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Bury Hospice Newsletter – Spring 2022



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Welcome

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**Hello**

Welcome to the latest edition of In Touch, our opportunity to let you know what we are doing at Bury Hospice, what's on and how you can help.

Firstly, I want to thank everyone for their continued help and support over the last 12 months. After what has been an unprecedented two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Hospice has bounced back and has regained its momentum, this could not have been possible without the support of our community. From volunteering through to community fundraising we are lucky and privileged to have such amazing supporters.

Since I joined the organisation in November, I have been busy spending time meeting all the teams to gain a better understanding of the demand and reach across the community of Bury. I spent some time with the Outreach team, where I saw first-hand the impact the service has on the community of Bury. I also enjoyed spending a morning with volunteers in our donation warehouse in Radcliffe, who all made me feel very welcome and are an important part of our DNA. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to do all the work we do.

Throughout this edition of In Touch we highlight the importance of our volunteers, our community and our income generation channels. It is with your continued support we will be able to provide invaluable end-of-life care and support to our patients and their families across the Borough of Bury.

Thank you from everyone at Bury Hospice. Kind regards. ✨

**Helen Lockwood**  
*Chief Executive*

This year it will cost £3.5m to run the Hospice and we need to fund over £3m of this ourselves through our income generation channels.



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**Helen  
Lockwood**  
*Chief  
Executive*

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## Our Clinical Services

Since we opened our Hospice in 1992, we have been proud of the difference we have made to the lives of the patients and families across the borough of Bury.

As a team, we work together to enable patients and families to receive the care they need, by providing support and specialist services within the Hospice and across a variety of community settings.

### Our care in numbers:

It has been another exceptional year for our clinical teams as they continue to work their way through COVID and with the successful introduction of new services including complementary therapy for our patients, the introduction of our Hospice Educator and the expansion of our Partnership with the Christie.

■ Last year we cared for over 170 patients through our Inpatient Unit and Outpatient clinic and over 292 patients were supported by our Outreach team

■ Over 313 families and children received support from our Bereavement and Family Support service. Our Hospice Liaison Nurse had over 427 contacts with patients, families and healthcare professionals resulting in support for over 104 patients

■ Complementary Therapy started in July 2021 and has provided over 179 treatments

■ We are proud of our collaborative partnership with the The Christie Hospital and our role in enabling people to receive treatment closer to home

### The future of our services

Over the last few years we have extended and developed our services to coincide with the

changes in the world and the requirements of the community.

Our long term ambition is to extend the reach of our care even further across the community and to increase our bed capacity. We also want to continue to work closely with our health and social care partners so that care is available to all and that this is built on solid foundations that are sustainable.

Over the next 12 months we will be looking at extending our services to include the following:

- Pilot night sitting
- Pilot extending our outreach service to 7 days
- Grow our educational offer
- Continuing to actively seek the opportunity to fund 4 additional beds
- Strengthening clinical and non – clinical capacity to support our clinical and fund raising ambitions ➔

For more information on the services we offer visit our website [www.buryhospice.org.uk](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk)

Bury Hospice Outreach nurses



## Bury Hospice Nurses hang up their uniforms after 35 years

Three nurses who have devoted themselves to caring for those in Bury Hospice have retired this year.

The group, Rhona Kallee, Dorinda Hudson and Sue Irwin have put in a collective 35 years at the Hospice.

Rhona has spent 20 years working in the Inpatient Unit, joining the nursing team at our previous premises in Dumers Lane.

As well as caring for the patients and their families, Rhona has raised thousands of pounds for the Hospice by taking part in fundraising activities including the Bury 10k, a cold water swim at Salford Quays and Strictly Best Foot Forward to raise cash for our vital facility. Rhona has also been a fantastic spokesperson for the Hospice, representing the Inpatient Unit at many fundraising events including the Bury Hospice

Corporate Challenge and Bury Soroptimists.

She said: "We have a great team. We provide excellent end-of-life holistic care to the whole family, not just the patient. It is a happy place and we do our utmost to make sure patients get what they need. It has a homely feel and people appreciate that, especially at a difficult time."

