# Kate's Home Nursing
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# Newsletter

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## EVENTS.

- Posh Picnic 12th June
- Jazz Evening at the Feathered Nest 19th June
- Open Gardens at Rockliffe 23rd June
- Golf Day at Naunton Downs 12th August
- Carol Service more information will be posted on our website nearer the time.

**Over 170 episodes of care since January.**

**Thank you to:**

**William Hinton Chartered Accountants.**

**The Ladies Luncheon Club at the Fosse Manor Hotel.**

**Sir Anthony Bamford Foundation.**

**Friends of Moore Cottage Hospital.**

**Stow, Northleach and Burford Surgeries.**

**Lower Slaughter W.I**

**Huffkins**

**Northleach St Jean Evergreen Club.**

**And for the many personal donations you have made.**

## Over 830 hours of direct nursing care this year.

***What is Kate's Home Nursing?***

It's a charity set up to help patients and their families in their own home through the last stage of illness.

***How did it start?***

Kate King, a resident of Stow, died in 1995. She became aware of the lack of care available to patients wishing to die at home and challenged her nurses and doctors to do something about it.

***Do patients have a choice?***

It isn't always possible to fulfil a patient's wish to die at home and Kate's Home Nursing aims to complement other home nursing services to assist patients who have decided they wish to be in the familiar surroundings of their own home. The goal of palliative care is the achievement of the best quality of life for patients.

***Why is it needed?***

The NHS provides nursing care at home through the District Nursing Service. Whilst this service operates through the day and some periods of the evening and night, it is not resourced to provide a service to stay with patients. Our rural locality reduces the ability of the larger national charities from helping. Kate's fills the gap that the statutory sector cannot fill and allows high quality 'hospice at home' care.

***What can we offer?***

Kate's Home Nursing works as part of a team with the District Nurses and GPs who are very supportive. Patients have to be referred by the District Nurses who remain

the patients' Key Worker. We add a further level of care, co-ordinated with other existing services, via our bank of Registered Nurses and Health Care Assistants. We can offer professional, specialist nursing care and can help ensure good pain relief and other symptom control. The other aspect to this is giving much needed respite to the patient's primary carer.

***What area do we cover?***

Kate's covers an area generally that serves Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the Water, Northleach and Burford.

Patients must reside within a specified geographical boundary.

***How does Kate's work from a financial point of view?***

Kate's is a registered charity and although we now receive a contribution from Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire PCTs our work is funded mainly through donations and our active and successful fund-raising, which is supported by the local community. This gives us a strong financial base. There is no charge to the patient or family for the nursing care we provide. Since we have no bricks and mortar nearly all our finances can be used for "hands-on" nursing.

## Kate's First Newsletter

As the charity grows we are very conscious of the fact that we are a local organisation, supported by local people. This is key to our success and we would like to thank everybody who has supported us, whether by donating, helping with fund raising or simply telling people that we're here.

The Newsletter will include news and information about the charity so that you can see how your help enables us to provide care for those who wish to die at home.

We've recently been busy developing our website which contains information about Kate's, including news about fundraising and events. Take a look at:- www.kateshomenursing.org Many thanks to Marty White for his help.

Three of Kate's Nursing Team, from left to right, Ruth Lees, Marlene Smart and Rachel Tyler.

**Thank you:**

**Tayabali-Tomlin Chartered Accountants, for all your help with our queries Kate's Accounts, Annual Reports and your continued support.**

**Kate's Home Nursing. Best Home Care Team in Great Britain.**

Top: Golfers at the Schotten Hickory Tournament.

Bottom: Tony Timmer, proprietor of the Feathered Nest presents a cheque to Nicky Healy, one of Kate's Trustees.

## Recent Fund Raising Events

### Posh Picnic

On 13th June we held a Posh Picnic, in a marquee kindly loaned to Kate's by Mrs Thin of Lower Oddington. The evening, which took place at Pasture Farm, Oddington with the very kind permission of Mr and Mrs Lloyd, was enjoyed by all as they relaxed with picnics and listened to the Hot Cats Swing Band. Thank you to everybody who made the evening such a success. You raised £3,500.

### Open Gardens at Rockliffe

On 23rd June Mrs Emma Keswick opened her beautiful gardens in Upper Slaughter to the public via the National Gardens Scheme. £332.50 was raised in aid of Kate's Home Nursing. Thank you Emma.

### iSPIN100

A group of sixteen very fit people recently undertook a sponsored 'spin' (static bike ride) in aid of Kate's and raised £2,802.95.

Boody Dudfield from Daisy Dix organised the event. Thank you everybody who took part!

### Kate's Golf Day

On August 12th a highly successful day was held at the Naunton Downs Golf Club. 88 players competed in a pairs competition helped by "Pimms" and refreshments along the way. After the Golf other guests joined with the players in an infomal dinner and charity auction. Each hole was sponsored by a local business, and generous gifts were given from the local community to assist the Raffle and Auction. We are most grateful for the kindness and support from the Local Community and Businesses which helped raise on the day approximately £5,300

## Kate's Nursing Team Wins Care Award

Kate's Home Nursing team has been awarded Best Home Care Team in the Great British Care Awards.

After winning the regional heat and attending a judging panel in London on 14th April for the national award we are extremely proud that our dedicated team of 24 registered nurses and HCA's was awarded this accolade.

Heather Mitchell, Ruth Lees, Marlene Smart and Rachel Tyler represented Kate's at the Guildhall in London, where they impressed the panel of judges at an interview which included representation from the Department of Health.

Our nurses were in the running together with some large national care organisations. The Judges were looking for the team that could demonstrate a shared vision and clear goals. They were extremely impressed by Kate's teamwork.

We are thrilled for our nurses as they are a fantastic team which often receives praise from the families of those they nurse.

Ruth Lees, Heather Mitchell Kate's Nursing Co-ordinator and Marlene Smart with two representatives from the Care Awards.

### Summer Jazz Evening at the Feathered Nest

On Saturday the 19th of June, overlooking the stunning views of the Evenlode Valley, Amanda & Tony Timmer greeted over one hundred guests with a glass of Champagne to the jazzy tune of sax and piano to mark the official opening of the The Feathered Nest Country Inn, at Nether Westcote. In doing so, they also raised £500.00 for Kate's Home Nursing. Thank you Amanda, Tony and your guests.

### The Schotten Hickory Tournament 2010

Every year Manfred and Gabi Schotten, of Manfred Schotten Antiques in Burford, host an annual Hickory Golf Tournament at Burford Golf course.

This year the event was held on Friday 23rd July and over sixty players entered into the spirit of the day by dressing up in a variety of old golfing (and non golfing) costumes to play a round of golf with a set of wooden shafted hickory clubs.

The day was a great success and the Schottens kindly donated all the profit through sponsorship, an auction and raffle to Kate's Home Nursing and raised an amazing £5,685 for the charity. To view more information and the photographs of the day please visit www.sportantiques.co.uk

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