

Lifestyle and Wellbeing

June 2024

Personalised Care monthly news from the Fern Centre

Welcome to the June
Lifestyle and Wellbeing
Newsletter

The garden is taking shape nicely; all of the plants and trees have taken well and we are all really forward to the garden furniture arriving and finishing the garden off.

If anyone is interested in becoming a garden volunteer and being part of our 'green gym' please contact myself or Holly on 01271 311855.

The Lifestyle and Wellbeing Fair that we held last month was a great success. The traffic lights didn't put people off!

We'd like to thank every-



one who attended and supported us. The feedback we received was positive with some really helpful suggestions.

Due to the success of the fair we are planning another for the end of the year. More details to follow. Best wishes,

Tara











What's on

June 2024

Date	Time	Activity	
Tuesday June 4	9am-12noon	Macmillan welfare benefits advisor. Drop-in but booking required for longer appt.	
Tuesday June 4	10am-12noon	EFT Follow up with Karen Thomas. Booking required	
Wednesday June 5	9am-1pm	Breast Care Now Moving Forward. Invitation only	
Thursday June 6	2-4pm	Strummin' and Hummin' afternoon with lan Gracie and Russell Bave. Drop-in	
Monday June 10	1.30pm and 2.45pm	Face to face Yoga Sessions. Booking required, £3 per session	
Tuesday June 11	9am-12noon	Macmillan welfare benefits advisor. Drop-in but booking required for longer appt.	
Tuesday June 11	10am-12noon	Nicola Mills holding a cake sale. All proceeds to the Fern Centre	
Tuesday June 11	10.30am-12.30pm	Mindfulness Managing Emotions with Paul Beard. Booking required	
Tuesday June 11	ТВА	Hospital Chaplaincy in the Fern Centre. Rev. Jonathan Daniel for 1:1 appointments	
Wednesday June 12	9am-1pm	Breast Care Now Moving Forward. Invitation only	
Wednesday June 12	2-4pm	Monthly Fern Holsworthy Hub at Holsworthy Hospital. Drop-in	
Thursday June 13	10am-12.30pm	'Walk This Way' – Baggy Point, Croyde. Phone Huw Davies for details 07482 452046	
Thursday June 13	10-11.30am	Drop-in Coffee Morning. All welcome	
Thursday June 13	ТВА	Bra fitting clinic. Booking required	
Monday June 17	1.30pm and 2.45pm	Face to face Yoga Sessions. Booking required, £3 per session	



Tuesday June 18	9am-12noon	Macmillan welfare benefits advisor. Drop-in but booking required for longer appt.	
Tuesday June 18	2-4pm	Monthly Fern Torrington Hub at Torrington Hospital. Drop-in	
Wednesday June 19	10-11.30am	Gynae Support Group. Drop-in	
Thursday June 20	ТВА	Wig fitting clinic. Booking required	
Thursday June 20	2-4	Strummin' and Hummin' afternoon with lan Gracie and Russell Bave. Drop-in	
Friday June 21	10am-12noon	Men's Support Group. Drop-in	
Friday June 21	2-4	'Starting Out' session. Booking required.	
Monday June 24	1.30pm and 2.45pm	Face to face Yoga Sessions. Booking required, £3 per session	
Tuesday June 25	9am-12noon	Macmillan welfare benefits advisor. Drop-in but booking required for longer appt.	
Friday June 28	2-4	'Starting Out' session. Booking required.	
Monday July 1	1.30pm and 2.45pm	Face to face Yoga Sessions. Booking required, £3 per session	
Tuesday July 2	9am-12noon	Macmillan welfare benefits advisor. Drop-in but booking required for longer appt.	
Thursday July 4	2-4	Strummin' and Hummin' afternoon with Ian Gracie and Russell Bave. Drop-in	
Friday July 5	2-4	'Starting Out' session. Booking required.	

Our cancer health and wellbeing centre at North Devon District Hospital is open Monday to Friday, 9am-4.30pm. For more information about the centre and the services available, call us on 01271 311 855, visit our website www.royaldevoncharity.org.uk/fern-centre or scan here



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Macmillan Welfare Benefits Advisor Tuesday Mornings at the Fern entre

with June Travers-Wakeford 9.00am—12.00pm

Booked Appointments ONLY

To make an appointment please call and leave a message for Janice

0845 894 9567

The answerphone service is monitored regularly and calls returned in a timely manner —please leave a clear message with your name and contact details—We can also do a referral for you in the Fern Centre If that is easier for you so pop in and let us know if we can help.