Dorinda also cared for patients and their families in our Inpatient Unit.

She said: "I chose to work at Bury Hospice so I could give total care for my patients. It is a holistic way to take care of patients, spending time with them and their families and not being rushed."

Sue Irwin, Hospice Liaison Nurse worked across the community to support patients, families, professionals and

acted as a link between the Hospice and other healthcare settings across Bury.

Sue said: "I have been very fortunate to work at Bury Hospice. I've loved every role I've had here."

All the nurses spoke about their joy working at Bury Hospice and the changes they had seen in their time, all for the better – the Hospice has evolved and grown so much.

The group are looking forward to their retirements and planning to make the most of them. ➔



Rhona Kallee



Dorinda Hudson



Sue Irwin

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## Bury Hospice bereavement service helps grieving people

Several bereavement services are offered at Bury Hospice to help and support people to cope with the loss of their loved ones.

In a bid to combat isolation, the bereavement service launched a Virtual Bereavement Peer Support Group, Walk & Talk Group and Bereavement Café as an alternative to one-to-one support sessions.

Another service is the Sunflower Group which was set up to provide bereavement support for children aged five to 11, as well as their parents or carers.

The support group was launched in partnership with Child Bereavement UK to help

children through their grief by giving them an opportunity to explore their feelings, express their emotions, share memories and develop resilience through creative activities.

During the last session of the Sunflower Group in March, our bereavement team introduced worry dolls to help the children eliminate their worries. The worry dolls were made by one of our valued volunteers and were given to each of the youngsters to take home. ➔

### Congratulations!

At the Hospice we support and encourage our staff to study in order to gain new qualifications. One of our recent successes was Alison Mobey.

Alison Mobey is our bereavement service volunteer who successfully passed her Level 2 counselling course at Bury College, supported by Bury Hospice. We are so pleased we were able to give something back to Alison for her invaluable contribution to our bereavement team. Congratulations from everyone at the Hospice! ➔

Bury Hospice Sunflower Group



For more details on any of the groups, contact the **Family and Bereavement Support Team** by emailing [bhosp.bereavementsupport@nhs.net](mailto:bhosp.bereavementsupport@nhs.net)

Alison Mobey Bereavement Service Volunteer



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## Bury Hospice needs volunteers to help in our charity shops

Some of our volunteers who used to work in the shops that help fund Bury Hospice have unfortunately not been able to return to their roles since the pandemic.

Sam Duncan, Head of Retail and Trading, is asking the community of Bury for their help, *“The Hospice couldn’t function without the support and dedication of our volunteers, but we need more,”* she said.

*“A third of the income needed to run the Hospice comes from our charity shops so without the workforce in place to help run them, the situation is critical. We are so grateful for the help we have experienced over the years – and we now need to urgently recruit a new volunteer workforce.”*

We are particularly looking for people to volunteer in our

shops. For those who volunteer for the Hospice, it is impossible to put a value on what they do – and what they get back from it, but anyone who has had a loved one cared for at the Hospice knows what a difference it makes.

The Hospice has several shops throughout the borough, including in Bury town centre, Radcliffe, Ramsbottom and Prestwich, which all need support.

Patsy Gibson, who started volunteering for the Hospice after she retired from nursing at the Hospice in 2018, said:

*“I have also observed the great care and support that had been given to close friends of mine who were patients or attended the Day Hospice, which prompted my decision to get involved when I retired.”*

*“I volunteer as a shop assistant at the Hospice bridal shop, Brides of Bury and the Millgate Boutique. I love it and have learnt new skills.”*

*“Personally the impact of supporting the Hospice has given me a reason to get up every morning and feel that I am continuing to provide a worthwhile and satisfying role. I have found a new purpose and have made many lovely friends.”* 🌸

**Patsy Gibson**  
Volunteer



Anyone who can offer help to the Hospice should contact **Josie Bades** via email [volunteering@buryhospice.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@buryhospice.org.uk) or telephone on **0161 762 5708**.

