

Press Release

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In Pastures Pink, a local music festival inspired by a daughter's love for her mum

When Sussex nine year old Millie Rushton saw the suffering and courage of her mother, who had breast cancer, she decided to do something about it. So she set up a string quartet and announced she wanted to organise a concert in aid of Breast Cancer Research. This was two years ago and from this acorn of an idea (or spark of initiative), a group of friends launched *In Pastures Pink*, a musical extravaganza which won the hearts and support of hundreds of music lovers throughout Sussex. Millie played on stage - as did other bands - people lazed in the sun eating strawberries and cream, and then danced to the sounds of the '60s, '70's and '80s as the sun went down behind the hills. The event raised £10,000.

In Pastures Pink is back, returning to Danehill on Saturday 9 July, but with an even better and more exciting line up than two years ago. Set once again just outside the village and surrounded by ancient woodland, fields and spectacular views, *In Pastures Pink* will be a music festival and country fare rolled into one. There will be something for everyone – amazing bands, a children's activity area, a stand-up comic, a roaming poet a storytelling group plus lots of delicious local food and wine. 'And lots of pink of course!', says organiser Isobel Wilkinson. 'A pink drinks tent, a pink beauty tent and pink flowers everywhere. People can wear pink too if they want!'

The Tea / Cocktail tent is going to be styled by Philippa Craddock; this will have stags horns with coronets of flowers and will look amazing, so the cocktail hour is a big feature with an *In Pastures Pink* Cocktail being created

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In Pastures Pink kicks off at 4.30pm with children's music, recitals, story-telling and afternoon tea.plus hog roasts, BBQ's. Then at 7.00pm music and dancing begins with a ceilidh hoedown, followed by the bands. [Gypsy and the Wolf](#), [Indiana and the Romeos](#), [Superlungs](#) . Entrance prices for adults are £20, under 25s £15 (children under 13 years are free).Early bird £15, under 25s £10. For tickets and further information, visit www.inpasturespink.co.uk, email event@inpasturespink.co.uk or ring Lesley 07545 531957.

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

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