

Friends

The newsletter of Rossendale Hospice

Praise for the Hospice and 'fantastic' care it provides

The Care Quality Commission carried out a surprise inspection in August and the Hospice came through with flying colours.

The Commission inspects against 16 essential standards grouped into five key areas and the Hospice met the necessary standard in every group.

The inspector interviewed four patients, two family carers, staff and management and reported a "clean and hygienic" environment. The report reads: "Everyone told us they were very satisfied with all aspects of the service. They said the staff were caring, sensitive and skilled...they are always there to talk to if you need them."

Two people described the Hospice at Home

service as "reliable, punctual and caring." One said: "The service is fantastic, the carers are very considerate."

Another described day therapy as "a lovely place." Patients attending the day unit told of a choice of therapies and psychological support and one said it was a good break for them and their carer.

The inspector examined three care plans and found "the patients' needs were assessed and treatment support and therapies planned and delivered in accordance with their individual needs."

Patients said that staff regularly discussed and reviewed their changing needs.

Staff records were examined and staff "felt



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well supported and part of a good team. There was always a senior member of staff available if they needed advice and support." The report adds "All parts of the Hospice we saw, including the lounge and some private rooms, were clean and decorated and furnished to a high standard. The Hospice was a pleasant well kept environment to enhance patients' wellbeing.

The staff we spoke with felt that good training gave them skills and knowledge to do their job." Chief Executive Irene Smith said: "We are delighted. There are one or two recommendations which we will pick up. On the whole, it has been a very good report which praises staff and the work we do here."

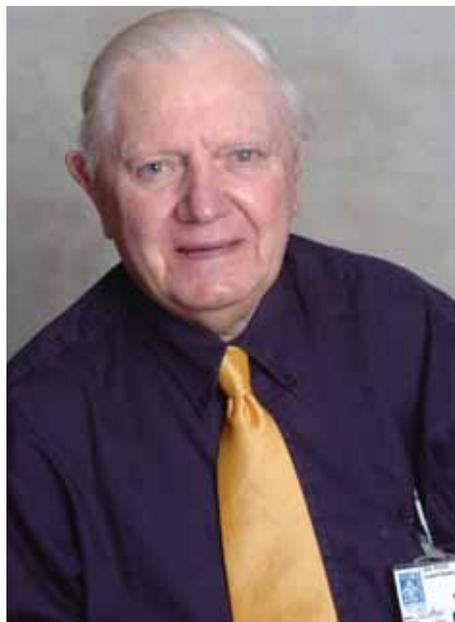
Tributes to Jim our friend and our president

Tributes have been paid to Jim Watts, one of the founding members of the Hospice and its current president who died recently.

Jim, who came from London but ran a newsagents in Waterfoot for much of his life, had held almost every position at the Hospice including, chairman, vice chairman, trustee for many years and more recently president.

He worked with Dorothy Mitchell more than 27 years ago to help set up the Hospice and she paid tribute at his funeral in St Nicholas's Church, Newchurch to his help and his energy during the early years.

Jim was also a member of Rossendale Rotary, the Probus Club, and several other Valley organisations. He is survived by five sons and eleven grandchildren. He was always a popular visitor at the Hospice and had worked tirelessly over the years as the organisation moved from small premises in the grounds of Rossendale Hospital to a larger unit at the hospital and then, three years ago, to its new home in the health hub on Bacup Road, Rawtenstall. In the last few



Jim Watts: One of the founders of the Hospice

months of his life Jim had been a patient at the Hospice, receiving care from the organisation he helped to found and support. "It was fitting that we were able to help Jim. He had done so much to help us," said chairman Geoff Summers.

"Jim was always a gentleman, very popular with the staff, and had been a source of strength for many years. We will miss him."

Vice Chairman Chris Durkin said: "As a founder member of Rossendale Hospice I have known Jim for many years and he has always been a gentle, loving man. His aim was to improve the quality of life for people suffering from life-limiting illness and I know that we at the Hospice were able to provide that service for Jim at the end of his life."

