

News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals

I do hope that you managed to see the Valentine's Day window in our charity shop in Welwyn High Street. This was dressed by our shop manager Georgia with her usual flair – I was especially struck by the shocking red lingerie under a black leather coat but there were other more conventional items – hearts, bottles of champagne and various goodies which could be purchased in the shop. Georgia has a particular talent for window dressing and her displays are always worth looking at.

As many of you will know our shop has the huge advantage of having Brian King and Heather Knappett behind the counter. With a joint age of 174 they are truly amazing. Both have been selling in the shop for very many years in the different premises occupied by the charity in the High Street. Our other important resource which you may be less familiar with are our volunteers. They maybe in the shop but are also often behind the scenes sorting out and pricing donations and making sure the shop is continually stocked with attractive high quality clothes, shoes, china and glass and other items. You may have noticed that there is always an excellent stock of items of jewellery under the glass counter in the shop – these items are sorted, cleaned and priced by a volunteer with long experience in the trade and we are most grateful for her expertise. One of the special features of our shop is that there is always a wide range of different items of jewellery at very reasonable prices.

As the proceeds of sales in our shop fund the activities and items which we are able to provide for the patients in Danesbury and the QVM hospital we are most grateful for your continued support in both donating and buying – a very ecological solution which benefits everyone. You may not appreciate that we rely totally on good quality donations from members of the public – as a small charity we do not have access to new clothes and other goods no longer needed by the larger stores.

As the days lengthen and the weather improves Spring is just around the corner. We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope to see in our shop soon.

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