

Thanks to our supporters...



There are so many people to thank for their help and support. Below are just a few of our supporters who have organised a vast array of fun events and activities.

The Black Adder Quilting Group raised a grand total of £1,912 for the Pembroke Unit by holding a raffle to win a beautiful quilt made by the group. (1)

Liz Newbury and Sheila Rowe organised a dance at Castle Street Social Club and raised £1,120. Liz's employer, Wilts & Dorset Bus Company, then matched their fantastic total. Check with your employer if you are doing some fundraising, they may also match what you raise.

Moonrakers Motorcycle Club presented a cheque for £250 towards the Burns Unit raised at their annual party. (2)

Laverstock & Ford Sports & Social Club raised £2,863 for the Little Lives Campaign from their Fun Day. A special thanks goes to Keith Noble for his fantastic efforts in organising this event. (3)

Sandroyd School organised a sponsored bike ride and summer fete and raised £1,647 for the Little Lives Campaign. Pupils presented the cheque to Nicky Ringrose from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. (4)

Kit Brown & Isobel Bush presented nurse Jackie Stoneham with a cheque for £117 on behalf of Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Primary School, where the pupils took part in a bad hair day! Kit spent nearly four months on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit when he was born. (5)

Chloe Evens also presented Jackie Stoneham with a cheque, this time for £826.72. The money was raised by the family when Chloe's mum took part in a sponsored slim. Chloe was only 11b 6oz when she was born and was cared for on the unit by Jackie and her colleagues. (6)

Durrington Parish Councillors organised a Fun Day with the help of the village and raised £350. The day was a great success and certainly blessed by the weather. (7)

Luke Martino ran the Robin Hood Half Marathon in memory of his brother Tom and raised over £1,000 for Radnor Ward as a thank you for the care his brother received. (8)

Finally, a special thank you to Ted for his very kind contribution to the Keyhole Cancer Campaign.



Many thanks to all our corporate supporters who include....



We are very grateful to all our supporters big and small and try to mention as many as possible in our newsletter. Please do let us know if you would like your support featured on these pages.

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STARS APPEAL NEWS

Fundraising News from Salisbury District Hospital



President: The Earl of Pembroke
Patrons: Nick Holmes, Stephen Mangan, Julian Rhind-Tutt, Lord Marland of Odstock, Johnnie Walker MBE

APPEAL HAS FIRST TWO TARGETS IN SIGHT



Since our launch in February we have had a fantastic response and are thrilled to announce that we have almost reached the targets for our first two major projects, the Keyhole Cancer and Little Lives Campaigns.

These important projects, which will benefit thousands of premature and critically ill babies and patients undergoing cancer treatment surgery, will cost a total of £400,000. Thanks to our many supporters, we are confident that we will raise the required funds for these two projects by the end of the year.

We will of course be continuing to raise funds for all wards and departments and will be launching our next major project, the Caring 4 Kids Campaign, early next year. There will be more about this in the next newsletter and on our website www.starsappeal.org.

Peak Performance by Surgeons

Consultant colorectal surgeon Graham Branagan and his team raised over £3,000 when they finished the Three Peaks Challenge in an amazing 19 hours 10 minutes.

Surgical trainee Dan Wilby, gap year student Ali Hammer, Leeds University graduate Robynne Hammer, Belinda Vohra and Graham climbed the highest mountains in England (Scafell Pike 978m) Scotland (Ben Nevis 1344m) and Wales (Snowdon 1085m).

They were joined by drivers consultant surgeon Nick Carty and Sandi Hammer. A huge thank you to the whole team. Also completing the 3 Peaks challenge in aid of the Stars Appeal recently have been Alderholt Cricket Club, Capita Sip Services and John Chesher.



