

## Press Release

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### **BBQ Fun at the Griffin!**

Over 200 people attended a barbecue in the garden of The Griffin Inn, Fletching in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice on Friday evening. One of the Hospice's Support Groups, Fletching, were invaluable in making sure the event ran as smoothly as possible.

Just over £5,500 was raised through ticket sales for the 2-course meal which included a whole spit-roast pig, as well as free range chicken, sardines and home-made burgers. All accompanied by a wide selection of salads and exotic Griffin dressings, followed by a choice of Eton Mess or Sticky Toffee Pudding.

An auction conducted by Griffin landlord James Pullan and Fletching resident (and Griffin regular) Adam Hill raised over £1,000, prizes included 2 tickets for Piers Morgan's Life Stories starting on ITV in October, a round of Golf for 4 people at Piltdown and many other items. A raffle, live music from Sam Martin, face-painting for the children and a strolling conjuror, Joel Harrop all helped to make the evening a resounding success.

Nigel and Bridget Pullan, owners of the Griffin, said: "We have had several very close friends spend their last days at St. Peter & St James and the loving care they received was quite amazing. In a small way we wanted to do something to repay the care they had received."



The Auctioneer in full swing!



All the food!!!!

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### **Notes to Editors: About St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre**

Our mission as a registered charity is to provide specialist care, love and support for those living with progressive, life limiting illnesses from East and West Sussex. We will endeavour to meet the needs of each patient, their family and friends. We aim to encourage and enable all patients to live their lives to their full potential despite their illnesses.

We care for patients from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Uckfield and the surrounding villages. Last year we provided care for more than 400 patients and their families. All of our Hospice services are free of charge and we receive less than 20% of our funding from the Government. This means we have to raise more than £1.4 million every year through fundraising. That's £4,000 every single day.

If you are interested in working or volunteering at St Peter & St James please contact Human Resources on 01444 471598 or visit [www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk](http://www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk).

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