

## Thank you Patsy – we will miss you!

Sue Smith (known as Patsy to everyone at Martha Trust) is retiring this autumn after more than 5 years working for Martha Trust. We bid Patsy a fond farewell and every happiness during her retirement.

Patsy has been a wonderful member of our nursing team at Frances House, much loved by the young people and staff. Over the last few years she played an instrumental role in the re-design and decoration of the sensory room, and the recent garden makeover.

Patsy has always been very creative in finding activities for the young people to participate in. We have especially fond memories of Patsy play-acting in the role of the fairy godmother in the Frances House panto Cinderella. Everyone agreed that this normally quiet, composed and elegant lady, stole the show by dancing around in hot pink netting and Dr Martin boots – still wearing her glasses on a string!



Patsy with Charlene in the Frances House Garden.

## SUPPORT AND SPORT!

### Martin Peters Dinner

**Sporting Dinner, November 9th, Dover Town Hall**



After the disappointment of Germany, join us in the company of a World Cup winner – live in Dover!

After all the optimism about our chances of winning the World Cup in Germany, English hopes were once again dashed in another penalty shoot-out. One man who can offer a unique insight into what it takes to win the World Cup may have some of the answers. That man is World Cup winner and 1966 legend, Martin Peters, who will speak about his career at our 1st Sporting Dinner.

Tickets for the evening during which you'll enjoy a fabulous meal and warm hospitality, are just £45 per person – but tables of 10 are available for £400.

There could be no better way to entertain clients, reward your staff or simply socialise with friends at this top quality event.

Please contact Mickle Cordes on 01304 615223

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### Celebrity Golf

**Golf Day, October 12th, Dale Hill Golf Club, Wadhurst, East Sussex**

Following the success of last years' event, The Kent and England Cricketers of past and present will again battle against The All Stars, a mixture of sports and TV celebrities. Just choose which team you wish to join for this exciting competition!

Last year's event raised over £7,500 and paid for the home cinema system for residents at Mary House. We are aiming to beat this target this year!

More information can be found at: [www.golfdaymediastyle.co.uk](http://www.golfdaymediastyle.co.uk), places can also be reserved through this website.



Derek Underwood participating at last year's Celebrity Golf.

## DIARY DATES

### QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday October 28th 2006, St Martins Community Centre, Cheriton**

Another of our popular quiz nights with all profits donated to Martha Trust.

Tickets £6 per person including supper.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Saturday December 9th 2006 10am - 4pm,**

**St George's Hall, Deal**

Catch up on your Christmas shopping at our Christmas Fayre. Refreshments will be available, along with a selection of crafts and other unique gifts. Father Christmas has promised to drop by, and there will be lots of fun activities for children. If you can lend a hand on the day or donate prizes for the raffle please contact Mickle Cordes (details below).

**To find out more about any of these events please contact Mickle Cordes on 01304 615223 or email [contact@marthatrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@marthatrust.org.uk)**

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*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain – Psalm 127*

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# MARTHA NEWS



## A ROYAL OPENING FOR MARY HOUSE

*Just six months after we welcomed our first residents to Mary House, we were delighted to celebrate the official opening of our new home in Hastings with HRH Countess of Wessex.*

*Please see inside for the full story of our historic day.*



Getting to know Mary House first hand; the Countess meets Suzie.



## A wonderful occasion for everyone involved



Charlotte and her family meet the HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex.

**During her tour of Mary House, Martha Trust's new purpose-built residential home in Hastings, HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex met and talked to the young residents, their families and care staff. Her Royal Highness also spoke to key supporters of the project and observed the use of specialist sensory therapies in the home.**

### Countess praises care team

The visit concluded with a short speech by Her Royal Highness who commented, "Congratulations to all of you for having the foresight and tenacity to see the project through. It has been a great pleasure to meet all of you, particularly the dedicated care team". Her Royal Highness continued, "The looks on the families' faces show they trust you to do the important job of looking after their children. It's a truly wonderful place to be and I wish you every success in the future."

### Our commemorative gift



The Countess unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion and was presented with a small framed collage created by residents and staff at Mary House. The collage consisted of embroidered hand prints representing each of the young residents involved in the project. The Countess was delighted with the gift, and recognised immediately which hand belonged to which person. The day was a wonderful

occasion for the residents, families and staff at Martha Trust, many of whom commented on the special atmosphere on the day.

After the Countess had left, celebrations continued as thanks were offered to supporters of the project. Small framed prints celebrating the contribution made to Mary House were presented.

Martha Trust Chairman, Graham Simmons (second from left), presents plaques to: Mr. Robin Carter of the Development Trust, Mr. Colin Finnerty of Blatchington Court Trust and Mr. Eric Maxwell of the Maxwell Family Trust.



Charlene and nurse Mary, enjoy the new Frances House garden. The final garden (inset) features walkways weaving through a series of pergolas.

### VOLUNTEERING AT FRANCES HOUSE, DEAL

## WILLING HANDS CREATE A NEW GARDEN

Thanks to the support from Pfizer, Deal Fire Brigade, Deal Community Events Committee and other local fundraising groups, the main section of the Frances House garden is now finished.

Just a few months ago this part of the garden was dominated by large trees which blocked out the light and filled the garden with leaves each autumn; the gardens were also uninteresting and under-utilised.

But thanks to the help of our friends, the gardens have been transformed! There are now interesting wheelchair-accessible pathways, all-weather activity areas surrounded by pergolas and a beautiful water feature with a glass bridge. The beds are also well stocked with plants which will appeal to all five senses. Residents, staff and visitors can now view the surrounding countryside and farmland from both the garden and from the home.

We hope the final section of the garden will be completed by our volunteers during the autumn.

**Would you or your company like to participate in a volunteer project or a fundraising event to support Martha Trust? To find out more please contact Mickle Cordes on 01304 615223 or email [contact@marthatrust.org.uk](mailto:contact@marthatrust.org.uk)**



## The sky's the limit for Anna and Nouf!



For Martha House residents Anna and Nouf, life literally reached new heights with a visit to the Bournemouth Eye, a tethered hot air balloon (above). This was just one of the many exciting activities during their week's summer holiday to Hobourn Naish in Hampshire. Nurse, David Gwilym said "It was unbelievable with the girls coolly taking the hot air balloon in their stride".

In May, Jacinta, Tony and Dale from Martha House enjoyed a week in Gissing near Diss in Norfolk (below). The weather was hot and dry but the residents and carers kept their cool in the swimming pool attached to the self-catering cottages. Day trips included visits to Norwich, Banham Zoo and the beach.