Also for Drop-Ins
at our monthly Hubs
Torrington Hub
Torrington Hospital
3rd Tuesday of month

and

Holsworthy Hub
Holsworthy Hospital
2nd Wednesday of month

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Wellbeing Walk—June 6th

D-Day Commemorative Walk - Crowe Point Loop

Wellbeing Walk organised by the SWCP Project Officer Huw Davies is moved to Thursday 6th June to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The walk will be around Crow Point, then into to Braunton Burrows where you will visit the concrete landing craft. This is the location of the US Army Assault Training Centre where all GI's trained for D-Day.

The links below give further information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om7XtAGxR8o https://www.northdevoncoast-nl.org.uk/coastalheritage/ world-war-2/d-day

Walk Name:

D-Day Commemorative Walk - Crowe Point Loop

Max Group Size (incl.walk team): 12

Meeting Place: Crow Point Car Park (EX33 2NX)

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Toll Road: £2.50—will be refunded

Walk Leader: Huw Davies Overall Distance: 3 Miles Refreshments: Quay café

Toilet Provisions: None at Crowe Point

Attendees: Open Walk

Plan of Session:

•	Arrive Crow Point Car Park	9.50
•	Depart on Walk	10.00
•	Walk along beach to Broadwalk	10.40
•	Divert to concrete landing craft	11.15
•	Walk finish	12.30

Refreshments - Quay Cafe

For further information about both of the walks please contact:

Huw Davies

Coast Path Connectors Project Officer for North Devon

Mobile:

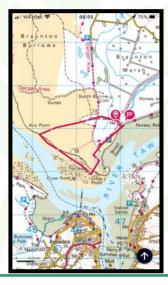
07482 452 046

Web:

southwestcoastpath.org.uk

Normal hours of work:

Mon, Tues Thurs 8.30am — 2.30pm



Walk This Way (6)—June 13th

Fern Centre—Baggy Point

Meeting at the Croyde National Trust Car Park at 10.00am. It should take about 2 hours and then coffee and cake in the National Trust café, adjacent to the car park. The walk takes the group on the lower path out to Baggy Point and the higher path back. The path is initially sealed then after ½ a mile is good but some rough parts. We will have good views of the coast including Croyde Bay, Bideford Bay, Hartland Point and Lundy Island to the west and at Baggy we should see north to Morte Point. We can expect to spot Wheatear and Stonechats and other sea birds.

Nearer Baggy Point the path is close to the cliff edge. There is a higher path that avoids going near the cliff, we can split the group between lower and higher path and meet at Baggy Point and all walk back via the higher path route. Please ask if you require more information.

Walk Name:

Walk This Way (6) - Fern Centre—Baggy Point

Max Group Size (incl.walk team): 12

Meeting Place: Baggy Point NatTrust C/Park EX33 1PA

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Parking/Transport: as above

Walk Leader: Huw Davies M: 07482 452 046

Overall Distance: 3 Miles

Refreshments: National Trust Café

Toilet Provisions: NT Cark Park

Attendees: Fern Centre—cancer patients and family

Plan of Session:

- Meet and greet group
- Intro' chat
- Head out towards Baggy Point
- Arrive a Baggy Point
- Return to NT Cark Park & Café

Please wear sturdy footwear, waterproofs, all-weather gear







Wellbeing Café

held at

The Market Café,

13 Pannier Market, Torrington, EX38 8HD.

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month,

09.30-11.00



Would you like to meet others and find out about different groups, activities and organisations in our local area?

Come and enjoy a FREE cuppa and have a chat with the Social Prescribers from our local GP Surgeries.

All Welcome! Hope to see you there!

Justine, Verity, Sam and Rae.

Phone for more information or just pop in! Justine Tel no: 07377 176457 or Rae Tel no: 07458131258



Wellbeing Café

held at

The Main Building at Stella Maris Court,
The Strand, Bideford, EX39 2PW.

Every first and third Wednesday of the month,

09.30-11.00



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Tuesday 4th June Emotional Freedom Technique Follow Up Session 10.00am—12.00pm Karen Thomas

There are many ways to manage stresses of our daily lives and in this workshop you will learn how and why tapping works. By tapping on the end points of meridians we can reduce emotional intensity of our emotions and reframe our perceptions and beliefs about our coping abilities.

2 hour interactive workshop

To book please call 01271 311855

Tuesday 11th June Mindfulness for Managing Emotions 10.30 am – 12.30pm Paul Beard

In this one-off session with wellbeing & mindfulness tutor Paul Beard, you will be introduced to a powerful mindfulness meditation practice which takes a physical, body-based approach to experiencing, relating to and overcoming our fear of strong emotions.

