

Fundraising Volunteer Roundup Spring 2019

Registered Charity No: 279473

Christmas Lights

Friends Chris, Will, Paul and Jean raised £356 for St. Margaret's Hospice in memory of Mr Danny Lawrence by decorating the outside of their homes in Hambridge at Christmas.



Thank you....

To our volunteer Tony, who recently celebrated a birthday and held a party, where he asked his friends and family to donate to St. Margaret's Hospice in lieu of gifts. This party raised £983.25 which could help pay for nearly two whole days of care for a patient in one of our In-patient Units. Thank you so much to Tony, his friends and family for donating this magnificent sum of money to St. Margaret's Hospice and for making each day count for our patients and their families.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Dunster by Candlelight in December 2018. The event raised a magnificent **£6,243.02!**

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Christmas bucket collections at such a busy time of year.

Volunteer induction training

If you started your volunteering role after October 2018, and have not attended an induction yet, please do book on to one of the following by contacting Susan:

- Wednesday 27 March, Taunton Hospice Academy, 6pm—9pm
- Wednesday 24 April, Yeovil Hospice Academy, 6pm—9pm
- Wednesday 8 May, Taunton Hospice Academy, 1.30pm—4.30pm
- Thursday 20 June, Croscombe Village Hall, Nr. Wells, 9.30am—12.30pm

Glorious Somerset Gardens Season Ticket!

Are you looking for a Mother's Day Gift? Birthday present? Or just want to treat yourself?

A **Glorious Gardens Season Ticket** may be just the thing. Priced at £25, the ticket will allow entry to any of the gardens featured in our brochure, and will come presented in a pack accompanied by a copy of the full colour brochure. Tickets can be pre-ordered and available to be posted out from Monday 18 March, just in time for Mother's Day on Sunday 31.

Tickets can be ordered by phone on 01935 709182 (card payments accepted), by post (with cheques made payable to St. Margaret's Hospice), to St. Margaret's Hospice, Little Tarrat Lane, Yeovil BA20 2HU, or purchased from the reception desks in Yeovil and Taunton Hospices after Monday 18 March.



Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

You may have noticed a slightly different heading as we are keen to not confuse this publication with our Staff and Volunteer Newsletter. We have also taken the opportunity to provide this update on a quarterly basis, so this edition includes our upcoming events between March and May .

Glorious Somerset Gardens will be launched in April and we are delighted that we have had 53 individual gardens signed up, offering a diverse range of planting and styles. We hope you manage to get along to one or two as a visitor or a volunteer, and enjoy some lovely tea and cake in a tranquil setting.

Please do take time to look at our upcoming events in the centre pages, and let your Community Fundraiser know if you are able to offer your assistance.

Best wishes

Susan Bickle, Fundraising Volunteer Coordinator
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Welcoming new volunteers... saying goodbye to friends

Please give a warm welcome to all of our new volunteers who have joined us since Christmas.

Thelma Pound has joined us in Burnham-on-Sea as a Glorious Somerset Garden Volunteer, along with **Allie O'Callaghan**, from Bridgwater, joining as a Fundraising and Events Volunteer.

Steve Parry from Wellington has joined the Fundraising and Events Team in Taunton.

We also want to say a huge thank you to **Wenda Turner** from Wells, who has recently stood down after many years of volunteering, having moved out of the area.

April Fool's Challenge!



This fun challenge has been organised by Malcolm Spencer after his father received care at St. Margaret's Hospice

Malcolm says: "The April Fool's Challenge is exactly that. It's designed to be open to all ages and abilities and simply involves setting yourself a challenge (perhaps even a foolish one) that can be completed on or around April Fool's Day.

"It could be a run in your slippers, a cycle in your pyjamas or maybe just a cake baking contest. It doesn't matter, as long as it's a challenge for you it qualifies you to be come an April Fool!"

To find out how you can join Malcolm and start your own April Fool's Challenge, visit our website and search 'April Fool'.

Volunteer Coffee Morning Spring 2019

Friday 8 March, 10.30am at Yeovil Hospice
Friday 15 March, 10.30am at Taunton Hospice

AGENDA

- **Food and Hygiene Update**
- **New Volunteer Policy**
- **Driving as Volunteer**
- **Glorious Somerset Gardens**
- **Volunteer Opportunities between March and October**

Please RSVP by Friday 1 March for catering purposes to Susan on 01935 709182 or susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk



Upcoming events

Sunday 24 March

Great Somerset Cycle.
Volunteers needed for registration, refreshments and marshalling at both hospices. Please contact Sonia for more details.



EAST SOMERSET

Saturday 16 March Mendip Men's walk sets off at 12 noon, Wells Cathedral Green to Tor Rugby Club, ending with a pasty and a pint, charity auction and live viewing of the Calcutta Cup on the big Screen. £25 adult entry and £15 for under-16s. **Volunteer marshalls needed** Contact Victoria for details.

