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# Reaching Out!

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# Season's Greetings from Campden Home Nursing

Welcome to the Christmas 2023 issue of **Reaching Out**, the newsletter from Campden Home Nursing. We hope you enjoy reading a round-up of what we've been up to so far this year. Please do get in touch if you, or anyone you know, needs our Hospice Care at Home Service, our Serious Illness Support Service or our Bereavement Services over the Christmas season.

## UPDATE from the CEO Helen Makaritis



As we come to the end of a year that has been both difficult and successful in equal measures there is lots to reflect on.

Our year started on the 6 January with the dreadful news that Beatrice Corry, our much loved shop volunteer had died in the most tragic of circumstances. For those of us who knew her it was an extremely sad time and we still think of her often. It seems fitting that on the 16 December we will host the tea after her memorial service at Jecca's House and celebrate a wonderful, funny and much loved lady.

This year is the 5th anniversary of the start of the expansion of the charity and the shop opening and so on the 23 November we will celebrate five years' service for a number of our volunteers with a volunteer party. We are so grateful for all of those who give their time willingly to support us in the funding of the services. As always our nurses and counsellors have done an amazing job of caring for our patients, their carers, and the bereaved. The feedback we receive from these families is what makes us strive to do better and more each year. We have a brilliant team of people involved in the running of Jecca's House and the services we run from within it.

Thanks to those who have bought Christmas cards or raffle tickets so far this year, we appreciate your support and the generosity of David Birch in donating his artwork and the local businesses that continue to support us. All of us at Campden Home Nursing send our very best wishes to you and your families.

## NURSING NEWS Heather Barley



This year has seen a steady and sustained increase in referrals to both our Hospice Care at Home service and our Serious Illness Support Service. We have been able to really embed our work at Jecca's House and are heartened to see so many people pass through our doors. Whether it's just one or two visits or as a regular attender, we continue to offer everyone a safe, supportive and nurturing space with nurses available to speak to during your visit. Our continued growth in supporting patients and families at home is also really encouraging and we have nursed more people than ever in their home environment.

We have been very fortunate to recruit three new members of staff this year, two of which are Health Care Assistants which has helped to provide some real resilience in our nursing team and brings our bank of nurses to 27. We look forward, as ever, to meeting new people whilst continuing to support our current patients and their families in 2024 as we build upon and consolidate all of our clinical services providing support to our local community.

### NURSING STATS 2023

Up to 31st October 2023

### Serious Illness Support Service

- 41 referrals
- 3077 total nurse contacts

### Hospice Care at Home

- 163 referrals
- 748 nights
- 7,680 total nursing hours

### Complementary Therapies

- 19 referrals
- 123 contacts

### Bereavement Services

- 107 referrals
- 349 counselling sessions

## Earlier this year, the NHS celebrated its 75th year

Although Campden Home Nursing is an independent charity, and not part of the NHS, we work hand in hand with the NHS and enjoy strong relationships with our twelve affiliated GP surgeries. All of our nurses and HCAs have worked for the NHS at some time during their careers – many having worked as district or community nurses or on a ward within an NHS setting.

**Our nursing team has accumulated 888 nursing years between them, having worked in over 40 NHS settings.**

Heather Barley, our Head of Nursing Services, has worked as a nurse for 29 years, in primary care for most of her nursing career as a district nurse, practice nurse and as a hospice at home nursing manager and says "I am in awe of the amount of years we have accumulated in nursing experience within the team. The breadth and depth of our experience is testament to the opportunities offered to us all, through our training and subsequent careers within the NHS. Despite the many challenges the nursing profession has faced over the years, for me it still remains a true vocation and one of the most life and love affirming jobs anyone could wish to have."



Campden Home Nursing employs 28 nurses who between them have completed 947 years of service within 47 NHS settings



## Charity Shop

Marion Ward, Shop Manager



Left to right: Claire Jenkinson, Assistant Shop Manager (left), Alison O'Connell, volunteer and Marion Ward, Shop Manager.

The shop continues to go from strength to strength. September saw a record month since we opened in 2018! I'm sure this is down to teamwork and good quality donations, which are competitively priced and well-displayed. I feel that when shoppers come to the till to pay for their purchases, we can thank them for their support and even though they could be purchasing a high value item at an affordable price, they are also making a massive contribution to Campden Home Nursing and the services we provide free of charge.

Particularly successful this year have been our promotion rails; school uniform at

affordable prices, party and bridal wear and men's suits and formal clothing. Do keep a look out for our popular sale clearance rails at the end of the season.

This year, we have been building strong links with local businesses and supporters in the community who have kindly donated prizes for our Christmas raffle and items from house clearances to sell in our shop. There is no doubt that the generous donations for clothing and bric a brac and books keep our local customers engaged and others coming back - some travelling from as far a field as Staffordshire once a month.

Claire Jenkinson stepped up her role from Shop Supervisor to Assistant Manager, which has been a huge help. We've also had new volunteers to welcome to our team this year (Judy Barclay and Sue Phillips). I am delighted that we've had a full shop volunteer cover for every opening day this year.