**Sue**  
Volunteer



**Anna Trueman**  
Volunteer



**Bury Hospice**  
Shop in The Rock



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## Hospice shop gets a makeover

Bury Hospice has several charity shops throughout the borough, including Bury town centre, Radcliffe, Prestwich and Ramsbottom. Our shops sell donated items, such as clothing, accessories, good quality bric-a-brac, toys and games. They provide a regular and sustainable source of income that supports the work of the Hospice, contributing nearly one third of our income.

Whilst also recycling a wide range of goods to help protect the environment, the shops provide a great place for people to pick up pre-loved items, a hidden treasure or even find their next upcycling project.

The Bury Hospice shop in The Rock has re-opened its doors after having a makeover. The shop has been updated with new decor, fittings and lighting.

Bury Hospice’s Head of Retail and Trading, Sam Duncan, said: *“We are excited about the changes that we have made to the shop. Before it was looking very tired and it’s now bright, welcoming and up to date, with better fittings and more space to display stock.”*

*“We hope our community will continue to support the shop as they have done so wonderfully in the past. All our profits are ploughed back in to our Hospice, enabling more patients and their families to have care, comfort and support when they need it most.”* 🌸

### Hello from our new retail recruits

#### Meet Rachel Duncan, Cover Manager

I am the Cover Manager for Bury Hospice retail stores, covering our shops in the managers’ absence. Prior to working at the Hospice I worked

for Debenhams for seven years in numerous roles, starting as a Christmas temp and finishing as acting manager in the Manchester store.

I have a massive passion for retail, customer service and visual merchandising. I am super excited to transfer these skills across our retail stores.

When I am not working I love to go on holiday to festivals and music concerts with my friends.

I adore my little furry friend, Percy the guinea pig. »

**Rachel Duncan**  
Cover Manager



## Meet Thomas Gavin, Cover Assistant Manager

After working for almost seven years at Debenhams being made redundant in May 2021 wasn't easy. I was separated from my true professional passion of retail and I missed it. I found alternative employment quickly but it didn't reflect my passion for visual merchandising and creating eye catching and 'wow' inducing displays.

Imagine my joy when I found that there was a job available in charity retail at Bury Hospice. To say I applied as soon as I saw it was an understatement. Before I knew it I had the job and I was back in the retail game.

Working for Bury Hospice is one of the best things I have done in my career. It ticks all the boxes; meeting new people, listening to their stories, creating new vibrant displays, making new friends and really making a difference in the community.

You'll find me at The Millgate Boutique or The Rock Store five days a week teaming up with our wonderful volunteers. ➤

## Here comes the Bride

### Our Brides of Bury shop offers a range of new & pre-loved wedding gowns

As part of the Hospice's retail offering we have our very own wedding boutique shop which is situated in the heart of Bury, in the Mill Gate Shopping Centre. Established in 2019 Brides of Bury was opened to offer affordable bridal wear and dresses, but with a quality service delivered by an experienced bridal team of consultants.

The bridal shop run and managed by Sandra, our shop manager, who comes with not just a beautiful and warm personality; she also brings over 30 years' experience in bridal retail.

Sandra and her team strive to provide a unique and unforgettable experience for all of our customers. The bridal boutique not only offers an inspiring mix of

wedding dresses, beautiful bridesmaid dresses, prom and evening gowns, we also stock an array of accessories to complete any outfit.

We encourage our customers to just drop by and our bridal team will be there to assist you, or you can make an appointment to guarantee working with Sandra who will assist in helping find the perfect gown.

The shop has a wonderful feel and gives an air of elegance and inspiration for all of our brides, bridesmaids or wedding guests to find their perfect outfits. All of our fitting rooms are completely private ensuring that our customers feel relaxed and comfortable.

We want all of our brides to sparkle on the outside and shine on the inside too, knowing that all the profits from Brides of Bury go directly to the Hospice, supporting palliative care within the borough of Bury. ➤



Thomas Gavin

Cover Assistant Manager

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# Fundraising Events

The Fundraising revenue contributes to 25% of the income needed to run the Hospice each year and an essential part of this revenue are the events planned in throughout the year. In the first quarter of this year the fundraising team have launched some new and exciting events which have been a huge success and helped raise additional revenue.

