

## **Press Release**

29<sup>th</sup> August 2007

### **We DID Go Down To The Woods Today...**

A very special visitor delighted children and adults alike at the Teddy Bears' Picnic held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August at St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre. PJ The Bear made a surprise appearance and spent time playing games with the children and judging the 'Most Original Bear' competition.

The event was organised by 9 year old Jessica Claxton with the help of her younger brother Jamie. Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at St Peter & St James said: "Jessica and Jamie have done a fantastic job organising today's event along with Rosie, our Community Fundraiser, and we would like to thank all of the children who came along. We hope they all had as much fun as we did."

This was the first Teddy Bears' Picnic at St Peter & St James and is part of an ongoing programme of fundraising events carried out in aid of the Hospice. St Peter & St James receives just 15% of its funding from the Government and has to raise more than £1.2 million every year through fundraising. That's £3,300 every single day.

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