

# Friends of Danesbury and QVM

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The summer months are finally upon us and what a wonderful way to start a new month, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Events were organised to take place at both the Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial hospitals to celebrate the occasion. Hopefully these helped lift the spirits of both patients and staff, as I know they work tirelessly in their job.

At the Queen Victoria Memorial hospital refurbishment is still under way, both patients and staff try to carry out their daily tasks in what can sometimes be rather challenging conditions. In total the refurbishment is estimated to take up to 6 months to complete. They are not quite halfway there yet. The Friends are trying to help as best as possible to provide them with any equipment that might help make life a bit easier during this period. We have already 'jazzed' up the courtyard with the hope that if the weather permits some of the patients might be able to enjoy the outdoors. We have also recently purchased a book trolley so that the patients may still be able to access a varied selection of reading materials from within their wards.



At Danesbury Hospital it is business as usual, preparations were made for a cream tea party for the patients and staff in honour of the Queens Jubilee. As always, the Hospital is still welcoming volunteers to help with the patients, if you have spare time and would be interested in volunteering, please do contact [rachael.ellis2@nhs.net](mailto:rachael.ellis2@nhs.net) / 07825930640.

Attached is a photograph of the Sorbus, Pink Pagoda tree which was planted at Danesbury as part of the Queens Tree Canopy scheme we look forward to it coming into full bloom!

Amongst all the Jubilee plans we are also pleased to report that our charity shop in Welwyn High Street is doing well, thanks to all of our supporters – whether buying from us or donating to us. We have been very pleased to say that the monthly takings are looking very promising under the current circumstances – in April we also had to close the shop for a week due to COVID, fortunately all those concerned were fine and we were able to re-open the store fairly quickly.

As always, your support is so greatly appreciated. Until the next edition we the Friends hope you had a wonderful Bank holiday and that you were able to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. It is without question that the Queen is an amazing person. Hats off to all those who power through the tough times and look for a brighter side to life.

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