If you have never tried mindfulness then this could be a good place to start.

To book please call 01271 311855





Recent achievements - Fern Centre





Holsworthy Carers Group

Fair earlier in May. Almost 100 people attended, with 40 stalls advertising many of the services available to support local patients via the Centre, including mastectomy lingerie, financial



Holsworthy Carers Support Group welcomes all unpaid carers caring for another adult, family member or friend.

We offer a friendly and supportive space to take time out just for us, to unwind and meet with others who understand the ups and downs of our caring role. This free to attend peer support group is a great way to socialise and share experiences with a chat and a cuppa.

Where:

Holsworthy Youth Centre, Sanders Lane, Holsworthy, EX22 6HE

When:

2.30pm - 4.30pm on the 1st Thursday of the month:

4th April 2024 4th July 2024 2nd May 2024 1st August 2024 6th June 2024 5th September 2024

For more information: peer.support@devoncarers.org.uk www.devoncarers.org.uk 03456 434 435









***IMPORTANT *** England
Midlands

Calling All Bowel Cancer Patients

- Past and Present -

Can you help us please?

We are looking for people who have had investigations for bowel cancer or been diagnosed with this disease to give their views on what makes initial discussions with your GP easier.

If you have some insights to share, Julia Emery - a researcher from the University of Nottingham and an NHS Consultant in Public Health - would like to chat to you.

Payments are available to cover your time

Please contact : <u>julia.emery2@nhs.net</u>

Consultant in Public Health

Strategic Healthcare Public Health,

NHS England – Midland

Patient -Led-Support

NORTH DEVON BOWEL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Henry Williamson Room Barnstaple Library

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Thursday 13th of June 2-4pm
Thursday 26th September 2-4pm
Thursday 12th December 2-4pm

For more info' call the Colorectal Nurses

01271 322 464













Head & Neck Cancer Support Group

Our 24/7 support line © 07504 725 059

North Devon Head & Neck Cancer Patient and Caregiver Support Group



Thursday 27th June, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Grosvenor Community Church, Old Station Road, Barnstaple, EX32 8PB

This will give you an opportunity to meet the team from The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Charity and for you to have your say about how future meetings will run.

If you would like to attend the launch meeting, please contact Sharon Curtis, Charity manager, info@theswallows.org.uk or 07504 725059







Torrington Monthly Hub

Tuesday 18th June 2024 2.00pm- 4.00pm

Torrington Hospital, Calf Street, Great Torrington, Torrington EX38 7BJ

FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH & BEYOND CANCER *support* coffee* help* tea* advice* cake* chat* company*



help you!

Please pop in and find out how we can

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

FUTURE DATES:
2.00PM-4.00PM
Tuesday June 18th
Tuesday July 16th
Tuesday August 20th
Tuesday September 17th









For more information contact Holly or Tara on 01271 311855 or email rduh.theferncentre@nhs.net

NHS Royal Devon Iniversity Healthcare

Holsworthy Monthly Hub

Wednesday 12th June 2024 2.00pm- 4.00pm

Dobles Ln, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 6JQ

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT





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FUTURE DATES: 2.00PM-4.00PM

Wednesday 10th July



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Royal Devon versity Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Carers Week is taking place across the UK from Monday 10th to Sunday 16th June 2024

Carers Week 10th – 16th June is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't see themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

This year's theme is 'Putting Carers on the Map.'
Devon Carers are asking everyone to help them raise awareness of carers and to thank them for the
They will be joined by several organisations and their
Carer Friendly Devon supporters this year.

They are busy organising events and information stands across Devon for this year's Carers Week, go to https://devoncarers.org.uk/ for more information.

- Monday 10th June 11.00—3.30pm

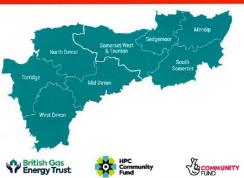
 Arlington Court, near Barnstaple EX31 4LP
- Tuesday 11th June 10.00am—4pm
 North Devo District Hospital EX31 4JB
- Thursday 13th June 1.30pm—3.30pm
 Barnstaple Library , Tuly Street EX31 1EL



Worrying about money?

