



Les Bourgs Hospice What's on Newsletter Autumn 2016

Upcoming events



30 Runs in 30 days - The final 3030 event for 2016 will be the ever popular runs which will be held from 1st October until 30th October and, as with the other events, you will plan to run 15 hours in 30 days, either 30 minutes a day or as best suits you. Registration is £10 for adults and £5 for children and this is not a race, just a way to make the most of the evenings before winter sets in!

Clarins Night at Creaseys - Creaseys Department Store are hosting a Clarins night in the store on Tuesday 4th October from 1830 until 2030hrs £10 a ticket including drinks and canapes. £5 of your ticket prices will be going to Les Bourgs Hospice and the other £5 will be redeemable against your purchased on the night. During the event ladies will be introduced to new Clarins products and there will be a large range of Christmas sets available to purchase. There will be drinks, snacks, a Raffle with prizes from Clarins and Creaseys as well as a thank you gift with all purchases of Clarins products. Tickets are available from the Clarins counter at Creaseys.

World Hospice Dinner – This is on Saturday 8th October at St Pierre Park and we are celebrating our 25th Birthday with a Great Gatsby party, a night of entertainment and glamour! Tickets are £40 each and include a three course meal and entertainment. Contact lizhodder@yahoo.com for tickets, which are selling out fast, there are only 2 tables of 10 left.

World Hospice Day 2016
Friends of Les Bourgs Hospice

A 'Great Gatsby' Party
Celebrating 25 years of Les Bourgs Hospice

A night of entertainment and glamour!

Saturday 8th October 2016
St Pierre Park Hotel
6:00pm 'til 12:00am

£40 (forty pounds) a ticket, tables of 10
Contact lizhodder@yahoo.com for tickets

Dress code: Black Tie

Drinks reception - Three course meal - Magician- DJ - Raffle
Please note that you will still be charged if you cancel within one week of the event
(this is due to charges which are incurred by us)



Light up a Life – Our annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 11th December this year from 1730hrs. The Medical Specials Group Choir will entertain guests prior to the service and the service will be led by Rev Claire Claxton. Everyone is welcome, parking will be at Waitrose in the Rohais and a bus will provide transport from there to Les Bourgs Hospice. Only limited disabled parking is available onsite by prior arrangement with Trish De Carteret on 210329.

All our events are available for registration via our website: www.lesbourgshospice.org.gg or information is available by contacting Trish De Carteret, Fundraising Administrator by: Email: trish@lesbourgs.com or by phone: 210329

Fundraising news:

The Robert Brothers by Graham (Bonnie) Robert



We are delighted to be both selling and beneficiaries of a book which has been written by Graham (Bonnie) Robert about his time as a performer in Guernsey from the 1940s until the 1990s, he introduces the book as follows:

"I was pleased to put pen to paper, so that islanders, in future years, will remember what went on from the forties through to the nineties in Guernsey" "All the stories are true and happened, and would be forgotten, or never again remembered, so I have written about them so they will not be lost forever.

All stories and jokes in this book are Without Prejudice and all profits from this book are for Les Bourgs Hospice.

Along with my brother, Ivan, we created a record of appearing in 50 summer shows in the Island! As well as being resident band, we appeared in twenty summer shows at the Hotel Beaulieu for Baron Pontin, also playing in the shows at the Whitewoods Hotel, Vilette Hotel, the Albany, the Savoy, appearing with many famous groups and comedians, all this highlighted with our two performances with the one and only "Beatles".

This unique journey through Guernsey musical history is available to purchase for £10 from the Hospice Website, Shop or Reception.

Haye Du Puits open Garden

This beautiful garden was opened for us in July and raised £4800 for Les Bourgs Hospice, thank you so much to everyone who came and to everyone who made cakes, supported the raffle and helped on the day, it was a real team effort by everyone which made it a great success. Special thanks to the Family at the Haye Du Puits and all their friends for helping on the day, making the gardens look amazing and for opening their beautiful gardens up to raise money for us, we had a fabulous day.



Mongol Rally – Tom Gaudion and Michael Hart

Tom and Michael have driven for 53 days, covering 12,000 miles, had to give 5 bribes, had only one flat tyre, 2 breakdowns, collected 2 hitchhikers and covered 21 countries and have made it to the finish line all in their 1.1L Fiat Panda which has kept them safe across mountain, deserts and some of the hardest terrain you can imagine. After that mammoth drive, they are now taking, a somewhat quicker and less challenging, route back home.

They departed on 17th July from Goodwood Park in the UK and have travelled through: Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Mongolia to arrive at the finish line in Russia on 9th September. Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported them and especially huge thanks to the guys for supporting us with their post university challenge, I have really enjoyed following their experiences. More details on our website. You can still sponsor them via our website.