Dinner for the Stars

Appeal President, Lord Pembroke hosted a celebrity dinner at Wilton House in September. BBC 2's Dave Myers and Si King (aka the Hairy Bikers) designed an amazing 6 course menu for the guests who ate in the beautiful surroundings of the Double Cube Room. Green Wing Stars, Stephen Mangan and Julian Rhind-Tutt hosted an auction along with Radio presenter Johnnie Walker. Over £35,000 was raised on the night.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Stars Appeal is holding a giant Christmas Raffle. Prizes include a week's accommodation in a luxury Florida villa, a flat screen television, a digital camera and a huge number of other items all kindly donated by Stars Appeal supporters. Tickets are just £1 each and you will find tickets enclosed with this newsletter.

If you would like to buy tickets, simply fill out and return the stubs along with a cheque for the appropriate amount (payable to the Stars Appeal) in the enclosed envelope. If you would like more tickets, or have any queries please contact Hannah Paye at the Stars Appeal office on 01722 429005.

We hope you can help us with this last push to make our first two projects a reality. However, if raffles aren't your thing, please don't feel obliged to buy the tickets.

Happy Christmas from all at the Stars Appeal and thanks for your support!

A very special thanks to our media partners Salisbury Journal for their continued support in raising awareness of the Stars Appeal. Visit www.salisburyjournal.co.uk for all the latest Appeal news.



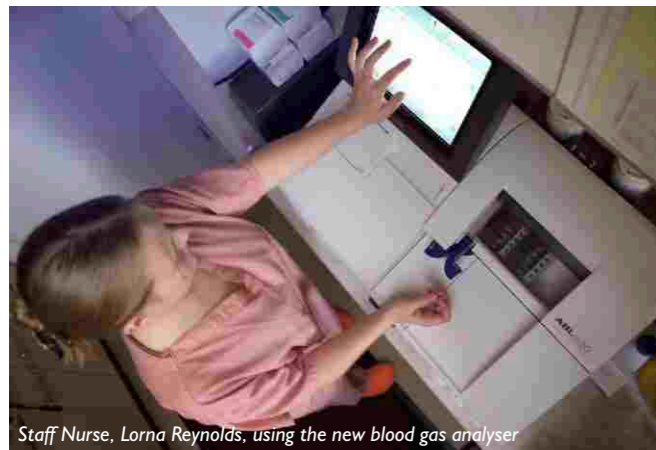
Tiny babies - big benefits!



Thanks to the success of the Little Lives Campaign, premature and critically ill babies at Salisbury District Hospital are already benefiting from your support. With the completion of the campaign in sight, we have been able to buy some of the specialist equipment on the unit's wish list. This includes new incubators, specialist CPAP breathing aids and an incredible high-tec blood gas analyser. More equipment is on order!

Meanwhile plans for the new keyhole cancer suite are well underway and we are hoping to install the new facility over the Christmas break. It will make a huge difference to the work of our team of surgeons, allowing them to use the very latest keyhole techniques in the most up-to-date environment.

A special open day is being planned in January when supporters will have the chance to come to the Hospital and see the difference their generous donations have made. If you would like to come along please let us know by contacting Hannah on 01722 429005 or by emailing info@starsappeal.org



Staff Nurse, Lorna Reynolds, using the new blood gas analyser

"Having a premature baby has been extremely difficult for us. It's a huge shock to have a baby weeks before the due date. What has made it bearable is the amazing care we have received from the nursing staff on NICU, together with the knowledge that our baby is being treated with the best state of the art equipment. This has given Harry the very best chance at this critical stage in his life."

Gemma Penwarden, baby Harry's mum (pictured below)



"The new equipment has helped transform our work. One of the first items we were able to buy was a highly advanced Blood Gas Analyser. This has enabled us to do all our routine blood testing in the Unit, rather than having to wait for lab test results, which require larger blood samples to be taken from the babies. In short, it's a real improvement in the care we provide and we are very grateful to all those who have supported our campaign."

Dr Nick Brown, Consultant Paediatrician

★ Get Involved!

Become a Friend of the Stars

By making a regular gift you will become a Friend of the Stars and help Salisbury District Hospital to provide the best possible care both now and in the future. As a Friend of the Stars Appeal you will receive a special star lapel pin (as modelled opposite by Appeal Patrons Julian Rhind-Tutt and Stephen Mangan). To do so, just tick the box on the enclosed form.