Maybe we can help...





enquiries@navigatecharity.org.uk www.navigatecharity.org.uk/make-a-referral/



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- Getting to appointments
 Affording transport

- Struggle to get help elsewhere

You want to learn ways to be better with your

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Other Support Available

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Foodbanks - 0808 208 2138 https://www.trusselltrust.org/gethelp/find-a-foodbank/

Council Support - Devon https://www.devon.gov.uk/cost-ofliving/

Council Support - Somerset

https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/educat ion-and-families/the-localoffer/money/

MENTAL HEALTH

NHS - https://www.nhs.uk/nhsservices/mental-health-services/

Mindline Somerset

01823 276 892/ 0800 138 1692

Mind Devon

https://www.devonmind.com/urgent-

HOUSING

Shelter - 0808 800 4444 hhttps://england.shelter.org.uk/



MONEY & DEBT

Citizens Advice - 0800 144 8848 https://www.citizensadvice.org. uk/debt-and-money/

Step Change- 0800 138 1111 https://www.stepchange.org/

National Debtline - 0808 808 4000 https://nationaldebtline.org/contact-us/

BENEFITS

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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!

AMANDA.S@TTVS.ORG.UK

OR CALL: 07939 154436





Need help and support with cancer?

The Macmillan Buddy Service

Get support that is right for you

Our free Macmillan Buddy service will match you to a volunteer buddy who understands what you're going through. They'll be a listening ear, and your support needs, or anything be extended. We'll review how it's else you'd like to talk about. They can also point you to other support available in the local community.

Or, if needed, they might be able to help with some tasks around the home, like putting the washing away or a little cleaning. Support is usually ready to talk about how you're feeling for up to 12 weeks and can sometimes going and signpost you on to other suitable support as and when needed.

The Buddy service showed me that Macmillan has got time for me as a person. It made me feel like a person again and not like I am a hassle to others.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Sign up at macmillan.org.uk/buddies at any time or call 0808 808 00 00 (7 days a week, 8am-8pm).



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What to expect Macmillan Telephone Buddies is a listening service. We offer a weekly call of up to an hour, for 12 weeks, supporting people living with cancer.

A volunteer can:

- Listen to how you are feeling and what is important to you Help you to get in contact with local support services
- Put you in contact with other Macmillan services Provide relevant information

A volunteer cannot:

- Provide counselling or therapy Give advice (including medical) Lend money Run errands for you (such as shopping)

- Volunteers expect to be treated with respect
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 Calls will happen at agreed times, the volunteer will call you and their number will
 not be shared
 Cancellations or reschedule requests are made 24hrs in advance where feasible
 There will be no face to face support provided
 Volunteers must follow Macmillan policies

- An end of service review will be offered, conducted by the Macmillan Support Line

For service feedback please get in touch with your Macmillan contact (see belo

Macmillan treats information disclosed as confidential unless there is a risk of seriou harm or abuse to you or someone else, in which case, we may have to pass this mation onto a third party such as the emergency services.

If you have any worries (for example with money, work or treatment) that our volunte buddies cannot help with, remember you can call the Macmillan Support Line: 0808 808 00 00 (7 days a week 8am-8pm)

Key contacts for you:

Carl Pugh Name: 07540677458 Phone:

CPugh@macmillan.org.uk Email:



NHS

Peninsula Cancer Alliance

How are you feeling about Cancer Services?

We're here to listen



We would value your feedback on your recent experience of being diagnosed with cancer in Devon and Cornwall. Your views can help us shape future services.

Scan the QR for more information



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WWW.peninsulacanceralliance.nhs.net

Signed up to MY CARE?



100,000 patients in Devon can't be wrong!

Why not join them!

Accessible on a computer, phone or tablet, MY CARE brings information about hospital appointments, test results and other medical details together in one convenient place, and makes it easier and more secure for patients and their clinical teams to share vital information.

For information on how to download the MY CARE app visit our website







Living Well with a Long-Term Health Condition

FREE! Wellbeing Workshop from the NHS

2 hour workshop that will introduce a range of techniques to help manage living with a long term health condition, including:

- The physical impact of our thoughts and emotions on our bodies
- The cycle of inactivity
- Challenging your self-critic
- Developing self-compassion
- Managing worry
- Improving motivation

Dates for the Workshops

- Wednesday 26th June 2.00pm
- Monday 29th July 9.30am

Also

Improving Sleep Workshop

- Wednesday 12th June 5.30pm
- Thursday 20th June 5.45pm

https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/workshops

Choose your preferred date & time and give TalkWorks a call on 0300 555 3344

Apply online too!



Free Counselling

Through Bupa, Macmillan are offering up to 4 free remotely-delivered counselling sessions for people struggling emotionally because they are living with cancer. People can access support remotely within days if they qualify to use the service.

