

Friends of Danesbury and QVM

May 2022

It was once said, 'Easter is the only time when you can put all your eggs in one basket', with that in mind I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter and were able to spend some time with your loved ones and not overindulge too much!

At the Danesbury and QVM Hospitals the Friends are preparing for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. A profusion of red, white and blue bedding plants will be planted, as well as a tree to commemorate the occasion. In the meantime, more celebratory plans for both staff and patients are in the making. It is so important to the patient's rehabilitation for them to enjoy the gardens and to feel they are partaking in some normality especially after the past couple of years!

At QVM the Friends are to fund an update to the Courtyard with new wall art and plants. Hopefully the patients will continue to enjoy the outdoors within this tranquil enclosed area. The QVM recently received a donation of large print books for patient use. These were gratefully received. We welcome any donations of large print books you may have at the Danesbury charity shop in Welwyn.

The Friends will also be helping to fund a cosmetic refurbishment of the rehabilitation gym at Danesbury, which will be dedicated to Margaret Huggins, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Margaret was The Friends secretary for 27 years until she retired in October 2019. We have also recently agreed to fund the purchase of a couple of specialised wheelchairs for the physiotherapy department.

The hospitals are always looking for volunteers to help with the patients, if you are interested please do contact rachael.ellis2@nhs.net / 07825930640.



As has come to be expected, our shop in Welwyn had a wonderful Easter window display. No doubt the window displays have encouraged passers-by into the store, as our recent sale figures show.

We thank you for supporting us, the money made through our shop goes directly to both Danesbury & QVM, helping both staff and patients. If you weren't already aware, we also have an eBay site where we sell some of the more highly sought-after items, please do have a look as you never know what rare bargains you might find on there:

<https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/FRIENDS-OF-DANESBURY-AND-QUEEN-VICTORIA-MEMORIAL-HOSPITAL/185273>).

Thank you for taking the time to read our updates and wishing you and yours a happy and healthy month of May!

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