Andrew says farewell

Dr. Andrew Watts ran the Great West Run in memory of his Grandfather, Jim Watts and in aid of the Hospice. Andy said "My Grandad was an inspiration to many people not least his family for his work with organisations like Rossendale Hospice and Rotary. He also helped in the early days of the local running club and if it wasn't for him I would never have started running!" Jim would have been proud to know that Andy knocked four minutes off his personal best, completing the half marathon in 01:56:04. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Hospice in memory of Jim, you could support Andy's efforts by adding your donation to his Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/AWatts-GWR13



A thank you to staff and a time to remember



In many ways it has been a good year so far. The summer was the best we've had for a long time and sets us up for the worst that winter can throw at us. We won the Ashes, Andy Murray finally won at Wimbledon and a certain football team in claret and blue are doing very well in the Championship.

And a lot of people have obviously been very active in raising funds for the Hospice, making it a good year for us, too. Retaining the support of our local community is crucial to our existence. We start every year wondering if we will be able to afford to run all our services, but every year we are reassured by the fundraising efforts of Valley folk. Well done and keep it up!

We had an unannounced inspection from the Care Quality Commission in August and came through with flying colours and commendations. The credit, of course, goes to our staff, who perform with skill and great energy day in and day out in difficult circumstances, supported by a grand bunch of dedicated volunteers. It's a privilege for me to be involved with them. I know what they are capable of, but it's still a real feather in our caps when an external body confirms the quality of our services.

We were all saddened by the recent death of our President, Jim Watts. There is a separate tribute to Jim on the front page, but on a personal note I would like to say how much he will be missed by all those involved with the Hospice. I knew him for over 25 years and he was always a gentleman. He was one of the driving forces behind the creation

of a Hospice in the Valley and never lost his interest and his enthusiasm for the cause of improved palliative care for local people. He was a store of knowledge and experience that I, and others, drew on and he ensured that we never lost sight of the founding principles that we still follow today. He will be sadly missed by many throughout Rossendale, and certainly by all at the Hospice.

On a lighter note may I wish everybody a good conclusion to the year, and an enjoyable festive season. When your thoughts turn to those who are less fortunate, please think of those nearing the end of life, or who have been touched by a potentially life threatening illness and please continue to be generous in your support of our work.

Geoff Summers, Chairman.

The Hospice's newest trustee is Brian Topping. This is his story

"It was 40 years ago that I left Bo'ness (Scotland) to work for HM Customs & Excise at Heathrow Airport, the start of a long career in the Civil Service. I did operational work in areas like drug smuggling investigation and was even a VAT inspector for a short period. In the latter half of my career, I became a commercial specialist working in the Treasury and the Cabinet Office. "With my wife Jayne, I have lived in Rossendale for over 13 years, working around the country and in London. Early retirement has given me the opportunity to become more community minded and to devote my time and skills to causes that I feel passionate about, so it's a privilege to become a Trustee of Rossendale Hospice. I am also involved with a few other charities and support organisations, providing them with practical help and professional advice.



"As regards hobbies my prime interest is music; I have a wide taste including classical, jazz and world music but my real passion is brass banding. I have been involved in brass bands for over 50 years and currently play with the famous Besses o'th' Barn Band. My wife and I love to travel and we usually try and hear the world's top orchestras in their home venues and I try to indulge my other hobby of running. I have an important birthday next year and to mark this I am raising money for the Hospice by running the West Highland Way in Scotland. The route is 95 miles from north of Glasgow to Fort William, across the most glorious and rugged scenery and terrain. So I end with a plea - watch out for details of how you can sponsor me to raise a fantastic sum for the Rossendale Hospice."

Our charity shops go from strength to strength

Charity shops have been a big success for Rossendale Hospice. In July 2012 the Hospice opened its first shop on Bank Street, Rawtenstall with Caren Cookson as manager. At that time there were six charity shops on Bank Street and there was some concern whether the town could support another. "From the beginning we had lots of good quality clothing donated, the shop was in a good position, we had lots of help from volunteers and it has been very successful," said Caren. "I think it's fair to say we are now one of the best charity shops on the street and many people come in thinking we are not a charity shop. It's been very encouraging." In February 2013 the Hospice opened a second shop on Deardengate, Haslingden. It was cold and wet with few customers around but again there was an excellent supply of donated goods, the shop looked great and staff and volunteers were working hard. "It's now doing really well" said Caren who is in charge of both shops. "It was a slow start but trade has picked up and the shop is very busy." The Hospice is now in negotiation for a third shop which will, hopefully, be open in Bacup in time for Christmas and urgently needs volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Caren on 07506 594 850 or volunteer co-ordinator Lesley Marsh at the Hospice. Hospice Chief Executive Irene Smith said: "The shops have provided a good income for the Hospice and have given us a presence on the High Streets of the Valley towns. Funding a charity is a constant problem in very difficult economic times and the shops have been a great help."

