

News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

Summer should be well and truly with us now and in Welwyn we have recently had all the fun and excitement of the Festival Week. Along with many other charitable organisations, the Friends of Danesbury have had their usual stalls both in the Street Market and on Singlers Marsh for the Fun Day – two very different events which both say so much about what makes Welwyn such a delightful village to live in.

We had some lovely things donated for our stalls, new household items, bric-a-brac and gifts as well as some gorgeous teddies and other toys. I had the utmost difficulty stopping myself from buying them! We are most grateful to everyone who supported us on those two days, both by donating and visiting our stalls. A big thank you also to our volunteers who put in so many hours hard work both behind the scenes in getting everything ready and in selling on the day.

More generally I am happy to report that our charity shop in the High Street continues to do well – it is so kind of everyone to donate their pre-loved clothes and other items to us. The patients in Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital really appreciate the treats and other items which we are able to provide for them with the money we raise. The Friends also sell some of the more special donated items on Ebay at: <https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/FRIENDS-OF-DANESBURY-AND-QUEEN-VICTORIA-MEMORIAL-HOSPITAL/185273> so do take a look.

The gardens in the beautiful hospital grounds are now flourishing – the setting looking over the hills to Ayot St Peter is so special and the flowers and other plants that the Friends have been able to supply really add to the enjoyment of both patients and staff.

Finally thank you to all of you who voted for the Friends Charity shop in the recent Oscars – it means so much to us.

I hope you all enjoy a very happy summer break where ever you are, and thank you for all your support.

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