Collection Boxes

If your company can display a collection box on the counter to help us, then please give us a call. If you can help collect and distribute boxes on our behalf let us know. As with all our volunteer opportunities expenses can be claimed.

Running for the Stars

We have got bonded places for all of the top runs in 2008. To register your interest for races such as the Bath Half Marathon, the British 10k and the Great South Run, give Hannah a call on 01722 429005. Our 2007 running team did a fantastic job, raised lots of money, achieved some fast times and had great fun. Details of all our bonded places can also be found at www.starsappeal.org



What's been happening...



★ Walk for Wards

Over 500 people turned out in the pouring rain to take part in the annual Walk for Wards around Wilton Estate. The walk, which was started by Appeal president Lord Pembroke, raised a whopping £31,000. Walkers chose between two routes, a 10k and 3k both going to parts of the estate not normally open to the public. There were many very tiny ones taking part in the 3k, (in the comfort and dry of their pushchairs)! some of which had been looked after on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit when they were born. Walk for Wards 2008 will take place on Sunday June 22nd.



★ Tidworth 10k and 3k Fun Run

Our third annual run across Salisbury Plain saw a record 800 people taking part. Organised in conjunction with 1 Mechanized Brigade Headquarters and 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery the event is expected to raise £20,000. Major sponsors HPI were on hand to start the races. The day was also supported by the Salisbury Journal, ASDA, Spire FM, LA Fitness, Red Bull, Nike, and Robert Bray Sports Massage. Big thanks and well done to all those who took part!



★ League of Friends

Salisbury Hospital's League of Friends donated an amazing £100,000 towards the Keyhole Cancer Campaign. George Todd, the Chairman of the League of Friends presented the cheque to Lord Pembroke at a special ceremony in the Hospital.



★ Hospitals Foundation

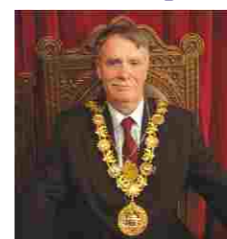
A huge thank you to Salisbury Hospitals Foundation who donated £20,000 towards the Keyhole Cancer Campaign. The foundation provides grants for education and training. To find out more, contact Derek Jones on 01722 336262 ext 4440.

★ Stars Volunteer wins Journal Award

Michael Beck (pictured far left with his team of supporters and Hospital Chairman Luke March) has been a volunteer fundraiser for four years and in that time has raised over £45,000 for various projects around the hospital, most recently contributing to our Little Lives Campaign. Michael's efforts were honoured recently when he received a Salisbury Journal People's award for his fundraising. With the help of his trusty wheelbarrow 'Wally,' Michael takes part in many sponsored events and collects once a week outside shops and venues around the area. Michael received treatment at the hospital for bladder and prostate cancer and this is his way of saying thank you for the care that he received.



★ The Mayor of Salisbury's Appeal - Helping Children in our Hospital



The Stars Appeal is delighted to have been selected by the Mayor, Cllr Kevin Cardy to benefit from his Mayoral Appeal "Helping Children in Our Hospital" which is raising funds for a range of state-of-the-art monitoring equipment for the Sarum Children's Ward. The Mayor's Appeal committee has a host of events planned including a very special carol concert, dinner and auction at Trafalgar Park near Downton on Thursday December 20th.

The auction will have many prestigious lots including a signed Chelsea Shirt, a day's fishing on the River Test, aerobatic flight, signed Katy Melua guitar, hot air balloon flight and a signed England cricket bat. Bids are being accepted ahead of the event so if you'd like to bag a unique Christmas present or perhaps something for yourself just telephone your bid through to the Stars Appeal Office. For more information about the Mayors Appeal visit www.starsappeal.org

★ Rotary Club of Wilton gets behind Appeal

The Rotary Club of Wilton has pledged its ongoing support to the Stars Appeal and will be donating some of the funds raised from their recent Spireworks event as well as providing us with volunteers to help at our events. Thank you also to the Rotary Clubs of Amesbury & Salisbury who have also supported us recently.

