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Welcome to our Newsletter

Asbestos found in Claire's Cosmetics

Action Mesothelioma Day this year was all about Awareness. A few years ago Sarah undertook a project researching where asbestos may be found in 20th Century buildings and products. One of the most surprising outcomes was that talcum powder, processed before, 1970, contained asbestos.

Recently we were horrified to learn that a US analyst confirmed the presence of Tremolite (one of the recognised categories of asbestos) in children's products sold at an outlet of Claire's Accessories in a London suburb.

The Asbestos Support Groups' Forum issued a press release on the 21st May this year about the findings. Previous reports had highlighted contamination of products sold under the Claire's brand in US, Canada and the Netherlands. The Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum and the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat were naturally concerned about UK products. Therefore, they took measures to purchase samples and send them away for analysis. The samples were purchased on April 8 2018. Careful analysis took place revealing Tremolite (asbestos) in talc based products including Claire's Natural Eye Eyeshadow, blusher, Unicorn powder and other

eyeshadows. **IBAS and the Forum sent out press releases calling for the products to be re-called immediately and demanding health warnings and investigations.**

We have not been informed of any outcome of these warnings.

This is scary, asbestos has been banned since 1999 yet in 2018 it has been revealed that products containing asbestos, aimed at children and teenagers, are being sold on the high street.

Action Mesothelioma Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Action Mesothelioma Day and to everyone who has sent sponsorship money. We really appreciate your support. A total of £460.00 was raised for Mesothelioma research and a total of £1,790 for DAST.

On a beautiful sunny morning on Action Mesothelioma Day – 6th July 2018, we met at Grassmoor Country Park to plant our "Tree of Knowledge and



Awareness” – a beautiful apple tree, great for wildlife, especially bees and birds. Speeches about the importance



of raising awareness were delivered by Joanne Gordon and Dave Trigg before those present were invited to place symbols on the tree highlighting some of the main professions where sadly people have been affected by mesothelioma.



A plaque was also placed on the notice board near the tree commemorating the occasion.

Afterwards everyone was invited for a buffet lunch at North Wingfield Community Centre and to see videos; one produced by DAST for Action Mesothelioma Day in 2016 and the other produced by Sarah Nagamatsu dedicated to Japanese victims of Mesothelioma. Sarah is a Lung Cancer Nurse from Japan who attended our Mesothelioma in the Midlands Conference in April this year. She asked the choir “Tenovus” whose lives had been touched in some way by cancer, if they would back a video she was producing in Japan.

DATES for your DIARY

**Tuesday 4th September 2018
10.30am – 12.30pm**

**The Salvation Army Church Centre
Mead Way, Balderton,
Newark NG24 3GA
Speaker to be confirmed.**

There are some parking spaces in front of and beside the building as well as on-road parking. Please park on the right hand side as you approach the building.

**WELLBEING DAY for Patients and Carers, Double Tree by Hilton, Braford Wharf North, Lincoln LN1 1YW
19th October 2018
10.30am – 2.30pm**

Following the success of the event at Willersley Castle, we are organising a similar event in Lincoln.



We used the Double Tree for an event some time ago and it is

a really lovely venue.

Speakers will include DAST staff as well as talks about breathing exercises, support for Carers, writing therapy and chair-based Yoga and Relaxation, together with free give-aways.

**DAST AGM and Social
Wednesday 5th December 2018**

AGM 10.00am followed by Social at 11.00am at the Spot, Wilmot Street West, Derby DE1 2JW.

Join us for entertainment, quiz and magic.

Festival of Christmas Trees

The beautiful Festival of Christmas Trees is back again this year from **Saturday, 17 November until Sunday 2nd December at the Crooked Spire in Chesterfield**. DAST will once again be displaying a tree. This year we are calling on crafters to send a few small handmade decorations for the Christmas Tree.

Feedback

It is useful to know how you value our service. It is helpful for funding bids, the annual report and to feed back to the Trustees about our service and how we may change or improve the service we offer.

Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would please complete a short questionnaire. I appreciate that some of you may not have used the service for some time but we do try to keep in regular contact with you and would like to know if this is helpful.

You can send your form anonymously or alternatively if you are happy to put your name on the form, it can be returned along with any events you are booking onto or comments can be emailed to me at joanne.gordon@asbestossupport.co.uk by 25th September 2018.



Fundraising Report easyfundraising

Do you or your family shop online? We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help!

easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ca/uses/dast/>

Don't forget to tell family and friends too.

Walk a Mile for Mesothelioma

Please see the enclosed flyer about our annual sponsored walks. Over the past 4 years, Walk a Mile for Mesothelioma has raised thousands of pounds to help meet the cost of DAST's services. DAST staff and volunteers will attend 1 mile walks in Nottingham and Chesterfield and we would love it if some of you joined us. We take a slow stroll so there's plenty of opportunity to chat along the way.

If you can organise your own walk, that would be even better! One of the aims of Walk a Mile for Mesothelioma is to raise awareness of the disease and of the dangers of asbestos. The more people doing walks and telling people about them, the more publicity Mesothelioma and DAST receive.

We have sponsorship packs to give out to all those organising walks including sponsor forms, T shirts, pens and kit bags. Contact Sarah: 01246 380415 or sarah.walters@asbestossupport.co.uk or send back the form on the enclosed flyer.

Below – scenes from some of last year's walks



Thank you to Phoebe and the team at the Old House at Home pub in Pelsall, Staffs, who held a fun day in support of DAST. They raised a wonderful £275! The pub is part of the Marston's chain, who have pledged to match the donation.



100 Club

Our latest 100 Club winners are as follows:

March 2018 – Mrs Bailey of Walton-on-Trent won £63.50



Thank you to staff and customers at Waitrose in Ashbourne, who raised £260 through the green token scheme.

Thank you to the Stanton Benevolent Fund, who

gave £500 towards DAST's work in the area around the Saint-Gobain works near Ilkeston.

Sarah collects the £500 cheque from Wendy Marriott of Saint-Gobain



April 2018 – Rollover

May 2018 – Mr Gooding of Sandiacre won £68

June 2018 – Mr Needham of Chesterfield won £34.50

Thank you to...

Markeaton Crematorium, Derby, who raised £5000 through their recycling scheme. This will be used to support our Derby Lighthouse Bereavement Support Group, now that our Lottery funding has ended.



Thank you to the Co-op, who have just sent us £865 from their Local Community Fund scheme. This is the second of three payments we will receive this year. Some of the donation is made up of the 5p carrier bag tax, but the rest comes from all those Co-op Dividend card holders who have nominated us as their chosen charity. Thank you to all those who have chosen DAST to receive their 1% dividend. If you would like to take part, visit the Co-op's website or ask in store:

<https://www.coop.co.uk/local-community-fund>

