



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023



Summer is coming to an end but there is lots to look forward to at Youth Cancer Trust, as we are busy preparing for our next holiday trial weeks at Manor Farm Barn.

We are all settled into our new office space in Poundbury and have particularly been enjoying delicious lunch break treats from the Sicilian bakery (Peppina) downstairs.



However, we were disappointed to miss King Charles and Queen Camilla's surprise visit in June, as we were working away from the office that day. Their duties involved formally opening the Duke of Edinburgh Gardens, unveiling a plaque in Queen Mother Square and a plaque on Ladock Green. All located within metres of our office!! We shall have to catch them next time and invite them in for a cuppa!

Poundbury has a very interesting history, built on Duchy of Cornwall land, with stunning architecture, and in accordance with the book 'A Vision of Britain' by HRH The Prince of Wales.

You can find out more here:
<https://poundbury.co.uk/about/>

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Following our successful trial week back in May, staff have been following up on the feedback from our guests.

Suggestions included less off site activities and more social time around the house together. They loved the accommodation and facilities at Manor Farm Barn and very much enjoyed all of the wonderful food provided by our chef, Ian.

Guests would also like more budget being allocated towards travel support to attend the holidays.

All photos: Corin Messer





▶ WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO (Cont'd)

In summary they enjoyed the tranquil environment and time to be together and wanted the holidays to be focused on getting people there in comfort and having time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

However, there were also lots of requests for us to do another ice cream tasting session!



Our May trial was action packed as we wanted to try out the high intensity activities with our Youth Ambassadors. However our September and October holidays will have a more relaxed pace as we sample some of the lower intensity activities we are planning to offer.

When we open officially in 2024, our aim is to provide tailor made holidays according to guest's individual needs, whether that is action packed, super chilled or a blend of both.

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Ready Steady Glow: our sunflower competition



April was Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Awareness Month. The campaign uses the colour gold to symbolise childhood and adolescent cancer.

We decided to support this initiative by inviting everyone to plant sunflowers, extending the golden glow by planting seeds for the future. A reminder that we are always here for our guests.

We enjoyed seeing everyone's progress and photos illuminating our newsfeed.

Curry Night

In August we sent out Bang curry kits to guests and joined together via zoom to cook and eat our curries together. Guests could choose which type of curry pack they wanted and could add their own meat / veg and other ingredients as they preferred.



Our cook together events are always popular and a great, sociable way we can all enjoy a meal together no matter how far apart we all live.



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Out and About

Staff members Jo, Laura and Wendy attended 'Make a Move' at Bath University. The event is in support of The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital Charity. It provides an opportunity for children with cancer, or a blood condition to come together, try out a range of sports, have lots of fun and show there is no limit to what they can achieve.

Staff enjoyed the chance to meet young people and tell them about Youth Cancer Trust, and to meet lots of other great charities supporting young people with cancer.

We were also excited to participate in a dance warm up to the day, meet Paralympic swimmer Stephanie Millward MBE, hold the Olympic torch, have a go at wheelchair basketball and pose for selfies by the Grand Appeal hot air balloon.

Our new friend Judge from Spread a Smile charity created this amazing piece of spontaneous poetry for us. [Watch it here.](#)



Pet Club: Chickens behaving badly!



With the warmer weather, staff have been enjoying the chance to set up their laptops in the garden on their working from home days.

However, they've had to contend with some bossy volunteers wanting to get involved!

Meet Pecky, Jo's pet chicken who hopped up onto her desk to join in with a Zoom meeting.

Meanwhile Laura's farm cabin has frequent visits from the local chickens, who like to pop in and hang out whilst she works.





FUNDRAISERS

Jason Bennett

Jo and Laura had the privilege and honour of being invited to a cheque presentation from Jason Bennett and his family at Sheffield Wednesday football ground. Jason, with the support from his friends, family and local community have raised an incredible £30,131 for us.

