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**Summer 2015 – Letter from the Chairman**

***Dear Friends,***

*It is with great pleasure that I can share with you our charity's progress:*

*The Dragon Boat Festival in May was a huge success, a great day for all ... the only downfall being the rainfall! We are delighted to say that we will be doing this again next year.*

*The other fantastic event recently was the Royal Norfolk Show with Nadia working herself to a frazzle creating her henna tattoos in the sunshine. People were queuing out of the marquee awaiting her talent.*

*We are at many other events during the summer – fetes and dog shows, and we are delighted to have been the Lowestoft Classic Car Club charity of the year – I understand from my husband that their rally was wonderful! We have two new shops and we are looking forward to the autumn when we will be planting the hedgerow around our land. The mayor is coming to help us to launch the day.*

*This year so far has been extremely busy and I foresee next year being more so. Everything is on schedule and our fundraising is going very well. We are truly grateful for all the support and encouragement we receive from all our volunteers and friends.*

*On Friday 24th July we had our second annual Volunteers' Lunch where we were delighted to give long-service awards to some of our wonderful volunteers. Without you all, it would be much harder.*

*Our website is being updated and I must thank our website friends for their time, effort and sincere generosity to East Coast Hospice.*

*We are on track to build Margaret Chadd House – a proper hospice rather than just a ward. As we all know, a hospice is a place for people to live well for the time they have left.*

*I need to reiterate that ALL money donated to East Coast Hospice goes towards building Margaret Chadd House. Our shops are self-funding and cover the charity's expenses. I apologise for repeating myself but this is a really important fact.*

***With very best wishes for the rest of the summer,***

***Jennifer Beesley***

***Chairman***

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