

Press Release

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Halloween Hot Shots!

Twenty three brave souls raised more than £3,000 for St Peter & St James Hospice at their Halloween Fire Walk on Saturday night.

The event was held in the garden at The Potters pub in Station Road Burgess Hill. Following an hour long training session, during which walkers snapped wooden arrows by pressing the point against the base of their throat and pushing against a wall, they made their way towards the eight foot fire bed. Each walker in turn then shouted their names to the cheers of the crowds and marched across the coals which were burning at more than 600 degrees.

Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice said: "Our huge thanks go to everybody who took part on Saturday night, we were incredibly impressed by their achievement! As well as raising vital funds for St Peter & St James the Fire Walk is a great opportunity for people to face their fears and realise what they are capable of. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone at The Potters for being such welcoming hosts and for the extra £250 that they raised on the night. It was a fantastic event and we're already looking forward to next year!"

The Hospice, based in North Chailey, receives less than 15% of its funding from the government and has to raise £4,000 every single day in order to continue offering free hospice services to patients and their loved ones.

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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 15% 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.

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