Thursday 21 March Burnham on Sea Tesco Bucket Collection 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** for two hour shifts to work in pairs. Contact Kara for details.

Saturday 23 March Fashion Show Ansford Academy, Castle Cary. Upcycled and vintage fashion, to buy on the night. Tickets £5 from St Margaret's Shops in Castle Cary, Shepton and Wells or call 01935 709485, raffle and bar available.

Monday 25 March Wincanton Memorial Hall Volunteer Recruitment Coffee Morning 11am - 12.30pm

Thursday 11 April Bucket Collection at Glastonbury Tesco from 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** for two hour shifts to work in pairs. Contact Terena for details.

Friday 19 April Bucket Collection at Langport Tesco from 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** for two hours.

Sunday 28 April Glorious Somerset Garden at Little Orchard, 8 Church Road, East Huntspill, TA9 3PG 11am-4pm £3.50, children free. Beautiful blossom in a private arboretum and garden. Refreshments on sale, dogs on leads welcome.



This 1 ½ acre garden developed over 25 years from horse paddocks is now a stunning garden on the edge of the Levels boasting a collection of inspiring specimen and orchard trees. Many species blossom beautifully in spring. The

garden is also planted with bulbs, hellebores, camellias, azaleas and japonica.

Monday 6 May Rocky Mountain Nursery, Wells Fundraising Group Charity Stall, 10am—4pm. Contact Terena for details.

Saturday 11 May Yeovil Hospice Fete **Volunteers needed** for set up on Friday, manning stalls and gate on Saturday. Contact Vicky for details.

Saturday 11 May Funtasia Ball Westland's, in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. Fizz on arrival, three course meal, live band, fun casino, rodeo bull, photo booth and more. £50 per person, email info@funtasiaentertainment.co.uk

Saturday 18 May 'A Spring Bouquet for St. Margaret's Hospice' An evening of song, music and prose, licensed bar and raffle. Jubilee Hall, Ditcheat, 7pm. Tickets £10 from the Kitchen Shop, Castle Cary, or Maryland Farm Shop. **Volunteers needed** to assist. Contact Terena for details.

Sunday 19 May Glitter Run Remix at Wincanton Racecourse. **Volunteers needed** for registration, refreshments, merchandise and course stations. Contact Sonia for details.

Monday 21 May- Bingo at St John and St Joseph School, Bridgwater, 6.30pm-8.30pm. **Volunteer needed** for raffle. Contact Terena for details.

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Upcoming events continued...

WEST SOMERSET

Saturday 2 March Taunton Mayor is holding a Song for Springtime event at St. James Church Taunton in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. Doors open at 7pm.

Saturday 9 March Oake Manor Golf Club is hosting a three-course carvery and '60s/70s disco, with auction and raffle in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. Tickets are on sale, £27.50 via their website www.oakemanor.com

Tuesday 12 March Wiveliscombe Big Breakfast Volunteer Recruitment Event at Community Centre 10am

Thursday 25 April Bucket Collection at Asda Taunton from 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** in pairs for two hour shifts. Contact Kara for details.

Friday 26 April Bucket Collection at Tesco Taunton from 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** in pairs for two hour shifts. Contact Kara for details.

Friday 10 May The Great Somerset Tea Party 1pm - 3pm Sunflower Centre, Taunton Hospice, come and joins is for tea and cake in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. Donations of cake welcome.

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 May - Bucket Collection at Tesco Minehead from 10am – 4pm. **Volunteers needed** in pairs for two-hour shifts. Contact Kara for details.

Sunday 19 May - Glorious Somerset Garden



The Old Rectory, Elworthy, Lydeard St Lawrence TA4 3PX 11am—5pm, £4 entry. Refreshments on sale and WC available, regret no dogs.

This 4½ acre is a treasure trove of bluebells, camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons and an interesting collection of rare trees. Its wild meadows of native flowers and grasses attract an endless variety of moths, grasshoppers, butterflies, dragonflies, house martins and much more...!

Check our website before visiting in case of cancellation due to possible house sale.

Sunday 26 May Glorious Somerset Garden

Westleigh Farm, Westleigh, Lydeard St Lawrence TA4 3RE

11am - 5pm
Entry £3.

A two-acre garden, set amongst an old farmhouse and stone barns. Steps lead to grass terraces and stunning borders



bursting with flowering shrubs and perennials, plus a productive vegetable plot. A rill, ponds and a stream attract wildlife and the garden stretches beyond the garden walls to ancient flowering meadows and a recently replanted orchard. Refreshments on sale.



Rich's Cider held their annual Wassail in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice—we were represented by Vicky Cannard, Tracy Harding, Diana Blake and Terena Young, who were wrapped up warmly against the January weather!

Saturday 8 June – Taunton Hospice Summer Fete from 11am to 3pm. Volunteers needed to help set up on the day, pack down and man stalls. Contact Kara for details.