



NORTHAM LODGE

A Devon Charity for people with physical and learning disabilities

Spring Newsletter

The Santa Band played their hearts out for us

Grateful thanks to St John's Garden Centre in Barnstaple whose Santa Band played Jazz for us for the five weeks up to Christmas and who raised £2,500.00 towards our residents' holidays. The fundraising team visited St John's on March 12th when we were presented with this splendid cheque by Nick Oliver, St John's Managing Director.

Other fundraising events that have generously helped Northam Lodge recently have been a talk by David Ogle, the uncle of Sophie Luxton, whose trip to Mali in a car costing only £100 helped raise £800 for us.

The West Quay fundraisers were once again generous this year giving us £500 raised by an auction, a swim on New Years Day (Brrr!) in front of the Beaver and Royal George pubs in Appledore among other events.



Royal North Devon Golf Club hosts Fundraising Quiz Night in aid of Northam Lodge

The Royal North Devon Golf Club holds a regular Quiz Night, and this month they very kindly did so in aid of Northam Lodge. The evening was a huge success and £542 was raised through a raffle, an auction and donations.

The response was great and we managed to get together about 10 teams and the Club had their regular teams so it was a very full house. A big thank you to all those who took part.

Barry Mason and David Hunter were excellent Quizmasters and led us through a series of questions, some rather difficult, some relatively easy and some whose answers were very interesting, like the fact that slugs have 4 noses. We all enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the Club's kitchen staff and were generally very well looked after. We are hoping that this event will be repeated next year, so watch this space!

Evening River Cruise On the MS Oldenburg 2010

After last years huge success on the MS Oldenburg it is back by popular demand

Tickets are on sale now. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Congratulations and well done to Louise Tippett who successfully ran the Taunton Marathon in 4 hours and 20 minutes on Sunday 11 April in aid of Northam Lodge

A new fundraising idea.....

Some time last year we had a plant sale in the Pannier Market in Bideford, and while there we made contact with award winning photographer, Graham Hobbs. As a result of this fortuitous meeting Graham came to Rose Hill to talk to us about turning some of his photographs into cards to sell at various fundraising events.

Graham then very kindly gave us a selection to choose from and the result is a set of 5 images turned into greeting cards, which are blank inside for your own messages.

These are available to buy from Rose Hill, and then at our annual fundraising events such as the Fete, the MS Oldenburg and the Christmas Fair.

Buy your Northam Lodge greeting cards now

£1.10 each or the set of 5 for £5.00.

Thank You's

Our fundraising has been very successful this year. We have been supported by lots of individuals who have made donations or held events for Northam Lodge. I have listed below some of the organisations that have been most generous over the last year and I would like to thank all our supporters for the huge difference they make to our work.

Bideford Bridge Rotary
Bideford Lions Club
Bideford Rotary
Bideford WI
Braunton Rotary
Clare Milne Trust
Elizabeth & Prince Zaiger Trust
FLC Flowers
Instow Parish Council
John Andrew Trust
St Johns Santa Band
Torridge District Council
West Quay Fundraisers

Curry Lunch in January

Lexi Corkery cooked us a meal of gargantuan portions, and all agreed that the curry was without doubt ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS. It was also very authentic with loads of side dishes including sliced banana, fried raisins and onions, eggs and nuts. and of course mountains of basmati rice.

After that it was seriously difficult to find room to attack the puddings. And what an array there was - so many good people had made their own favourite pud's and donated them to the cause. But find room we did.

David told us about his trip! And the money raised, through various Rotary Clubs, for both David's trip and the Curry lunch came to a massive £800 plus. Fantastic!

Lisa's 40th Birthday Celebrations

Lisa would like to thank all the staff and residents of Northam Lodge for making her 40th birthday such fun with Clowns and Magic. She had a lovely time there were so many clowns it was as good as being at the Circus.

The food provided and the lovely cake and presents were much appreciated as well.

Lisa's 40th didn't end there, she came home to Exeter and had a family party on Saturday afternoon with Sisters, Aunties, Cousins, Great Nephews and Nephews etc, 45 altogether.

In the evening well over 100 attended a Disco party of Lisa's old school friends, Exeter Respite and Day Centre friends and staff as well as friends from Northam Lodge, some with their carers.



Lisa Brand is 40

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If any of our Friends have email addresses we would be really really grateful if you could let Annabel know - via email to annabelcope@northamlodge.co.uk
It makes it easier for us to keep in touch with you and it is a lot cheaper too.

Staff News

Our teams all work with great skill and dedication and their commitment ensures our work can continue and that our quality of care flourishes.

A big hello and welcome to: Anne Marie Kersey, Katy Kerley, Tad Drogomirecki, Jodie Tillier, Victoria Witney, Patrick Jenkins, Jade Lewis, Chris Mitchell, Carla Mack & Emma Martin

We say goodbye to: Tom Gleeson, Barbara Shapland, Ross Mainnie, Jackie Mainnie, Sherece Paice & Sarah Upfold

Good luck to Kerry Land who is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Erin Moores on the safe arrival of baby Alfie.

And finally, congratulations to the following staff that have attained new qualifications: Adrian Brooks - PAT Testing, Hayley Eastman, Suree Pickard & Miriam Lamey - Pro-drive, Kally Batten & Rob Neal - Learning Disability Qualification Award (Induction) Tracey Found & Lizzie Dennis - NVQ 2 & Gail Baguley - NVQ 3



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Calling All Volunteers!

As many of you now know Tom Gleeson has now moved on to pastures new, and I will now be recruiting and supporting volunteers as part of my role. If you have any questions about how to become a volunteer or getting more out of your placement at Northam Lodge please feel free to contact me.

All at Northam Lodge and Rose Hill are now looking forward to spring and summer, and with summer comes the Summer Fete. As in previous years we are hoping that our volunteers step forward to come and help out either setting up, clearing down or manning a stall, if you think you could manage an hour or two we would be most grateful for your help. Last year was a great success and everyone who joined in had a fabulous time. If you think you could help please give me a ring, **WE NEED YOU!!!**

We would like to warmly welcome Sheila Cain, Val Ridley, Sarah Ward and Catherine Pine to our team of fantastic volunteers. Our volunteers participate and run a variety of activities including pottery, music, gardening and dance classes, if you think you would like to become a

volunteer please give me a call and find out how you can get involved.

Northam Lodge also provide a variety of training days including Health and Safety, First Aid and Manual Handling, these training days are provided free of charge to our volunteers. If you would like to attend any courses please let me know and I can tell you what we have to offer and when.

Leila Eastman , Volunteer Co-ordinator

Future Events

Summer Fete at Rose Hill
Saturday July 10th

MS Oldenburg Cruise
Friday July 30th

Bideford Water Festival
Sunday August 8th

Bideford Carnival
September (Date to be confirmed)

Northam Lodge Christmas Fair
Saturday November 27th

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