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Upcoming Events



DEER PARK

LEDBURY
A PORTHAVEN CARE HOME



SIZZLING SUMMER BARBECUE

IN AID OF MEGAN BAKER HOUSE

Saturday 9th August

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Come and join us at our sizzling summer barbecue and help us raise funds for independent local charity Megan Baker House. Nothing beats a barbecue on a hot summer's day, especially when it's done the Deer Park way! Guests can look forward to an afternoon of exceptional food, our very own tiki bar and entertainment by the talented JB Steelpan, who'll be bringing a touch of the Caribbean to help us get into the summer party mood. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

This event is free to attend. To RSVP or find out more please contact our Client Services Manager Vivienne Hill on 01531 800700 or email csm.deerpark@porthaven.co.uk

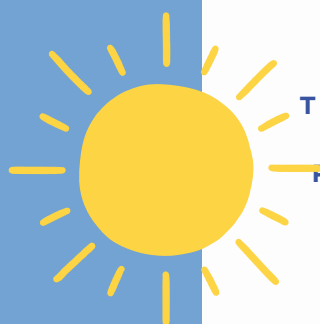
EVENT VENUE
DEER PARK CARE HOME

Martins Way, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2XW
porthaven.co.uk

Summer Intensives!

THERES STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR SUMMER INTENSIVES!
SESSIONS ARE RUNNING FROM MONDAY 21ST JULY –
FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST AT OUR TWO LEDBURY VENUES AND
11TH – 13TH AUGUST AT LUDLOW.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE SESSIONS, CONTACT
SUE ON SUE@MEGANBAKERHOUSE.ORG.UK



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Thank you!

A HUGE thanks to everyone at Raft in Ledbury for putting on a fabulous fashion show for us. Wednesday 9th July was an extremely warm evening and over 40 friends and supporters of MBH crowded into the RAFT shop in the centre of Ledbury. With a glass of Prosecco to welcome them and a selection of canapes, the audience settled down to watch volunteer models from RAFT as well as friends of MBH show off the fabulous collection of clothes the shop carries and many dashed to buy items after the event. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to raise £430 for MBH.

Thank you again to the marvelous staff at Raft, for whom nothing was too much trouble.

If you are interested in putting on an event yourselves, from a coffee morning, afternoon tea, fashion show or anything similar, please talk to me,

Lee Gough

Development Director

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Megan Baker House

Improving lives across the region



Local Charity Expands with the Opening of "Ledbury Two"
— A New Chapter in Support for Children and Adults with
Neurological Disorders.



A MESSAGE FROM CEO JOHN GOUGH:

The opening of Ledbury Two is a milestone for us and reflects both the growing recognition of the impact that conductive education can have for all age groups and the increasing demand for our services across Herefordshire, Worcestershire and beyond. We're excited to expand our reach and provide even more children and adults with the skills, confidence, and independence they deserve. Ledbury One and Two are the core facilities of the charity but we also operate a project called REACHOUT which delivers conductive education at ten other venues including three schools.

The Ledbury Two opening performed by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Herefordshire, Edward Harley, CBE, welcomed local funders, supporters, and dignitaries, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new facility features purpose-built spaces designed to foster learning, development and wellbeing in a warm and supportive environment. There is also an office for client meetings and beautiful garden where partners, parents and family members can meet and chat.

MBH was founded in 2002 for Megan Baker and three other children and now has over 200 families from across the region accessing its specialised services.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT...

SUE:

Head of Client Services/Senior Conductive Educational Specialist/Safeguarding Lead



Employee spotlight will give you a chance to get to know our staff a little better. This month's employee spotlight is on Sue!

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I'd love to go to Alaska. It looks like such a peaceful place, with amazing scenery—huge mountains, forests, and lakes. I'd really enjoy just being out in nature, maybe spotting some wildlife. It seems like the perfect place to switch off and breathe.

What's your go to comfort food?

Definitely chocolate, especially when it's mixed with nuts. That combo of sweet and crunchy is just perfect—I could eat it every day!

Your favourite Movie or TV show?

I love The Real Housewives of Cheshire and Schitt's Creek—they always make me laugh and help me switch off from the real world. I watch loads of films so I don't have one favourite, but I do enjoy getting into something based on real life, like Schindler's List—those kinds of stories really stay with you.

Do you have any pets?

Yes—I've always had pets in my life. I got my first puppy when I was 4, and since then I've had all sorts—dogs, guinea pigs, hamsters, even giant African snails! Then I did it all over again with my kids, so our house has always been full of animals.

What's a fun fact most people wouldn't know about you?

I've actually met Robbie Williams through a friend—which might not be exciting for everyone, but it definitely was for me! Another fun memory is when I went scuba diving in Israel, watching coral up close and even seeing dolphins swimming freely in the Red Sea. Pretty amazing experiences!

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