Criteria for using Bupa Counselling?

To access the service, in brief, you should be:

- a person living with cancer
- 18 years old or over
- located in the UK for Assessment & Counselling sessions
- struggling emotionally because of cancer
- feeling that your biggest current need is mental wellbeing/emotional support in relation to your cancer diagnosis
- mentally, physically and socially able to take part in the counselling process
- not currently receiving therapy, help or intervention elsewhere for mental health needs
- feeling that your usual daily life is being affected by how you are feeling
- expressing or describing symptoms of anxiety, depression and/or irritability
- struggling to cope and feeling things in life are becoming increasingly difficult
- a minimum of 6 months from the last time you used this service i.e. if you have used the service before, you should wait at least 6 months from your last session before accessing again.

After the assessment, you could receive the following:

- up to 4 free counselling sessions via phone or video call
- a referral for one-off emotional support session for up to 1 hour
- signposting back to Macmillan, your GP or the NHS.

Free counselling for people living with cancer

Contact us free on **0808 808 00 00** and ask about the Bupa service. We're open, 7 days a week, 8am-8pm.





Or visit the Macmillan website macmillan.org.uk





Stopping smoking is one of the best things you can do and there's no better time than now to

If you live in Devon and currently smoke, you could be eligible for FREE support.

It's easy to get started and we will be there throughout your journey to help you stop smoking for good.



With our help, you're three times more likely to quit. We will be with you every step of the way.



Our service is FREE and our coaches will help you to develop a quit plan, so you can make changes that are sustainable.



We offer support over the phone, via video call and also face to face.

Our flexible programme also means you can stop smoking with as much or as little support as you want.

Our coaches can support you in person, over the phone or by video chat.

We are here when you need us.



After 20 minutes

Check your pulse rate, it will already be starting to return to normal.



After 48 hours

All carbon monoxide is flushed out. Your lungs are clearing mucus and your senses of taste and smell are



After 2 to 12 weeks

Blood will be pumping through to your heart and muscles much better because your circulation will have improved.



After 1 year

Great news! Your risk of heart attack will have halved compared to a smoker's



improving.



If you notice that breathing feels easier, it's because your bronchial tubes have started to relax. Also your energy will be increasing.

Your oxygen levels are recovering, and

the harmful carbon monoxide level in your blood will have reduced by half.



After 3 to 9 months

Any coughs, wheezing or breathing problems will be improving as your lung function increases by up to 10%.



After 10 years

After 8 hours

After 72 hours

More great news! Your risk of death from lung cancer will have halved compared with a smoker's.





How to get FREE stop smoking support

Many people try to quit smoking with willpower alone, but it's much easier to go smoke-free with the right help. There are lots of support options available - try a combination that works for you.

Alongside our coaching support we offer:

Vaping to Quit

Nicotine vaping is substantially less harmful than smoking and is a great aid to help you to quit. Vaping is not completely harmless and we only recommend it for adult smokers, to support quitting smoking and staying quit. Click here to find out more about <u>vaping to quit</u>.

Stop smoking aids

Nicotine Replacement Therapies (NRT) can really help with managing cravings and other tobacco withdrawal symptoms. With our coaches support and NRT, you are boosting your chances of successfully quitting. Click here to find out more about NRT stop smoking aids.

Top tips for success

Cravings can hit you at lots of different times. If you can manage your cravings, you'll be much more likely to succeed in stopping smoking.

Cravings are normal, and you CAN manage them.

Cravings happen because your body is missing the nicotine it's used to sometimes they are in sudden bursts and sometimes they may be in the back of your mind over a longer period of time. We can help you to manage your cravings but here's a few helpful tips to get you started:

- Recognise the craving signs
- Jump into some exercise
- Distract yourself with a quick task
- Go to a smoke-free zone
- Drink a glass of water.







We're here to support you

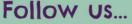
Thank you for reading the Fern Centre monthly Lifestyle and Wellbeing newsletter. If you would like to find out more about the Fern Centre and the support available to patients in North Devon, you can get in touch using the contact details below.

Alternatively, if you're at North Devon District Hospital, please pop in for a cuppa and a chat. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am-4.30pm and you'll find us opposite the maternity unit.

The Fern Centre is only here thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of the local community and the centre continues to be funded by Royal Devon Hospitals Charity (formerly known as Over and Above). If you would like to make a donation to support our work, please scan the QR code. Thank you.

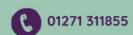
















www.royaldevoncharity.org.uk/fern-centre



