

February E-Newsletter

Welcome

With 2026 now well underway our residents have been enjoying a wide variety of activities, outings and celebrations. Despite the relentless rain everyone has been in good spirits. We have been celebrating with long standing members of staff and volunteers. Our Fundraising Team have been busy planning and we are looking forward to some interesting and enjoyable fundraising events over the next few months.

Charity Luncheon

There are still a few tickets left for our Charity Luncheon on Tuesday 24th March. We hope you can join us for a delicious two-course lunch and an intriguing talk about one of literature's most adored detectives!

'Agathologist' [Dr Mark Aldridge](#) will be sharing insights into Agatha Christie's spinster sleuth Miss Marple. Drawing on research undertaken for his book [Agatha Christie's Marple: Expert on Wickedness](#), Mark will be sharing the inside story of St Mary Mead's famous detective.

There will be a selection of gift stalls to browse from 11am and lunch will be served at 12.30pm. To book tickets visit our website.



Thank You Graham

We all got together recently to say a huge thank you to Graham for all his wonderful volunteering and dedication over the last eight years. He has spent many hours driving our adults on outings as well as reading to them during quiet moments. He is very much part of the Dame Hannahs family. Thank you Graham!

We are hugely grateful to all our volunteers and are always looking for more. If you are interested in volunteering for Dame Hannahs please visit our website.



Loyal Supporters

We are very lucky to have a dedicated and hard working Ivybridge Supporter Group. All the group members have been fundraising volunteers for Dame Hannahs for many years. They have all spent many hours helping out at our fundraising events, organising their own events as well as sewing beautiful gifts and baking hundreds of delicious cakes.



It was lovely to welcome some of the members recently to catch up and to make some exciting plans for the year.



Valentine's Ball

Everyone had a wonderful time at our Valentine's Ball. Friends exchanged Valentine's cards that they had made themselves. There were some wonderful outfits and decorations and everyone had fun dancing. They all really enjoyed getting together to celebrate this special day.



Tasty Competitions

Everyone loves an excuse to get creative in the kitchen and to join in competitions. Recently we celebrated National Chocolate Cake Day. Each bungalow was set a challenge to make their own chocolate cake. They all did an amazing job so much so that there were four joint winners. All of our adults had a great time using the switch to mix and decorate their cakes. There was also a cookie decorating competition between the bungalows with some wonderful entries. The bonus of these competitions is that everyone gets to do some tasting afterwards!



Bingo Fun

It was lovely to see our activity hall packed for our February Bingo Night. There were a lot of lucky prize winners and everyone enjoyed the half-time refreshments and raffle. Our monthly Bingo Nights are proving very popular with all the regulars and it is also good to welcome some new faces each month. Our next Bingo Night is on Friday 13th March.



The Box Visits

More groups have been visiting [The Box](#) over the last month. They really enjoyed exploring the exhibits and learning all about the history of Plymouth. The visits were both fun and interesting and they enjoyed the interactive experience.



Christmas Fayre Stallholders

Bookings for stallholders wishing to take part in our Christmas Fayre are now open. We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 14th November.

Now that 2026 is well underway it is never too early to get things in the diary and have something to look forward to later in the year.

If you would be interested in having a stall at this year's event, you can download the booking form on our website.



Yoga and Dance

Everyone really enjoys their weekly Yoga and Dance sessions. It is a lot of fun and so good for everyone to be moving and stretching to the music. Winnie from [Far Flung Dance Theatre](#) leads the sessions and is really good at getting everyone involved and asking them to make their own choices of movements.



Line Dancing

Our regular Line Dancing sessions, led by our Activities Co-ordinator Lou, are very popular. All our cowboys and cowgirls have really been getting the hang of the moves. It is a fun activity in which everyone can join and have fun with their friends. They all really enjoy and benefit from musical activities.



Long Service

Congratulations to Theresa who has recently celebrated being at Dame Hannahs for 20 years. Theresa works as a support worker in Arthur and loves working with the residents there. We are lucky to have so many dedicated and hard working members of staff like Theresa supporting our adults across the organisation. Some have been with us for a long time but we also have many new members of staff who have recently joined and are already making a difference. If you are interested in becoming a support worker at Dame Hannahs visit our website.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers and fundraisers for all their dedication and hard work.

If you would like to get involved please contact supportus@discoverhannahs.org