A huge thank you to our lovely team of volunteers, some of who have been with us since we started in 2018. Many thanks to Stephen Throp who has raised £3044 by selling items for us via Ebay.

We are closed from the 24th December to 1st January, reopening on the 2 January 2024. Please note, we will be closed on 16th December, as a mark of respect, to our much loved and very much missed, Beatrice Corry, whose memorial service will be held at St James Church, Chipping Campden.

## Christmas Cards

These beautiful charity Christmas cards, created by renowned local artist, **David Birch**, are now on sale at our charity shop in Lower High Street, at Jecca's House and on our stall at the Christmas Market on 2nd December, and on our website.

The designs are based on scenes of Chipping Campden and a pack of eight (4 x 2 designs) costs £5.



All funds raised will help us to continue to offer our services FREE OF CHARGE to those who need us.



## Big Christmas Raffle 2023

Buy your tickets for Campden Home Nursing's Big Christmas Raffle to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize!

There is something for everyone, including plenty of food, glorious food, lots of health and beauty treats, not to mention an amazing prize of two hospitality tickets to a 2024 motor racing day of the winner's choice (options include Donington Park, Silverstone and Brands Hatch), donated by Powermaxed.com) This fabulous prize is worth £1,000! Read more at [Powermaxracing.com](http://Powermaxracing.com).

Tickets are £2.00 each and can be bought by scanning the QR code right, or from our charity shop, at Jecca's House or from our website at [www.campdenhomenursing.org](http://www.campdenhomenursing.org)



Scan me to buy Raffle Tickets!

## First Apple Fest a great success

Despite the drizzle, plenty turned out to support Chipping Campden's first Apple Fest, a celebration of apples, held in collaboration with Wolds End Orchard on National Apple Day.

The local craft cider flew off our shelves and the cakes, bakes, sweet treats and pork baps, went down a storm! Thank you to everyone who visited and all those who donated cakes and items for sale and helped on the day, especially our team of wonderful volunteers who were all amazing. Thank you too to our neighbours Friends of Wolds End Orchard, we loved being a part of national Apple Day and their celebrations.



Staff and volunteers were on hand to serve tea and cake. Left to right: Sue Clark, volunteer, Anna Bennett, Finance Manager and Melanie Clooney-Gardener, Senior Lead Support



Diane Theron, Finance Assistant



## Sowing seeds for the future

This Autumn, we sowed seeds to create a beautiful wild flower meadow in the garden at Jecca's House. In two years, the meadow should be filled with an assorted mix of attractive and beneficial plants.



We sowed the meadow area with wild flower seeds as the ground is very uneven and not suitable for our patients, carers, and visitors to walk around. Following a survey by wild flower expert, Steven Law to identify the different species growing in the area, we were delighted to discover we had two wild orchids.

Thank you so much to Anna Field, at Glorious Cotswold Grassland who kindly provided the seed, which has been harvested to produce flowers and plants native to the Cotswolds. Wild flower meadows provide shelter and food for important pollinators including bees, butterflies and other pollinators. These meadows are extremely diverse habitats, with a huge variety of flowers; ideal for bees.

Diane Mason, who leads the team of gardening volunteers, said: "Many of the patients, family members and carers who visit Jecca's House enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden. They often sit for quiet contemplation and we're hoping that the wild flower meadow will be a beautiful, colourful addition to this part of our outdoor space, as well as a brilliant way to help the natural habitat."

Many thanks to Diane and all our volunteer gardeners who help make Jecca's garden a very special place.



Staff and volunteers sow seeds for a wild flower meadow at Jecca's House



Our Christmas 2023 Opening Hours are as follows: Normal hours but closed Bank Holidays.

Our nursing line is always open. Please call: **07780 660141**

### Thank You!

We are so grateful to everyone who makes Campden Home Nursing a success, from our nursing, admin and charity shop staff, to our corporate supporters and all of our brilliant volunteers at Jecca's House and our charity shop. They all regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to deliver our services and keep Jecca's House running smoothly. The care and compassion shown by all these people is truly remarkable. A huge thank you too, to everyone who supports us by attending events, buying tickets and donating to Campden Home Nursing.

### Special thanks

Special thanks this year, so far, go to: Rita Down, Chorley's, Campden Open Gardens, The George Davis Charitable Trust, Lewis Tout, Steve Keyte and his fellow 'Brownees, David Birch, retailers, restaurants and visitor attractions who have donated prizes for our raffle.

### Your donations make a difference

We greatly appreciate every penny we receive here at Campden Home Nursing. Making a donation will help ensure that we can keep our services free of charge for our patients and their loved ones for many years to come.

This could be a one off donation or a regular gift. Thank you so much to all who support us. You can make a donation via our website, or by cheque made out to Campden Home Nursing CIO.

We are always looking for more help, so if you, or anyone you know would like to lend a hand in either our charity shop or the office, please get in touch on **01386 840505** or email: [info@campdenhomenursing.org](mailto:info@campdenhomenursing.org).

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