

Hannahs News – June 2019

Welcome

It is turning out to be a busy summer for everyone at Dame Hannahs. The weather has been mixed but it has not stopped our young adults enjoying their outdoor trips while the children have been enjoying some interesting activities. Our wonderful fundraisers have continued to amaze us with their dedication, hard work and daring challenges.



Marian's 60 Years

We would all like to say a huge thank you to Dame Hannahs supporter Marian Vanstone who has been volunteering for the charity for 60 years and raised over £200,000! Supported by her late husband Wal and sons Graham and Trevor, Marian has become a much loved, dedicated and hard-working member of the Dame Hannahs family.



Country Caper

Join us for a fun family day out in the beautiful grounds of Kitley House Hotel, Yealmpton and help raise vital funds for Dame Hannahs. Our Country Caper takes place on Sunday 29 September at 10am. Bring along family and friends and enjoy a walk around the stunning grounds of Kitley. All walkers will be given a goody bag of snacks and at the end of the walk there will be hot food and drinks with lawn games for all ages in the elegant hotel garden. This is a great opportunity to walk around a lovely private estate which is not normally open to the public. Special thanks to Kitley for all their support and to Vintage Fun and Games Hire for sponsoring the event.



Pooh Sticks

Our Hannahwood dog walkers always enjoy their weekly visits to Burrator Reservoir and getting involved in outdoor activities. Recently they had a particularly fun time playing Pooh Sticks!

Animal Encounters

Our children in Hannah Avenue had a wonderful time recently getting up close to some reptiles and unusual animals which were brought in to Dame Hannahs by Chris Johnson from Animal Encounters.



Wet Walks

Although the weather has been disappointing for June, our dog walkers have continued to get out and about around Devon. They spent a very blustery but enjoyable day exploring the beautiful grounds of Mount Edgumbe recently.



Marble Fun

The children have been enjoying the lovely new marble panel which is great for fine motor stimulation and sensory input. The funds for this item were raised by therapy assistant Beverley.



Drummers

Our Hannahwood musicians have been making really good progress in their weekly drumming sessions as well as having great fun!



Roger Wing Walks for Helen

Supporter and parent Roger Stedman has bravely signed up to do a Wing Walk in aid of Dame Hannahs. Roger is the father of Helen who has been resident at Dame Hannahs for nine years. Roger lives in Plymouth and spends two days a week with Helen and her friends in Ivybridge. They are always going for walks as Helen loves meeting people as well as spending time together in Hannahwood Mews where Helen lives. Roger said “Taking part in the Wing Walk was an easy decision as Dame Hannahs is a fantastic charity and a cause very close to my heart. Helen is very happy and has developed a lot since she started at Dame Hannahs”. Roger will be joining Rosy Holland for the Wing Walk at Bodmin Airfield on July 16. To support Roger visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wingwalkforhelen>



Big Knit

Staff and young adults in Hannahwood presented a wonderful collection of hand knitted gifts and blankets to representatives from Barnardo's Children's Centres in Plymouth recently.



Saltash Regatta

Our fundraising team enjoyed meeting so many visitors of all ages on our stand at the Saltash Regatta last weekend. Everyone had fun playing games and finding out more about our wonderful charity.



Wedding Dress Winner

Jamie Graham, owner of Ti Amo Bridal Shop in Ivybridge, announced the winner of her raffle in aid of Dame Hannahs. The lucky winner of the £2000 wedding dress was Trinet Edwards who entered the draw on behalf of her close friend and bride-to-be Bethany Dobinson.



New Community Fundraiser

We are delighted to welcome back Debbie Lumsdon to our Fundraising Team! After 7 years away she is very excited to be taking on her new role as Community Engagement Officer. She has already been out in the community meeting new groups and people who are keen to support us and re-engaging with past supporters. And she is having a lovely time catching up with so many familiar faces at Dame Hannahs!



Join Beverley on Sahara Trek

Do you have a bucket list, big birthday or just love adventure? Sign up to Dame Hannahs' biggest challenge yet. The Sahara Trek takes place 16-23 February 2020 and will be a life-changing experience. Rediscover true adventure in the awe-inspiring Sahara Desert on this five day 100km trek. Beverley Wilson, therapy assistant at Dame Hannahs, has already signed up and is busy fundraising to help fund her place on the expedition. To support Beverley visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beverley-ash>



Sing to Raise

Take Part in Dame Hannahs' Sing to Raise initiative during 2019 and make a difference in your community! Get your choir, band, singing group or friends together and hold a musical event for Dame Hannahs. Organisers of the Stoke Gabriel Community Concert Series have already signed up and we were delighted to benefit from the recent concert given by Sam Massey (trumpet) and Ian Curror (organ). If you need help or advice with your ideas please do get in touch.



Summer Draw

Enter our Summer Draw to be in with a chance of winning £1000!

Fundraising Events

Look out for us at the following shows:

July 13 Ivybridge Lions Fun Day – Health and Wellbeing Stand

July 31 Yealmpton Show – Cakes and Jams Stand