



DAY CENTRE BENEFACTORS

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Dear

It was just last July that we launched the Day Centre Benefactors Club, to safeguard the future of this much loved and appreciated home from home for the elderly of Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of Benefactors and offers of help for the Day Centre.

Your membership and enthusiastic support of our events means that the Day Centre has ended its financial year with a positive balance, which is wonderful. Also, the increased profile we have given to the Day Centre in the local press has generated many further donations by local residents and businesses (we shall report these in full at the AGM). Consequently, we have provided funding towards two much needed projects which are about to commence - the remodeling of the ladies toilets, with a separate disabled toilet, and the replacement of the thirty year old armchairs in the sitting room. Insufficient funds had previously prevented these improvements, which the Day Centre are now delighted to implement. So, funds generated by the Benefactors have already made an enormous difference.

I hope you will feel able to continue your support of the Benefactors Club by donating £100 for the coming year. We have set up our events for next year, including 'Hot Mikado' and supper at the Watermill Theatre, and our annual dinner at the Royal Berkshire Hotel. Membership cards, with a full programme for 2009 – 2010, will be distributed at the start of our new year on July 1st.

Please find enclosed a Standing Order form for membership renewal of the Benefactors Club which we would ask you to complete and forward to your bank. This will greatly ease our administrative load. However if you prefer please send a cheque for £100 made payable to "Day Centre Benefactors" to me at the above address. If any of your friends or acquaintances might be interested in becoming a Benefactor please ask them to contact me.

After the first lottery draw in October at the Inaugural Dinner, more than 50% of the prize money was returned! Many Benefactors have asked that, now we are established as a Club, the lottery should not be held in future, preferring all funds to go directly to the Day Centre. This is sensible, so the lottery will not be continued next year. The final lottery draw for 2008-09 will be held at the Party/ AGM on July 1st with a first prize of £500, a second prize of £300 and a third prize of £200.

To celebrate the success of our first year, and the start of the second year of our Benefactors Club, **we invite you to a complimentary Pimms and Canapés party on the evening of July 1st at the Day Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.** Our **AGM** will also be held that evening when our examined accounts will be presented in full. **Please do come along and join us!**

Best Regards,

Geoff Donovan (Chairman)