

Press Release

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Open Gardens' for St Peter & St James Hospice

A new venture for St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing care Centre this year is the 'Open Gardens' programme running between May to September.

The first gardens to open begin on Sunday May 2nd in Ansty and the last garden opening is Stoneheeled Farm in Street on Sunday September 12th.

On 13th June a group of gardens will be open in Plumpton, Open Gardens day in Newick is on Sunday 27th June and Burgess Hill Safari will be on Sunday 18th July.

A wonderful variety of gardens are opening to raise vital funds for the hospice, ranging from moderate town gardens to larger country gardens plus a school vegetable garden in Hurstpierpoint. The gardens have a good variety of size, planting style and layout. A brochure is being produced along the same lines as the well known 'yellow book' gardens scheme, which is available now from the Hospice, libraries in the area and local garden centres.

So if you appreciate other people's gardens, like nice home made refreshments and would like to support St Peter & St James, please visit them!

The locations include Ansty, Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, Keymer, Hurstpierpoint, Newick and Plumpton. In addition, the Hospice will be having an Open Garden day on June 12th.

For a brochure call the hospice on 01444 471598 or website: www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk

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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.

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