

Press Release

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The last ever St Peter & St James Fun Run

The last ever Fun Run for St Peter & St James was held on Sunday 26th September. 120 people pre registered with a further 100 registering on the day. The weather looked gloomy but held out magnificently all day so that runners and walkers alike could enjoy the 5 ½ mile course around the Hospice and its neighbouring fields.

Special thanks have to go to the Haywards Heath Harriers who year on year have supported the Hospice and the Fun Run as well as all those who have helped, sponsored, ran or walked.

Head of Fundraising Gill Cronin said: I'd like to thank all of the people who came to our Fun/Run and Walk on Sunday; it was lovely to see so many people supporting the Hospice and enjoying our lovely surroundings. Just over 270 walkers and runners took part. Lots of people were asking why we were thinking of making this the last Fun Run/Walk. Well the answer is simple; we need to raise £4,000 every day and we rely on events like these making good solid contributions to that target. Unfortunately we have seen a large decline in support for the Fun Run/Walk over the last couple of years. This year with the lower numbers attending it is looking like we will not make enough to fund a day of running all the services we currently provide to those in the Hospice and out in the local community. The amount of sponsorship we are receiving means that we must review whether the event takes place again.

If anyone wants us to reconsider dropping the event and has any ideas on how to build it up again please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the Hospice – I'd be only too happy to talk things through and Save the Fun/Run and Walk!!

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For further information: Gill Cronin on 01444 471598

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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