

# DAY CENTRE BENEFACTORS

## ACTIVITIES APRIL-JUNE 2009

I am writing to update you on what we have achieved so far, in the few short months we have been going, and what we have organised for the next few months. We have held very successful dinners at the Berystede and the Jade Fountain, and many benefactors attended the services and musical evenings last year at Holy Trinity Church, Sunningdale, which were on behalf the Day Centre.

Our target of 100 Benefactors and £10,000 raised for the Day Centre has been comfortably exceeded! We have 108 Benefactors and have raised £22656 for the Day Centre; with Gift Aid that will take us to £25,724 raised. This huge amount raised to put the Day Centre on a sound financial operating basis is largely due to the high profile we have given the Day Centre through the Benefactors Club, which has prompted a number of individuals and companies to come forward to support the Day Centre directly. I will report back at our Pimms Party/ AGM at the Day Centre in July (see later), but your generosity, and that of local individuals and companies, has enabled us to put the Day Centre on a proper financial basis. I hope that in July you will be able to see the improvements we have made to the ladies' and, especially, the disabled toilets, and I hope you will be able to sit on the new chairs we are purchasing, which are desperately needed!

Let me tell you about our upcoming events.

- On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** Waitrose, London Road, Sunningdale, is kindly sponsoring a **Wine and Cheese tutoring evening**. This will be great fun, non-competitive, with Waitrose experts tutoring us in a selection of red and white wines and accompanying cheeses. There is a nominal charge of £5 per head. It is from 7:30pm to 9pm, in their staff restaurant above the store. I hope you can come; it will be a fun evening. Please see the attached flyer, Beverley Williams has the tickets for sale.
- **The Winkfield May Day Fair** is donating all profits this year to the Day Centre. It is on **May 4<sup>th</sup>**, the early May Bank Holiday, from 1200 at Carnation Hall. It will be a lovely family day out, with all the usual fair attractions, and will include all the grounds of Carnation Hall plus a marquee for extra events.
- The **Ascot Charitable Trust** has nominated the Day centre as a beneficiary, along with Barnados, of its annual Ascot Charitable Ball, on **Saturday 6th June at Trunkwell House**. This is one of the highlights of the summer and is a very special event. We will put together several tables of ten. Please email me with the number of tickets you require and the names of your guests so I can be sure to get the seating plan right. I attach a very tempting flyer!
- On **Thursday 11th June** we are running a fabulous garden tour to two very special, private gardens, **Barnsley House and Cerney House Gardens**, with a delicious lunch at the Village Inn, under the management of Barnsley House. This is likely to be very popular so first come first served! Elvira Fletcher is taking bookings for this day out.

Lastly, I will later on send more details of our summer Pimms Party and AGM, at the Day Centre, but for now please put in your diary **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6:60 pm to 8:30pm, at the Day Centre**.

On behalf of the Day Centre, thank you for your support everybody. We are helping the elderly of our neighbourhood in a very practical way, and having fun at the same time!

Regards, Geoff Donovan

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