

## **Press Release**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2009

### **Spring Raffle Raises £12,000**

More than 16,000 raffle tickets were sold for the St Peter & St James Hospice Spring Raffle raising more than £12,000 for the Hospice in North Chailey.

The winning tickets were drawn at the Hospice's three charity shops in Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and Lewes at midday on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The nine lucky winners were picked out by Hospice Trustees and all winners have now been notified.

Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice said: "We were delighted with the number of raffle tickets that were sold and would like to thank everyone who either bought a ticket or who helped to sell tickets. Three of our winners, including a lady who won a top prize of £1,000, actually donated all or part of their winnings back to the Hospice and we would like to say a special thank you to them for their generosity."

St Peter & St James receives less than 15% of its funding from the Government meaning that they have to rely heavily on the continued goodwill and generosity of the local community to raise the £3,600 required every single day. All of St Peter & St James' hospice services are provided free of charge to patients and their loved ones. If you are interested in working or volunteering at St Peter & St James please contact Human Resources or the Volunteer Services Co-ordinator on 01444 471598 or visit [www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk](http://www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk).

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**Photograph attached:** The Spring Raffle draw outside the Burgess Hill shop

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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. This means we have to raise more than £1.3 million every year through fundraising. That's £3,600 every single day.

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