Welcome to Paul

Rossendale Hospice has recruited a fundraising and communications senior professional to join their team as Head of Fundraising. Paul Gauntlett, 65, who used to live in Crawshaw-booth and now lives in Colne, has spent the past 24 years in the voluntary sector working at director level for charities including the NSPCC, Samaritans,



The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and The Peace Hospice in Hertfordshire. Irene Smith, Hospice Chief Executive said: "The Hospice is delivering essential services to even more people at a challenging economic time. We depend on the public for over 80% of our income and we receive truly wonderful support from the people of Rossendale. However, we will need to expand our services to meet a growing demand, and we have to be even more professional about how we raise the money.

Paul brings a wealth of experience and his appointment will help ensure that we face the future with confidence."

Annual Ball raises £30,000

Rossendale Hospice held its Annual Ball on Saturday 21st September at The Fence Gate Inn and raised £30,000.

The event was organised by our very talented Special Events Committee (all volunteers) who have raised more than half a million pounds over the last 13 years.

The glittering silver and black tie event celebrated 25 years of Hospice care. Compere Mr Alan Keegan, the voice of Wembley Stadium and Old Trafford, did a great job of keeping the guests involved and our auctioneer Mr Wilf McGuinness, former MUFC manager got all the guests bidding generously.



Adele Hall, Vicky Callan, Louise Pillitteri, Shelley Gildersleve, Natalie Hutton, Pauline Perkins, Jane Richardson and Belinda Evans (Special Events Committee)

A fantastic Ladies' Jaeger watch worth £3,800, donated by Rockefeller's, was won by one lucky guest for just £20! Belinda Evans, Chairman, said:

"We were thrilled that the event was such a success and I would like to thank the committee and everyone who supported our events throughout the year."

Hospice founder Dorothy is our new Woman of the Year

Inspirational woman and Hospice founder, Dorothy Mitchell MBE was crowned Rossendale Woman of the Year 2013. Dorothy, 78, a mother of five and grandmother of nine said she "was surprised to win, I think we should recognize that women do a great deal in Rossendale and that it is a pretty special place." She added: "I am retired and this is my hobby."

Dorothy retired as managing director of Musbury Fabrics and now works full time in a voluntary capacity for her charitable interests. As Chair of Rossendale Hospice for 17 years she secured funding for research and development and the cancer support programme which is now national, and was the driving force behind acquiring the new Primary Care Centre which now houses the Hospice. She set up Haslingden Community Link and Childrens Centre, PEER Support (People Encouraging Enterprise in Rossendale) and Rossendale Enterprise Anchor Ltd. She is Vice-Chairman of The Community Network Health and Well-being Group and is a



Dorothy with Edwina Currie who is an ambassador for hospices member of Bacup and Stacksteads Community Partnership. Dorothy believes that partnership working and community enterprise is what will make Rossendale a healthier place to live and work. To download a nomination form for 2014 please visit our website events section. The winner will be announced at The Red Hall Hotel on 10th April. Tickets are £45.

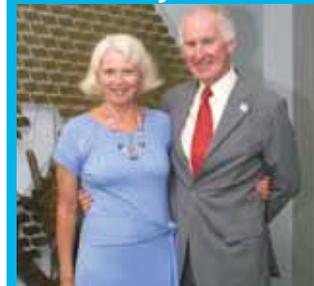
Heart throb Keith joins the ladies

Ex-Corrie heart throb Keith Duffy is pictured with the 2012 Special Events Committee at last year's special Lunch.

This year's Ladies' Christmas Lunch takes place on Friday 6th December. Tickets for this glamorous event held at Nino's Restaurant, Rawtenstall are £45 and will be on sale at the Hospice from Monday 4th November at 10am on a first come first served basis.



A special thanks to the Mayor



We would like to say a huge thank you to Councillor Brian Essex and Mrs Jackie Somerfield who donated £13,744 during their time as Mayor and Mayoress 2012-13. They chose to support us because the Hospice cared for Brian's mother.

Their enthusiasm was an inspiration and they raised funds by doing a multitude of things including coffee mornings and luncheons and organising their own walk. Last year the Morecambe Bay Walk had to be cancelled because of bad weather but the couple honoured their sponsorships by organising their own Morecambe walk.