His aim is to continue the legacy of his beautiful children John and Lacey. We thank Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme for supporting Jason with his fundraising events and Lloyds bank for match funding.

We were able to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Jason for all of his endeavours, by awarding him the Fundraiser of the Year trophy and officially welcoming him as a Youth Cancer Trust Ambassador.



Lee Freeman

On the 28th July, Lee ran 101 miles in 24 hours at Rother Valley Country park, raising to date £3319 - just amazing!

Jo and Laura were able to meet Lee as he is a friend of Jason and gained a sense of how tough it was to complete it, but not enough to put him off doing more for us!

Watch this space and follow us on Facebook to keep updated with Lee's running challenges that are taking place in the near future.



Jack Siriphant

Bournemouth business man Jack (Kings Beach Residence) has been hosting latin dance events throughout the summer to promote and raise money for the Trust.

Jack is a long time supporter of the charity, having jointly hosted previous events with the team, including the Glitz and Glam Ball and Cuban Christmas Ball. This Christmas, Jack will be hosting The Great Gatsby Ball at Royal Bath Hotel on 9th December.

[Find out more in our events section below.](#)





YCT FUNDRAISING TEAM

Our fundraising teams are out all year around the UK doing what they do best, raising money for a very worthwhile cause. If you or anyone you know, would like to join us, collecting in your local supermarkets, give us a call. Our teams are of all ages and love getting out and meeting people and having fun while raising monies for Youth Cancer.

Paula Mann (Head of Fundraising) - 07789 810632

Let me tell you a story about a remarkable man I met 22 years ago (Roger Willis). He had just retired and wanted to put his time into helping others, he came to me as I was already working in the charity sector. We devised a plan to enable him to embark on this amazing journey. We joined the Youth Cancer fundraising team 18 years ago and never looked back. Roger in his own right raised over £150,000 over the 22-year period for various charities incl Youth Cancer.



Sadly, Roger died 2 weeks ago, but the difference he made to people's lives were remarkable, his dedication and passion to helping other people, will live on in all he knew him.

Roger Willis
18/06/1946 – 27/08/2023



Name: Bert Hughes
Age 81
Lives in Crosby ,
Merseyside



Burt has been a collector for 10 years– Who said that age matters, he is still going out week after week –

Thanks Burt you're a trooper !!

Best Moment

Turned up at Waitrose in Formby to collect a cheque for £100, The other charities did not turn up, so Bert was awarded for a cheque for £400 for YCT

Berts favourite Pop star was Buddy Holly

They say that Buddy Holly was the spark for the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

What does Bert like about the Youth Cancer Trust

"It gives young people going through cancer treatment a much-needed break and also gives the parents a break at a very stressful time"





Upcoming EVENTS

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Jack Kings Beach Residence Presents

THE GREAT GATSBY BALL

IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH CANCER TRUST

SATURDAY 9TH DEC - 6.30PM
at The Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth
Performances & Live Band Swing Unlimited

Tickets £60 / Table of ten £550
Tickets: Jack 07793 231087 Wendy 07774523994

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BLACK & GOLD THEME

YOUTH
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FORWARD

Jack - Kings Beach Residence will be hosting a Great Gatsby Ball on 9th December to raise money for Youth Cancer Trust. The event will be held at the Royal Bath Hotel in Bournemouth and will include a 3 course meal and live music from Swing Unlimited.

Tickets £60 / Table of ten £550

Enquiries / Tickets:

Jack 07793 231087 / Wendy 07774523994

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to share the news that our fundraising team member, John Mitchell has sadly passed away. John raised over £1 million for the Trust over the years, helping countless young people going through the enormous challenge of dealing with cancer.

'From the moment John introduced himself to the YCT a bright, energetic and compassionate energy came with him.'

Max Hillman Trustee

John will be sadly missed and we send heartfelt condolences to John's family and friends.

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To find out more about our services visit our website at www.youthcancertrust.org or contact our friendly team.



Videos about our services can be found on our [YouTube channel](#):



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