



# Fynvola

Specialised Care for older people with Learning Disabilities

## Newsletter No 3

November 2009

### Lady Dane Farmhouse



#### **Building work nearing completion**

The contractor, Green Construction, is due to complete the building work and leave the site by the end of November. They have done marvellous work and the finish shows good craftsmanship and an eye for detail. At the last minute Building Control said we could not use a septic tank due to a number of wells in the area. After much discussion the solution to the problem was to put two very large tanks into the ground. This meant we had to dig two very large holes in the garden area into which the tanks were lowered and cemented. They are now covered with soil so enabling us to create a garden on top in the future. The extra expense of £42,000 took a great deal of juggling to stay within budget.

We have ordered furniture, kitchen appliances and specialist equipment which will be put in place during November and December. Curtain material has been chosen and is being made up. Pictures, china and household items sought including the basics like irons and ironing boards.

We have interviewed and now appointed the home manager. Lisa Pull is a Registered Nurse (Mental health) Dip HE who has held a number of managerial positions. She has experience of working with learning disabled people and elderly care. She has already demonstrated her knowledge with the ordering of equipment and commissioning of the home. Lisa will be responsible for the smooth running of Lady Dane Farmhouse and the Principles of Care. We are busy collecting and compiling the necessary papers required for registration of the Home with Care Quality Commission and Kent County Council.

Lisa Pull's direct line will be 01795 538299 Email: [l.pull@fynvola.org.uk](mailto:l.pull@fynvola.org.uk)

We also welcome Claire Denning as the new book keeper/administrator. Claire worked for her family business, until her father retired and is fully conversant with all aspects of book keeping. Claire will be office based from Monday – Thursday 8.45am to 12.30pm and available on 01795 537592 Email: [c.denning@fynvola.org.uk](mailto:c.denning@fynvola.org.uk)

David Oram has joined us as our handyman / gardener. David has worked with learning disabled people at Family Investment. He is now busy building furniture and undertaking all the little jobs necessary around the home.

We welcome these new staff members to Fynvola Foundation and look forward to a happy working relationship. Interest in Fynvola at Lady Dane Farmhouse is growing in Faversham and the local area. We will be advertising for further staff in the near future ready for welcoming our first residents to the home in early 2010.

## Fundraising and Events

### The London Club fundraising Golf Day

Despite the heaviest rain of the year and the course becoming water logged, everyone turned out to support



Fynvola.

Hugh Grant, Patron of Fynvola and other celebrities enjoyed a very wet, but great day. A few hardy people finished the course, including Len Goodman and our Trustee Nick O'Shea. The day was followed by a gala dinner with auction.



Hugh Grant and Nick Aldrich

We are enormously grateful to Nick, Trevor and James Aldrich who organised this event, and raised a mammoth £15,000 for Fynvola.



Fynvola thanks all those who kindly donated auction and raffle prizes to help make this event the success it was.

## Faversham Hop Festival

Dave, Sue and Jim fundraising for Fynvola at the Faversham Hop Festival. The group, known as Labyrinth, long term supporters of Fynvola, set up their 3 piece band in the High Street and raised £169.47. We are most grateful for their continued support.



## Doddington Place a talk by Lord Sackville 'Knole Past & Present'.

On arrival on this bright and sunny day, Fynvola guests were treated to a glass of wine and enjoyed the wonderful views surrounding Doddington Place. Home of Mr & Mrs Richard Oldfield, Vice Presidents of Fynvola. Doddington was packed to the seams and everyone enjoyed a most interesting lecture by Lord Sackville.

The lecture, accompanied by a power point presentation showing many areas of Knole previously unseen, was fabulous and, if you have not visited Knole, you really must.

Our thanks to everyone who so generously supported Fynvola and to those who donated raffle prizes. We especially thank Claire Bicknell and Amicia Oldfield for hosting and organising this event which raised over £2,000.

## A Coffee morning was hosted by Marietta Krikard in Clapham London

A talk about Fynvola was given and questions answered at the coffee morning hosted by Marietta Krikard. It was a most enjoyable time with delicious home made cakes. People were very generous with donations, standing orders and the purchasing of Christmas Cards. The event raised £743.25 in total. A big thank you to Marietta for her organisation and support.

