

# THANK YOU

## Celebrations as Bookstall Team Passes £100,000 mark!

Every weekday, a team of committed volunteers run the Stars Appeal bookstall in the main entrance of the hospital. They recently celebrated passing £100,000 in sales since 2007, which has gone towards the charitable projects around the hospital funded by the Stars Appeal.



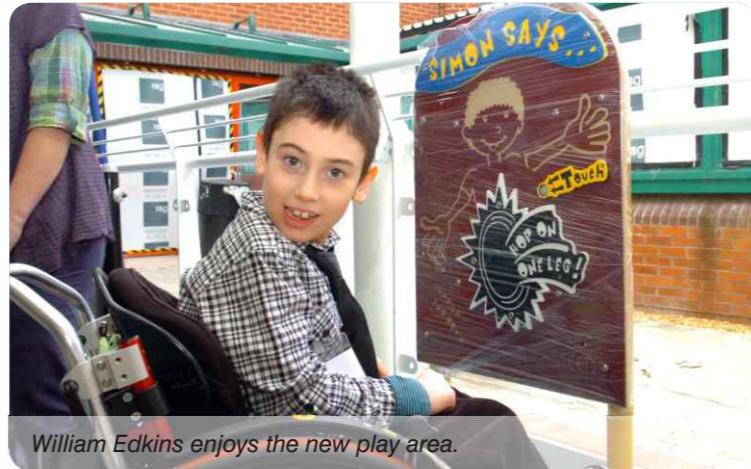
(L-R) Derrick, Linda, Hazel, Nicola, Marion, Freda, Sybil, Betty and Bryan, from our team of bookstall volunteers.

The bookstall team are always keen to receive small quantities - a carrier-bag full - of good quality second-hand books, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. If you can help, drop them into the Stars Appeal bookstall during opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00-4.30.

## Thank You to Lisa and Welcome to Toddy as Chairman of The Stars Appeal Committee

Lisa Stratton has handed over the role of Chairman of the Stars Appeal Committee after more than three very successful years. Her last appearance as Chairman was to welcome supporters to the new Children's Unit Preview Day, a fitting end to her successful time, which included the launch of the Caring 4 Kids campaign. We are delighted that Lisa has now agreed to become a Patron of the Appeal.

Toddy Moore, our new Chairman, has been getting to know the Appeal Committee and our many volunteers. She says, "It's been amazing to meet people of all ages and from all walks of life who so willingly give their time and energy to support charitable projects around the hospital. I'm really looking forward to working with the team and helping this brilliant charity to achieve even more."



William Edkins enjoys the new play area.

## A Huge THANK YOU to Everyone Who Supports The Stars Appeal

We are very grateful to all our supporters for your contributions, donations, event organisation, volunteering, participation, promotion and help. We acknowledge every donation we receive but we just don't have room to thank everyone by name in our newsletter.

Your support has helped children like William and Jenny to have a more enjoyable, and therefore effective, experience during their frequent hospital visits. As William says of the new Children's Unit, "It's awesome!"

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Sophie, Countess of Wessex, meets Jenny & Jonathan Howarth.

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## Children, Parents, Staff, Supporters ... and HRH The Countess of Wessex ... Celebrate Launch of New Children's Unit



HRH The Countess of Wessex with Lucy Howarth during her visit to the new Children's Unit.

### Two events took place in March to celebrate the launch of the new Children's Unit.

There were smiles and tears of joy at both the Royal Visit and at the earlier Preview Day from the parents, staff and other supporters who have worked so hard raising funds. The £1million raised by the Stars Appeal Caring 4 Kids campaign has made the new unit a truly child and parent friendly experience.

Children enjoyed trying out the games in the outside play areas, playing in the boat in outpatients' reception and experiencing the multi-sensory room.

Adults admired the comfortable parent beds and the well-equipped parents' areas. Staff will welcome children to the Unit from June.



Lauren Morgan, a frequent visitor, admires the boat in the outpatients waiting area.

"Congratulations to everybody who has worked very hard; the people who come here will be eternally grateful for everything you have done." Sophie, Countess of Wessex



Karen Robinson with regular patient William Edkins and Stars Appeal President Lord Pembroke.

"The new children's unit will make Lauren's time attending appointments more like fun and less like hospital. It makes a real difference knowing that she will be cared for in the best possible environment, with all the extra things that will make her treatment as enjoyable and as effective as possible." Ann Morgan, mum to Lauren.

"It will make a tremendous difference to our work and we are so proud and excited about it." Karen Robinson, Head of Children's Physiotherapy



"It's difficult to get kids out of the waiting room now because it's so superb." Jonathan Howarth, dad to Jenny (pictured on back page)



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## Children's A&E Takes Shape

During the royal visit the Countess of Wessex also saw progress on the new children's area in the Accident & Emergency Department, which the Stars Appeal Caring 4 Kids campaign is funding.