All of our events are listed on our website and we encourage all of our supporters to either join in the events or support them through volunteering or donating gifts and prizes. Every penny saved helps us raise more vital funds for our patient care.

## Christmas Tree Collection

At the start of the year we had our inaugural Christmas Tree Collection, which is supported by a long list of supporters who donate vans, people

and resources. Each year the collection gets bigger and bigger and this year we were delighted to announce the Christmas tree collection raised over £16.7k for Bury Hospice.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Hospice by using the Christmas tree collection service and a special thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time. ➤

## Comedy Night

On Friday 25th February Bury Hospice hosted their very first comedy night at the Stables Country Club in Bury. The Comedy night was hosted by the North Wests

very own Colin Manford, who just so happens to be Jason's little brother.

Colin is an accomplished writer who has written for 8 out of 10 cats, actor and presenter who just loves to tell stories from his own unique perspective, all areas covered from his failed relationships to his weird and wonderful family life and more. No-holds barred comedy at its finest.

The evening was full of laughter and fun featuring Colin and his Comedian friends: Dave Twentyman, Nick Doody and Martin Mor. The event raised £4,500 and will be a new fixture on the annual calendar. Look out

for more details of the next event in the calendar. ➤

## A Sportsman's Dinner with Sam Allardyce

On Friday 11th March the fundraising team organised a prestigious Sportsman's Dinner, which was also held at the Stables Country Club in Bury.

With over 150 guests, the main guest star of the evening was football manager and former professional footballer Sam Allardyce who was interviewed by one of our Trustees and former Editor of Manchester Evening News, Paul Horrocks. The event also included entertainment by MC and top circuit comedian, 'Consultant Comedian' Dr Kevin Jones.

There was a tombola and golden ticket prize event run throughout the evening, with a 'Grand Auction' held at the end of the night too, with prizes including signed football shirts, flying lessons, a diamond necklace and a boxing experience with Robin Reid.

In total the event raised £21k which is an amazing total. Well done to all those who were involved and provided support

on the night. There were so many companies who helped and provided their services or products free of charge in support of the Hospice. ➤

## Memory Walk

On Sunday 20th March we hosted our memory walk which started at our old Hospice grounds on Dumers Lane and finished at the current Hospice grounds in Fairfield.

After the weather highs and lows we had encounter throughout March, we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. The walk was started by the Deputy Mayor of Bury and we had just over 100 walkers

on the day with a range of ages and a few furry friends joined in too. We were delighted to be joined by Radcliffe Brass band who provided the entertainment for the pre-walk period. Then at the end of the walk we had a host of stalls set up with a DJ in place to bring a party atmosphere to the Hospice. The event raised just over £14k which was amazing. ➤



Bury Hospice Christmas Tree Collection Team



Comedy Night with Colin Manford



Sportsman's Dinner with Sam Allardyce



Bury Hospice Memory Walk

To keep up to date on the events throughout the year visit our website [www.buryhospice.org.uk/](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk/) events or keep an eye on our social media for updates throughout the year.

## Dancers needed for Bury Hospice's Strictly-style fundraiser

Bury Hospice is looking for contestants to put on their dancing shoes and join the glitz and glamour of the ballroom in a Strictly-style contest for the charity's biggest fundraiser of the year, led by Hospice trustee and fundraiser, Deborah Lisle.

Each year the event sees contestants take to the stage to showcase their skills in front of a panel of judges in a bid to be crowned the champion.

We are looking for people from across Bury to enter our Strictly Best Foot Forward fundraiser. You don't have to be a dancer. Most people that enter have never danced before.

