

BEAUMOND HOUSE NEWS

MAY 2021



Cheerio and Thank you

It's difficult to describe what a privilege and an honour it

has been to carry out the role of chief executive officer with the hospice during these last five years. I have worked with wonderful staff and volunteers who are all so very dedicated that together we have been able to help many people in our communities and their families.

Some of us will have used the words courage and bravery and think we know what those words mean. Whilst getting to know patients and their families I learnt much about courage and bravery and realised how little I knew. It was humbling to bear witness to the challenges that people were facing and I was grateful for the opportunity to be able to help when possible.

There have been many happy times and some sad times during the years. It was particularly difficult as we faced the challenge of dealing with a global pandemic.

That said, I could not be more proud of how everyone connected with the hospice went the extra mile to help patients, their families and each other.

Deciding to retire was not an easy decision to make but it is the right decision for me personally so that I can spend more time with my family. It is also the right decision for the hospice to have someone new with fresh energy and perhaps a different skill set to work with the Board and take the Hospice forward to deliver on the objectives in our five year strategy.

Last but not least there are so many people I would like to thank for the significant contribution they have made to the work of the hospice. Although not possible to list everyone here, I would like to celebrate and say a special thank you for the wonderful efforts of local people, groups, and businesses in our district who year on year continue to support the work of the hospice. Everyone makes a difference in their own unique way and is valued and appreciated.

The Board is currently in the process of recruiting a new Chief Executive and further information about that will be published in due course.

With kind regards
Debbie

Dying Matters Awareness Week runs from 10th - 16th May 2021 and is a chance for people to open up the conversation around death, dying and bereavement.

There is no right or wrong place to die; it will be different for everyone. But it is important for families to think about it, to talk about it and to plan for it.

At Beaumond House Hospice, we want people of all ages to be in a good place when they die - physically, emotionally and with the right care in place.

Look out for our messaging on our social media pages and website www.beaumondhouse.co.uk/dying-matters-2021

**Dying
Matters**

**Join the Dying
Matters Movement**

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HAVE A HEART... HELP OUR HOSPICE

Because we know that Beaumont House has a special place in the hearts of so many families, we wanted to create something inspired by this sentiment.

The love from this community has provided the inspiration for our new fundraising campaign - Keep Our Hospice in Your Heart.

The campaign will run for a year, and we are starting by offering everyone the opportunity to buy a locally crafted handmade heart which will be mounted and planted in the hospice garden to create a spectacular wave of blue.

Each heart has space for the first name of a loved one. If you want to remember more than one person the hearts can be placed together. The hearts will remain in the garden until the autumn when they can be collected and treasured to ensure you always have our heart in your home.



The hearts are £16 each. £6 of which will go towards paying for the heart. A minimum of £8 will be donated to the hospice.

You can reserve your heart via our website www.beaumondhouse.co.uk/heartourhospice or by calling 01636 610556 and requesting a form. Alternatively, please scan the QR code below.

Donations to the campaign can be made via www.justgiving.com/campaign/heartourhospice



"I was worried that because we were in lock down I wouldn't be able to be with mum, but the hospice was wonderful and me and my dad were able to spend time with her." Said Frances.

Julia spent a week in Beaumont House and died on March 30. Afterwards Frances set up a fundraising page so family and friends could donate. Her target was £500 but in the end she raised more than £3,000.

Since then Frances has continued to support the hospice and when she heard about the cash raffle teamed up with Vicky Buckland to sell £600 worth of tickets.

Fundraising and marketing manager Cathy Lowe said the raffle had been a tremendous success and raised almost £10,000 thanks to Frances and Vicky and the other supporters and volunteers who helped by selling or buying tickets.

"Thank you so much to you all for the help and support,"

At Christmas 2019 Julia spent some time in Beaumont House for respite care.

"She loved it and loved all the staff," said Frances.

By March last year – the first week of lockdown Julia had become very poorly and returned to the hospice.