This separate waiting, assessment and treatment area for children will open later this summer, ready to welcome the 9,000 children treated by A&E staff at Salisbury District Hospital each year.



The Countess of Wessex visits children's A&E.

## Heart Patients Get Better Local Service in New Cardiac Suite

Thanks in part to a generous legacy, the Stars Appeal has funded over £500,000 of additional specialist equipment in a second lab in the new Cardiac Suite. This enables specialists at Salisbury District Hospital to carry out treatment (angioplasties and stents) for people with heart disease rather than patients having to travel to other hospitals as was previously the case.

"The new Cardiac Suite represents a significant step forward for Salisbury Hospital and benefits local people with heart disease in both the Outpatient and Inpatient setting" said Tim Wells, Consultant Cardiologist. "Already over one hundred people have benefited from this new service. We are hugely grateful to all those who support the Stars Appeal."



Consultant Tim Wells in the new lab in the Cardiac Suite.



A gift in your Will could make a real difference to the health care provided to the thousands of local people who use Salisbury District Hospital. To find out more about remembering the hospital, or a special ward or department in your Will, contact Dave Cates on 01722 429005.

## Families Talk and Walk to Make NICU Family Accommodation Unit a Reality

Parents whose children were in NICU (the special care baby unit) are helping to raise funds for our Family Accommodation Unit project. Mums and dads have contributed to videos, leaflets and news releases, hoping their stories will persuade local people and organisations to donate.

Caroline and Adrian Roberts from Downton and their 12-year old son Jack, who was a NICU baby, are taking part in this year's Walk for Wards in memory of their first son Jamie who also spent time in NICU.

Mel Pudney from Alderholt, her son Jay, a NICU baby who's now an active 8 year old, and a team of her colleagues from New Directions will also be joining the walk as part of the company's support for the NICU Family Accommodation Unit.

They are helping to raise the £350,000 needed to create a place where parents and siblings can stay close to their babies born too sick, too small or too soon. The Family Accommodation Unit will cater for up to six families at a time when it opens in 2012, and will connect directly to the new larger NICU. Watch our video at starsappeal.org to see parents talking about the need for the project.



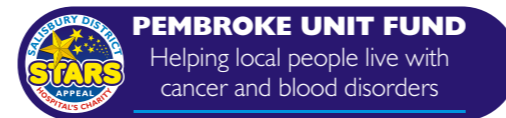
Older children will be able to spend more time with new baby brothers and sisters.

## Spire FM Helps Patients with Cancer and Blood Disorders

This year local radio station Spire FM is supporting the Pembroke Unit Fund.

The Spire FM team are publicising the marvellous work the Pembroke Unit does for local people with cancer and blood disorders with a video on their website and on-air interviews with staff and patients about their experiences.

The highlight of the year is the All Day Auction, on-air and on-line on Thursday 6 October, when we hope to beat last year's record of £18,000. You can donate an auction item (goods, services or experiences) or join the volunteer team on the day (contact Jo in the Stars Appeal Office or info@starsappeal.org) - or just tune in and bid!



Busy Pembroke Unit staff are getting in on the act too - two staff teams are doing sponsored cycle rides, and health care support worker Tiffany Edmunds and aromatherapist Shelley Baker held a Fashion Show and Clothes Sale raising over £1,200.

The Pembroke Unit Fund is supporting some major changes this year as the Pembroke Suite day care unit moves into the newest part of the hospital. This will provide an upgraded diagnostics and treatment area, better facilities and equipment and a garden. The plan is to treat more patients on an outpatient basis, allowing them to remain at home with family as much as possible.



Spire FM's Chris Ewington with Pembroke Unit nursing staff.

## Adventurous Supporters Take on New Challenges

Spire FM DJ Martin Starke and Orthopaedic & Spinal Surgeon Harshad Dabke have both been on extraordinary trips this year - and raised money for the Stars Appeal. Martin reported live on-air and via Twitter as he walked the Great Wall of China, and raised £2,000. And Harshad raised over £1,900 while trekking across the Sahara Desert.



Martin walked the Great Wall of China.

We've got a great range of amazing trips for adventurous Stars Appeal supporters who want to challenge themselves while fundraising for their favourite ward or department. Choose from a London-Paris cycle, a trek up Kilimanjaro, or a trip to Costa Rica - there's something suitable for all sorts of travellers, whether alone or in a group.



Harshad finishing his trek in the Sahara!

If you'd like to take on your own challenge, visit [www.starsappeal.org/stars-appeal-challenges.html](http://www.starsappeal.org/stars-appeal-challenges.html) or call our volunteer Jo in the office on 01722 429005.