Rochelle Gardner and Martin Bailey lifted the glitterball trophy and were crowned winners for Strictly Best Foot Forward 2021. Participants are asked to commit to raising £500 for Bury Hospice. They will undergo 12 weeks of lessons, which will take place at LARK dance studio in Radcliffe, with dancers from LARK

and A Touch of Class dance studios, who give their time for free, starting in the autumn. Each year the glamorous competition helps to raise thousands of pounds to provide vital end-of-life care to patients and their families. ➤

**Deborah Lisle**  
Hospice Trustee



*Strictly*  
**BEST FOOT FORWARD**  
**2022**

**Sally Carman and Joe Duttine**  
with Strictly winners  
2021 Rochelle Gardner and Martin Bailey



*If you are interested in learning to dance while raising money for the Hospice call the fundraising team on 0161 797 1748 or email [fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk)*

## Bury Hospice to host tenth charity golf event

Bury Hospice's annual charity golf tournament will hit the greens this year at the Bury Golf Club on Friday July 1st. This year's edition will mark the tenth consecutive year that NFU Mutual Bury have sponsored the event.

If you are a putter, chipper or a driver, please do get involved and spread the word as this is one of the most enjoyable days of the Hospice's fundraising calendar.

You can register a team of four for £250, which includes full playing fees, on course refreshments, a two course evening meal with complimentary wine. ➤



*Contact the fundraising team for more information or to request a registration form on 0161 797 1748 or [fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk)*

## Our first Business Patron

Bury Hospice are delighted to be supported by their first Business Patron, the Financial Options Group. The group are actively working to create events and sponsorships to support the great work of the Hospice.

Led by CEO Christian Pepper, the company will be holding a prestigious Charity Golf Day on Friday June 17th at Mottram Hall, Cheshire and also a fabulous Black Tie Gala Dinner on Saturday September 24th at The Hilton Hotel, Manchester. All of the proceeds will go to Bury Hospice.

Christian Pepper said, "We are delighted to be Bury Hospice's first Business Patron. We have many exciting fundraising plans for the year including our Golf Day and Gala dinner but in addition the Financial Options Group are taking part in the Schools Innovation Challenge where I am acting as Business Mentor for Unsworth Academy. The aim of the challenge is to raise as much money for

*Bury Hospice as possible with the students thinking about how best to achieve this by applying business strategy".*

Everyone is really welcome to take part and support these events. For more information please contact: [events@financialoptsgroup.co.uk](mailto:events@financialoptsgroup.co.uk). Also we are always looking for more Business Patrons so please contact us on 0161 797 1748. ➤



## Legacies & Wills

Leaving a legacy or a gift in a will is an important part of our voluntary income and they contribute 22% towards our running cost to support the patients and their families across the borough of Bury.

### The value of 1% of your estate could have on the lives of patients

Our support to patients and families across the 6 townships of Bury means different things to different people. Some people come to us for care at the end of their life, others for help managing their symptoms. Some join our complementary therapies or spend time with our counsellors.

If you just left 1% of your estate to Bury Hospice it could

make a big difference to our patients and their families, but it also means that 99% remains for those closest to you and your family.

£9,500 would run the Hospice for a day, £450 a bed in our Inpatient unit for the day and £150 could fund a nurse for a day. Legacies also allow for long term planning to help develop and roll out new services across the Hospice.

A gift left in a will, however large or small, will mean we can carry on providing the specialist care we pride ourselves in for patients and their families when they need us most.

### Willing to make a difference!

Each year at Bury Hospice we run our Will Month where, a team of local solicitors provide their Will writing services to our supporters at a reduced fee.

This fee is directly donated to the Hospice to help us to continue to care. Not only will you receive a discounted will writing service, you will also know that you are making a contribution to support patient care. ✨

For more information, keep an eye on our website for participating solicitors. To find out more about legacies and how your will could make a difference visit our website: <https://www.buryhospice.org.uk/consider-us-in-your-will>

Help the Hospice with a Gift in your Will



## Make Bury Hospice your business

We are inviting local Bury businesses, large or small, to give support to their local Hospice which in turn helps the people of Bury.

### Become a 'Bury Hospice Patron'

Being a Patron is the ultimate in commitment to the Hospice and we have three levels of Patron – Silver, Gold and Platinum.

As a Platinum Patron we would be asking you to pledge to donate £10,000 or more across the year. This equates to a little more than £800 per month.

