

## **News from Danesbury and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospitals**

You may remember that in the February Magazine I spoke about the very significant donation the trustees of the Friends of Danesbury and the QVM hospitals had been able to make by agreeing to fund a four year lease purchase by the NHS of a new Renault Trafic minibus for use by the patients. I am very happy to be able to report that this has now been delivered and both the patients and staff of the two Welwyn hospitals are delighted. You will see from the smiling faces of the three members of staff how pleased they are. [insert photo]

When this donation was under consideration the lead physiotherapist at Danesbury explained that a vehicle dedicated to patient transport was so beneficial to both the staff and the patients themselves in providing flexibility and enabling therapy teams to organise community visits effectively. As I explained before, agreeing to the cost of the lease at £10,000 per year for four years was only possible because our shop in Welwyn High Street is so successful and this is entirely down to all you who support us – so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The spring has been so glorious this year, even if rather cold and rainy – the primroses and daffodils have seemed especially beautiful and everything looks so new and fresh. We can now look forward to warmer months and being able to enjoy outside events including the Welwyn Festival from 22nd to 30th June when the charity will have stalls both in the High Street and on Singlers Marsh. We look forward to seeing you then and before in our charity shop. In the meantime we hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Easter.

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