Secretary and Trustee Mrs Debbie Edmondson.

Gordon's ever popular concert raised an amazing total of £2,160.28. Thank you Gordon!

The 21st of June saw the return of The Cheltenham Philharmonic Orchestra together with concert pianist Marcel Zidani at Number 8 Pershore. We are very grateful to Vale Piano's for providing us with such a magnificent Grand Piano for the event. The event was very successful raising £1,230.89. Orchestra members required refreshments after their afternoon rehearsal and just prior to the concert. It was not an easy job to quickly feed and water fifty plus hungry musicians in such a short period of time. Thank you to all who helped with this task especially those who stayed on to help man the concert that evening. It proved quite a challenge!

The free use of a unit for a book stall in Evesham Market, had always proved a very popular way to raise funds. Unfortunately a change of ownership resulted in the temporary closure of the market resulting in the loss of this stall. The books were subsequently removed and placed in The Trust's Charity Shop where happily book sales have increased. The shop sales, on the whole, fell during the year. This was mainly due to the disruption experienced by the building of a new shop unit in the arcade, resulting in much noise together with access to all shop fronts limited. Coupled with an economic recession nationally, the shop did well to survive such a negative time. Thank you to the shop volunteers who persevered through this difficult time.

It was very good news when The Trust heard it had a runner for the London Marathon, Mr Michael Edmondson. Michael did wonders by completing the course in a personal best and raising over £1,000.

During the year of 2008, The Trust donated 3 electronic beds together with special mattresses and purchased and delivered Christmas gifts to Worcester Royal City Hospital haematology patients.

Negotiations are presently in progress as to where The Trust can best benefit patients. There are numerous requests now under review.