To fulfil this pledge you can get involved in a combination of ways:

- Through business donations
- Donating a percentage of turnover
- Staff fundraising and sponsorship pledged over an annually recurring term

As a Platinum Patron you will also have a donor plaque which will be showcased on the Hospice

premises and be featured on our new Digital Billboard in the centre of Bury, as well as many other promotional opportunities including networking and Dinner invitations.

### Take us on as your 'Charity of the Year'

By choosing Bury Hospice to be your Charity of the Year you will be working with our corporate fundraiser who can offer support and guidance if you need it, as well as helping to make sure that your own business objectives are met and recognized.

### Get involved with our 'Team Challenge' Programme

Each year we challenge local business to join in our corporate challenge.

The Team Challenge isn't just about raising much-needed funds for the Hospice – it brings numerous benefits to the businesses including team building, networking and staff engagement.

We give you a seed fund of £30 and the challenge is for you to make that grow into the largest amount in 6 months. You do your own fundraising in your own way, but you can use our A-Z guide of ideas or take part in the hospice events...the choice is yours!

### Get in touch!

There are so many benefits for you and your business in supporting the Hospice and so many ways you can support us, so if you are a business and you would like to work with us, get in touch with the team today. ✨



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## Schools Engagement

Throughout the year we work with local nurseries, schools, colleges and local community and sports groups, to get them involved with fun and challenge events.

Connecting with the younger generation within the borough of Bury is important to ensure we educate and update them on the vital work and care we provide at the Hospice.

This year we have run two main events; the Bunny Hop and our very first Young Business Innovation Team Challenge.

If your school or group would like to get involved with Bury Hospice and our future events and activities, please contact the fundraising office on **0161 797 1748** or via: [fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@buryhospice.org.uk)

### Pupils hop to it to raise funds for Bury Hospice

Hundreds of Easter bunnies were on the loose across the borough as youngsters took part in our Bunny Hop.

We invited primary schools, playgroups, childminders, clubs and families to get creative and active by taking part.

Children had the opportunity to hop, skip, walk, run or jump their way around their chosen sponsored walk route wearing their very own bunny ear creations.

The primary schools and nurseries which took part in the sponsored event as part of a seasonal fundraiser included Greenhill Primary, Tiddlywinks Nursery, Dream Big Little One Children's Day Nursery, All Saints CE Primary and St Joseph's RC Primary Ramsbottom.

### 'Apprentice' style Schools challenge

This year the Bury Hospice fundraising team launched our very first Young Business Innovation Team Challenge.

It is an 'Apprentice' style challenge, pairing schools with a local business leaders who act as a mentor and guide.

Each of the schools were paired with a local business leader who act as their mentor and guide. The mentor provided the teams with an initial fund of £50 and help them create and execute an innovative business plan over a number of weeks, using the £50 as a start-up investment.

The schools who have taken part this year are Philips High School, Unsworth Academy, Bury College and Elton High School.

Once the event finishes, the school teams and staff will be invited to attend an awards ceremony, where prizes will be awarded. There will be an overall champion's trophy plus cups in each section and runner-up prizes. Keep an eye out on our socials for further updates as the challenges concludes! ➔

Bury Hospice  
Easter Bunny Hop

'Apprentice' Challenge  
for Bury College

## Community Champions

The support we receive from our community is without doubt fundamental in supporting our fundraising activities throughout the year. So far this year we have had some amazing support from the community fundraisers, who have taken on events and activities to raise vital funds for the Hospice.

All of which have been touched by the care and support they, a family member or a friend have received from the Hospice team.

A heart felt thank you to all of our community fundraisers who have made such an impact so far this year. Over the next few pages we celebrate some of these challenges and if you would like to get involved or have an event planned in aid of Bury Hospice get in touch with the fundraising team.

### What is coming up?

Here is a quick summary of the events that are coming up in the next few months:

- **3rd June:** Jubilee Weekend Celebration in Clarence Park
- **4th June:** Annual Duck Race, Ramsbottom Rotary, Bridge St Gardens
- **4th June:** Live music by 'Trash the Whippet' at the Bay Horse, Unsworth

■ **16th June:** A Ladies Ascot Lunch at The Red Hall hosted by Birtle & Jericho WI.

