

Upcoming Events...



Auction

23rd June 2012

Child Okeford Village Hall

Viewing from 7.45am
Sale starts 9.45 am

Over 200 varied and
interesting lots

Refreshments available

Catalogues on sale from 1st June at our
charity shops and hospital reception, or
can be downloaded from our website:

www.friendsblandford.org

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 4th July 2012
at 6.30 pm

To be held in the Day Hospital
Blandford Community Hospital

ALL ARE WELCOME

Refreshments will be available

PRIZE BINGOS



- Summer Bingo Thurs 14th June
- Autumn Bingo Thurs 11th Oct
- Christmas Bingo Thurs 6th Dec

Dining Room, Blandford Hospital

Doors Open 6.45pm
Eyes Down 7.30pm

Autumn Fair

Saturday 20th October

The Corn Exchange
Blandford

9.30am – 2pm

There will be a wonderful selection
of goods on sale, our grand raffle,
tombolas and refreshments



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Don't forget to look out for our stall at
Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival on the
8th and 9th September.

For further information about any of these events please contact the
Friends' Office at the Hospital on Tel: 01258 450095,
Email: Friends.blandford@dhuft.nhs.uk
or visit the website: www.friendsblandford.org

Action Group Update

The Friends' Action Group continues to monitor closely the actions of Dorchester Hospital and those of our own Trust [Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust] who are responsible for the services in our hospital.

The Friends are fortunate to have in our Action Group, two local GPs and our Matron who continue to play very active roles in looking after the future of our hospital, the patients' needs and the staff. The result of this activity has been the production of our "Vision Document", a copy of which is available at www.friendsblandford.org. This clearly sets out our vision for the future of our hospital and the services which should be provided in Out Patients, X-Ray, MIU and Theatre.

Our Vision Document was then circulated extensively throughout NHS Dorset and to Dorchester Hospital plus the County Council, North Dorset District Council, Town and Parish Councils and our MP. The Commissioners of services for our hospital [NHS Dorset] have carried out their public engagement and some of you may have attended these public meetings in Blandford. They are now moving forward to the next stage and have produced an extensive questionnaire based on the public consultations which has been circulated to all the Community Hospitals, GPs and other interested parties which includes the Friends. It is clear that our Vision Document has not gone unnoticed as it is referred to in the NHS Dorset questionnaire which the Action Group are actively working on at present to have it completed and returned by the due date, the end of May.

Our Vision Document and the Action Group has not forgotten the Portman Ward. Currently we are moving forward with our ideas on developing the use of this ward as a day treatment centre, identifying agencies outside of

the NHS such as the Weldmar Trust who would be interested in becoming partners in this enterprise.

Finally, it has to be remembered that the Friends' Action Group has no authority to effect policy in the NHS, nevertheless, our voice is being listened to and we are being consulted by the decision makers in this time of great change in the services in our hospital, how they are provided and by whom.

We look forward to your support at a new fundraising venture, please join us for an entertaining evening and give your support to projects at the hospital and throughout the local community.



Race Night

Friday 5th October at 7.30pm

Bryanston Estate Club

Tickets only £6 to include a Ploughman's Supper and entry into the lucky ticket draw

Advance Tickets for our members on sale now

Bar, Tote and Raffle

If you are unable to join us at the Race Night but would like to "buy" a horse to try your luck then please fill in the slip below. The owner of the winning horse in each of the 8 Horse races will win £10.

I would like to purchase a horse for the Race night and enclose £2. I would like to name my horse.....

I would like to purchase ---- tickets for the Race night at £6 each and enclose a cheque payable to The Friends of Blandford Hospital.

Name:

Address:

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Please tear off this slip and return to the Friends' Office at the Hospital, Milldown Road, Blandford, Dorset.