## Future Events and dates for your diary.

Mike Saxby, a rock musician, of London, will be organising a Rock Concert for Fynvola. No date has been decided; please watch the web site [www.fynvola.org.uk](http://www.fynvola.org.uk) for further details.

### May 2010

Walk, talk and tea at Doddington Place – Enjoy visiting the lovely landscaped gardens, set in the grounds of an imposing Victorian mansion over ten acres. There is a notable woodland garden – spectacular in May and June - which includes many different varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas; also a large Edwardian rock garden now restored using the old framework with dramatic effect. The series of descending pools have also been restored with a new viewing area over the largest pool. Re-planting includes a small section devoted to alpines and other plants include a mixture of traditional rock garden plants, grasses, shrubs and trees. Extensive lawns and avenues are framed by impressive clipped yew hedges and many fine trees.

<http://www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk/>

### June 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

Lady Dane Farmhouse 'Garden Party'. This will be an event for Friends and Donors of Fynvola to come and enjoy the pleasant surroundings, meet the staff and to see first hand the magnificent home Lady Dane Farmhouse is. Further details in the next Newsletter.

## Reality Gift for yourself, a friend or relation

### Sponsor a brick appeal - £5 each brick

If you'd like to play your part in helping Fynvola complete its first home, please sponsor a brick/s with a donation of £5 per brick. When you sponsor a brick/s you will receive a personalised 'thank you' and a certificate, if you decide to sponsor a brick/s as a gift on behalf of a family member or friend, we will personalise the certificate. You may donate by telephone 01795 537592 or post your request to lady Dane Farmhouse, cheques should be made payable to Fynvola Foundation

Or, Give an annual Friends subscription, starting at £18 per annum.

## Christmas Cards

May we remind you to order your Fynvola Christmas Cards, the cards have been selling well and we are delighted you are supporting Fynvola.

There are 10 cards in a pack, all one design, and retail at £3.95.

Cards may be collected or we can post them to you.

The greeting in the card is: *Season's Greetings*

And each card will say Sold in aid of Fynvola Foundation on the back.

Finished design for each card is 126mm x 126mm. this is minimum postage.



### Order form 2009

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

L04 Penguin Card	..... Packs required	Total
L15 House in the Snow	..... Packs required	Total
L11 Noel	..... Packs required	Total
		Sub Total
		P & P
		Order total
		Donation
		<b>Grand Total</b> £ _____

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ / I wish to pay by card, here are my details.

Card type
Name as it appears on card
Postcode
Card number
Start date / Expiry date / Issue no
Security code (last 3 digits on rear of card)

Cheques should be made payable to Fynvola Foundation

Postage up to £4 add £1, £4.01-£15 add £3.50 £15.01-£50 add £5

Please send forms to Lady Dane Farmhouse, Love Lane, Faversham, Kent ME13 8BJ

## How you can help Fynvola and enhance the lives of the learning disabled person.

£2 a month will buy plants for the sensory garden, small gardening equipment, art equipment, musical instruments, kitchen items and garden seats.

To make a regular donation, please fill in the standing order form enclosed and send back to the fundraising office, your help really will make a difference. Thank you.

### Volunteering

We welcome Sally Gurney and Claudia Carey, who have taken on the task of placing static collecting boxes in and around Faversham. Thank you and good luck ladies.



Our Web site is progressing well so please look us up on [www.fynvola.org.uk](http://www.fynvola.org.uk). The Trustees are listed under Governance and Information and progress will be updated regularly.

Towards the end of November we will be recruiting further staff ready to join us in the New Year. Nurses, support staff, cooks and domestics.

Our future plans are to install a lift at approximately £60,000 and to continue installing tracking and hoists in a number of the bedrooms on the ground floor. To furnish and equip a bedroom with a specialised bed, furniture, pictures, TV etc. costs approximately £3,000 per room. With your help all this can be achieved.

We do thank all those people who have kindly supported us and for the many donations we have received. We particularly thank our Patron **Hugh Grant** for his continuing generosity and help.

The Trustees wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to a prosperous and successful 2010 and the opening of Lady Dane Farmhouse.

Very best wishes

*Jenny Gurney*

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Chair to Trustees.