■ **June 17th:** A Charity Golf Day and reception at Mottram Hall and run by our Patron – Financial Options Group in aid of the Hospice.

■ **23rd July:** Abba2Nite tribute Band

■ **25th July:** Afternoon Tea at Falshaw's Farm

■ **29th August:** Glaston-Bury 2022

■ **24th September:** Black Tie Ball at The Hilton Hotel, Manchester hosted by our Patrons, Financial Options Group.

■ **18th September:** Bury 10k or 10 Mile – Why not run for the Hospice?

■ **23rd October:** Jo Davies' Ladies Lunch at the Village Hotel

For details of any of the events listed above contact the fundraising team or visit our website – [www.buryhospice.org.uk/events](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk/events)

### Everesting challenge

On Saturday, May 14th Members of 360Cycling have set themselves a unique challenge by cycling the equivalent of Everest in just 24 hours to raise vital funds for Bury Hospice. »

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360Cycling to complete Everesting Challenge



The challenge, known as Everesting in the cycling world will see the children ride up and down a steep hill gaining altitude each lap until the height of Everest is reached.

The age limit is 12 years old and the time limit is 24 hours to complete the challenge, which will take place on Holy Mount Lane in Greenmount as this is a route that should provide the necessary steepness and ensure the challenge is conducted in a safe environment.

The children from 360cycling started their training earlier in the year in preparation for the event and you can support this incredible challenge and encourage the youngsters taking part by donating to the JustGiving page which has been set up to support the event at: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/360cycling-everestingchallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/360cycling-everestingchallenge)

## Fundraising event to celebrate the life of Margaret Crocken

Janet Crocken celebrated the life of her mother-in-law, Margaret Crocken with an extravagant event to raise an incredible amount of £3,282.50 for Bury Hospice. Janet wanted to do something to raise money for the Hospice as a thank you for the care Margaret had received.

Margaret died at the Hospice last September following a long battle with lung cancer. She had initially gone into remission and appeared to be in recovery. That all changed when she suffered a fall in her garden, fracturing her arm but was unable to get it treated as the cancer had returned and spread to her arm and spine.

Margaret spent her final months in the care of nurses at the Hospice. Janet said staff went "above and beyond" to make her stay as pleasant as possible. She said the most important thing was that she got to watch her

son, Stephen, get married over a video call thanks to nursing staff and she was so grateful.

Janet contacted several businesses to sponsor her event, including Bolton Wanderers, who donated match tickets and Manchester City FC, who donated football shirts, signed by Kyle Walker, to be raffled off. Several firms also donated vouchers for the raffle, including The Entertainer, Under Pressure Drilling and Deansgate Dental Practice. ➔

## Healthcare assistant to take on five runs this year to mark her 50th birthday

Even our staff like to get involved in fundraising outside of their day to day work.

Healthcare Assistant, Kay Byrne has worked for the Hospice for over 9 years and during this time she has raised thousands of pounds for Bury Hospice running marathons and other races over the last few years.

This year Kay celebrated her 50th birthday and to mark the occasion, she has signed up to run five events in memory of her dad, Geoff Howard and the people she has cared for since working at the Hospice.

The events she will be taking part in include the Manchester half marathon, Great North West half, Manchester marathon, Bury 10k and the London marathon.

Kay said: "I work here as part of an amazing team and it is a privilege to be part of families' lives when they need it the most. Please donate to a fabulous cause and an amazing place to work."

To support Kay, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kay-byrne8> ➔

## Ralph's Big Bury Cycle

Eight-year-old Ralph Callan from Unsworth cycled 40 miles as a thank you to Bury Hospice who cared for his grandparents, before he was born. Ralph has raised £2,377 and will be dedicating hearts in honour of his grandparents on the Hospice donor wall.

Ralph visited the Hospice with his dad, Dave Callan prior to his Big Bury Cycle to learn more about the work of the Hospice and to say thank you for caring for his Grandma, Susan Callan, who attended Bury Hospice Day Services and his Grandad, Michael Callan who was cared for in the Inpatient Unit.