Morecambe Bay Walk

It was third time lucky for this year's Morecambe Bay Walk. After having the walk cancelled twice in 2012 this year's walk raised over £4,800! Many of the 62 walkers have indicated they would like to do the walk again. Please contact us if you want to repeat the walk or if you have any other walking ideas.



Writers donate £1,000

Rossendale Writers have decided to disband because of falling membership and have donated their remaining balance of £1,000 to Rossendale Hospice.



Sue Ainsworth and Sam Morris receive a cheque from Lily Driver and Peter Jones of Rossendale Writers



SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT WHAT WE DO

We still meet people in the community who don't know where the Hospice is or what we do. They have no idea that we care for patients with a wide range of conditions, malignant and non-malignant not just cancer patients.

We find it really frustrating because we know we could help more patients and their families or carers deal with the devastation and disruption a life-limiting illness brings.

Our website www.rossendalehospice.org is a good source of information, but it is our patients, families and carers who really know best what we do.

We recently met Big Tank Productions Ltd, a Rawtenstall company, to discuss production of a DVD. Some of our patients and families/carers bravely agreed to share their experiences on camera.

The DVD will be used to educate professionals and the community about the services we offer

and who can use them and for patients who are, understandably, hesitant when the word "Hospice" is mentioned.

Rob Hallam from Big Tank Productions said: "When we were approached to produce a DVD we were hesitant as, like many people, we wrongly thought the Hospice would be a sombre, depressing place. After just a few minutes it was clear our pre-conceptions couldn't have been further from truth, it is amazing. The staff are genuinely passionate, warm and determined to make a difference. Enlightening and humbling interviews with patients have made us really excited about a film that will tell the outside world how Rossendale Hospice does an incredible job." The Hospice cares for people with a life-limiting condition. It is not just older people who access our services; we care for patients from 18 years upwards.

We offer Day Therapy services in our premises

on Bacup Road, five days a week, caring for up to 15 patients every day, and we have our own patient transport.

Patients have access to a range of treatments and services, including counselling and psychological support, complementary therapies; aromatherapy massage, reiki and reflexology, physiotherapy, and palliative care consultancy.

Qualified nursing staff are always on hand to offer support, but above all there is an opportunity to speak to others in a similar position – "experts by experience."

We aim to inspire, encourage and support patients and their family/carers with the extremely difficult task of living and coping with a life-limiting experience.

If you or someone you know may benefit from help from the Day Therapy Team, please give us a call on 01706 253633 (Option 1).

Staff Do It Too

Daredevil sisters do it again!

Sam Cannon, Hospice at Home Health Care Assistant, and her sister Danielle dived 10,000 metres out of a plane last year. This year they have continued their daredevil stunts by taking part in some challenging feats. Danielle completed the world's leading obstacle course The Spartan Race. Both girls threw themselves off the Imperial War Museum using a 250m zip slide across Manchester Ship Canal. Sam dressed as a duck! With feet firmly back on terra firma they held a cake sale. Altogether they have raised over £2000! Keep up the good work



Sam and Danielle girls. We're hearing whispers about your next ventures and they sound phenomenal.

Sarah and Simon cycled to Blackpool

Sarah Mc Call from our Family Support Team and her husband Simon cycled 62 miles from Manchester to Blackpool in 4 hours 40 minutes.

Sarah said "There were a few minor disasters - a flat tyre and items dislodging from the bikes but we were pleased to complete the ride and raise £144."

Not just one run..... but two!

Vicky Frost, our Long Term Sickness Nurse, and her son Nathan Beard who volunteers by selling items on eBay, took on two challenges this year - the Manchester 10k and the Great North Run. Vicky was running in memory of her sister Wendy Beard who died of cancer aged 27. Vicki said: "My sister was supported by Hospice staff who would sit with her through the night nearing the end of her life." Vicky persuaded her son Nathan to do the run and together they raised £680.

A big thank you to all our corporate supporters

• Fred Hamer: The family of Fred Hamer Funeral Service recently presented the Hospice with a cheque for £2,000. Fred Hamer is also sponsoring this year's Light up a Life. Emma, who recently graduated, has also been volunteering at the Hospice, providing patients who may be struggling with memory loss with mind reminiscing sessions.