Volunteer Opportunities:

We are looking for volunteers who are able to help drive our larger van, help with recycling and collecting of goods. You must hold a current driving license and be physically fit for this role.

We are also looking for regular volunteers who may have a few hours free to help with clothes sorting at the shop to help us keep on top of our donations and get the stock onto the shop floor.

If you can help with these roles or are interested in volunteering at the shops or the Hospice please contact Vanessa at Vanessa@lesbourgs.com or call her on 210322.

Staff and Volunteer changes:

Retirement:

Jack Honeybill, Chairman of the Friends of Les Bourgs Hospice is retiring and Tony Creasey writes this about him:

“The Hospice started in 1991 very much due to the generosity and hard work of Greville and Lisa Mitchell and a group of Governors committed to get Les Bourgs established as Guernsey’s Hospice.

Fund Raising started at that same time as it was clear from the outset that funding from the States of Guernsey would not be forthcoming. Looking back over the 25 years it is difficult to imagine those days, the nursing staff in particular took a huge leap of faith, many had been on well paid jobs with the Board of Health (now HSC) yet they were joining an organisation that may or may not have been able to pay next month’s salary! It was very much a week by week existence with every penny collected a vital part of those early days of financial concerns.

The Friends of Les Bourgs Hospice was started by enthusiastic supporters and events started that provided fun for participants and funds for the organisation. A shop premise in the Lower Pollet was started and slowly but surely the donations continued to accrue. Nevertheless, it was about survival and being able to pay the bills and wages on time.

At one function Jack nailed his colours to the mast in a speech that made the people of Guernsey wake up to the commitment the Hospice required from Islanders. Noting that no direct funding came from the Board of Health (or any other part of the States of Guernsey) he called for Islanders to join the Friends for a fee of £12 per annum. Large numbers responded and the Hospice was able to be reassured of an income each year as well as providing a database of supporters who may be attracted to the activities organised by The Friends.

More than 20 years later the Island can boast a new Hospice building but with the same level of dedication and nursing care provided by the staff to the patients and their families that has become the foundation of the Hospice since day one. Indeed a Hospice with Royal Patronage after The Prince of Wales opened the new building.

Of course the need for fund raising is never ending (with funds of over £1m per year to be raised), and Jack and his committee have been tireless in doing their bit year on year. The list of events is far too long to mention event by event, but each year the mix of activities means there is something going on practically every month and often significantly more regularly. Rocque to Rock cycling, Open Gardens, Flag Days, Balls, BBQ's and parties, trips to Jethou, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Concerts etc. etc. One particular stand out effort that Jack spent hours and hours dealing with was the £1m lotteries. Said quickly this was a simple idea and raised hundreds of thousands of pounds, but the man hours and emotion connected with selling 5000 tickets at £300 each should not be underestimated! The man hours and emotion largely fell to Jack, who spent many hours manning desks selling tickets, then more time reconciling the takings with the tickets sold, all the time knowing that it was the last few tickets that created the funds for the Hospice, the first 3750 or so provided the prizes and covered the costs.

Jack has been at the helm of the Friends for some 22 years and, frankly, it is impossible to say how much money Jack has raised or how many hours Jack has spent working on ideas to raise those funds. Put simply we would not have the magnificent Les Bourgs Hospice we know and treasure today if Mr Jack Honeybill had not stood on his high horse 22 years ago. The Island owes him a huge debt of gratitude and we thank him for his personal efforts in what has been achieved over the 25 year life of Les Bourgs Hospice.”

New Staff:

Freya Wood and Tracey Hamon have joined Les Bourgs Hospice as Staff Nurses offering direct patient care to both our resident patients and our Day Hospice. Also to Eduardo who is working as a weekend catering assistant and we welcome them into our team.

Volunteer training:

6 people undertook update training on First Aid, Fire procedure and emergency alarm familiarisation in June, these people work with the Nurses on the ward and in Day Hospice and may be the first person on the scene if someone is unwell so they need to know how to get help and assist the trained staff.

Supper Volunteers:

We would like to share a huge thank you to the team of supper volunteers who provide evening meals for the patients, during the summer we have been very busy and with many volunteers on holiday we have called on this small but essential team a large amount, thank you to you all, we are extremely grateful for the time you have given to us.

Once again we would like to offer a huge thank you to the supporters within the islands and beyond, we rely on you to enable us to offer our services to those in need, every little helps, if you have a lottery play at £5 a month or a Friends of Les Bourgs Membership at £12 a year, if you give a donation or just collect your change and put it in a collecting box or keep your stamps or old mobile phones for us, it all makes a huge difference.

Thank you all.