

Press Release

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Masquer-Aid For St Peter & St James!

A dazzling array of Venetian masks were adorned on Saturday night to help raise £4,000 for St Peter & St James Hospice at their Venetian Elegance Masquerade Ball, which took place at The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead.

Guests were entertained by a string quartet during a champagne reception which was then followed by a 3 course meal, auctions and a casino. The evening ended with dancing to live local band The Saucy Flapdragons.

Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice in North Chailey said: "I would like to thank all of the sponsors who helped to make the evening such a big success and of course all of our guests for joining us and helping to raise such a wonderful amount of money. We have to raise £3,600 every single day of the year and receive just 15% of our running costs from the Government so we are heavily reliant on the success of fundraising events like the Ball."

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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 just 15% of our funding from the Government. We have to raise more than £1.3 million every year through fundraising. That's £3,600 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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