Ralph was greeted by Bury Hospice's Chief Executive, Helen Lockwood, members of the marketing and fundraising team and also Adam McWilliam from Bury AFC who turned up to surprise Ralph.

The pupil from Sunnybank School cycled from his home in Unsworth with his dad, to Bacup where they watched Bury AFC play against Bacup Borough FC before cycling home.

Ralph said: "I'm excited to have completed the ride and thankful for all the support from the Hospice. Bury AFC won on the day which make it extra special." ➔

## Bury Hospice's annual ladies luncheon raised £13,000

Inspirational women attended an annual fundraising ladies lunch at Rapallo Restaurant in Walshaw.

The event, organised by Bury Hospice Special Events Committee, has become a key date on the town's social calendar and helps to raise thousands of pounds for the vital work of the Hospice.

The ladies raised a phenomenal amount of £13,045 for the Hospice – the equivalent of nearly 800 hours of specialist nursing care for our patients.

We would like to give a special thank you to the organisers and the sponsors of the day, Sarah Layton Jewellers, Ribble Packaging, James Sharp & Co, Excel-A-Rate, singer Debra Longworth and to all the amazing local companies and supporters who donated wonderful prizes for our auction, raffle and tombola. ➔



Margaret Crocken and her family



Kay Byrne Marathon runner



Ralph Callan's Big Bury Cycle



Bury Hospice Ladies Lunch



## Supporting Bury Hospice with a donation

Donating to Bury Hospice means we can continue to provide free expert care and support to local people facing a terminal or life-limiting illness and their families.

Our community are key to supporting the Hospice and it is wonderful when someone raises money through their own organised fundraising event, they sign up to a regular donation or leave a gift in a will.

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a real difference and contributes to the care the Hospice provides. The team work hard to enable Bury Hospice to provide first-class, compassionate care but none of that would be possible without the support from Bury's community.

**Help to build our future**  
Making a regular monthly donation, is one of the easiest ways you can support Bury Hospice. Having regular guaranteed income from generous regular donations means we are not only able to plan for our future, but for bigger longer term projects too.

Regular donations also help us to develop sustainable ongoing support

the patients and families of the Hospice from complementary therapy sessions through to our bereavement support services.

For many supporters it is their preferred method of giving and it is easy to setup via our website. A donation of just £10 a month could pay for a patients evening meal or allow us to fulfil a birthday celebration in the comfort of the Hospice IPU unit.

To set up either a one off donation or a regular donation simply visit our website: [www.buryhospice.org.uk/donate](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk/donate)

### Can you be one of our 100 Heroes?

This year we have launched our 100 Heroes campaigns.

We are seeking 100 people to donate or raise £100 in 100 days. You can raise your £100 as an individual,

a family, a group, a school or a company and you have 100 days to complete the challenge.

Your £100 could pay for a visit by one of our specialist outreach nurses, four bereavement support sessions or six hours of compassionate nursing care in our Inpatient Unit.

Every Hero has the option to take on any challenge of their choice, from running a marathon, walking 10,000 steps a day or by simply making a donation.

On completion of the challenge, you will be rewarded with one of our Hospice Heroes medals and a certificate you can proudly display. ➔

*To sign up is easy just email [socialmedia@buryhospice.org.uk](mailto:socialmedia@buryhospice.org.uk) or visit the Hospice website for more details: [www.buryhospice.org.uk/100-heroes](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk/100-heroes).*

*We will be including stories and pictures of all of our Hospice Heroes across our social media channels and on the website.*



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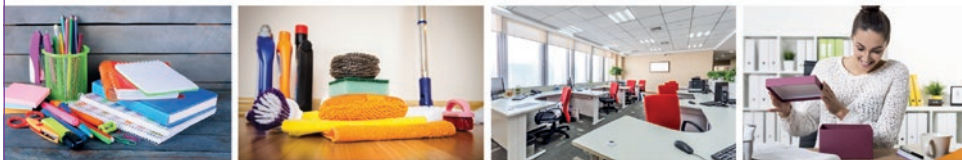
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