Dave Chapman from Rossendales Ltd handing cheque to Sam Morris

• Rossendales Ltd employees have continued to support us with their fundraising and have raised £2,122 over the last 12 months; they have also supported us with sponsorship and partake in our recycling scheme. This year Dave Chapman, Client Services Director, chose to support the Hospice as president

of the Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation. The amount raised by the golfing event alone was £2,500.

• The Red Hall Hotel raised £3,040 from last year's Lady's Extravaganza Day.



Chris Durkin receiving cheque from Kerry Woodall from Arthouse

• Arthouse, patrons of the Hospice, donated a fantastic £2,500 raised from their friends and family events, dress down days and sale of books. Thank you also for supporting our events and recycling scheme.

• Woodcocks, Haworth and Nuttall, patrons of the Hospice, held their Annual Golf Event which is now in its fifth year. Nineteen businesses from across East Lancs competed at Rossendale

Golf Club. Each winning team was awarded golf bags and everyone took part in the grand raffle. The day raised a fantastic £5,226.

The Hospice is also holding its Santa's Grotto at their Rawtenstall Branch on Bank Street on the 30th Nov/1st Dec (see our calendar of events for further details).

• Scott Grundy, from Golf Rossendale Driving Range & Academy, raised £1,500 from his golf day challenge.

• Les Nutter, from Cassons Chartered Accountants, was appointed president of the North West Society of Chartered Accountants which donated £1,428 from the proceeds raised at his presidency dinner.

• Tesco and customers donated £2,490 from collection days over the last 12 months.

• Proctor Processing donated £1,000.

• Rossendale Self Storage support us with much needed storage at Taylor Holme Industrial Estate in Stacksteads where you can drop your articles of clothing and bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts.

The Hospice has benefitted from a wide range of companies too numerous to mention here. We are grateful to them all.

Fundraising Events

November

Friday 8th - Fashion Show at St Mary's Chambers 7pm. An extravaganza of new and used clothes including some designer labels. Tickets £5 from the Hospice or Hospice shops.

Thursday 21st - Red Hall Hotel is organising a Ladies' Christmas Extravaganza. Join them for high fashion, fine food and live entertainment and a variety of stalls. Tickets £50 contact Richard Burns on 01706 822476

Thursday 28th - in the reception area of Rawtenstall Health Hub we will be selling original artwork by local artist John Ashworth and canvasses donated by Arthouse as well as items made by patients; all will make fantastic presents.

Saturday 30th - Santa's Grotto. Visit Father Christmas at Woodcock, Haworth and Nuttall Solicitors on Bank Street 10am-4pm

December

Sunday 1st - Santa's Grotto. Visit Father Christmas at Woodcock, Haworth and Nuttall Solicitors on Bank Street 10am-4pm

Friday 6th - Ladies' Christmas Lunch. Celebrate Christmas with us at Ninos, Rawtenstall from 11.30am. Tickets £45. Contact the Hospice for details.

Friday 6th - Carol Concert with the Stacksteads Brass Band at St Marys Chambers in Rawtenstall. Tickets £10 including a hot buffet supper. Call Terry on 01706 226504

Saturday 7th - Jimmy Eaton Christmas Ball, a night of fantastic food and live entertainment with The Beach Boys UK at Whitworth Civic Hall. Tickets £35. Contact Jimmy on 07966 410774

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th - Tesco collection day at Haslingden. If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours to help, please contact us.

Friday 13th - visit Santa at the Rawtenstall Health Hub, Bacup Road, Rawtenstall from 10am-3pm

Thursday 19th - Light up a Life is a chance to remember loved-ones. If you would like to remember a loved one or absent friends please see the enclosed leaflet to make a dedication in their name. You will be able to view their name at our event at Longholme Methodist Church at 7pm. Everyone of any denomination or none is welcome.

Volunteering at Rossendale Hospice

We are very fortunate in having over 250 volunteers to support the work of the Hospice. By having good volunteers we are able to provide individual care and attention to our patients; without this help we would certainly struggle and we are indebted to them.

Volunteers help by driving patients, assisting with refreshments, helping with trips and activities, or just chatting to our patients. Many help in our busy fundraising office by using computer skills or helping with collections and events; others help out on reception, or our charity shops sorting donated clothing and serving customers. We are always looking for reliable and committed volunteers and, currently, we are seeking people to help at our Day Therapy Sessions or to assist in the shops. Perhaps you already have retail experience or would like to gain a new skill? We would like to bid a fond farewell to Michael Taylor and Debbie Wallwork who have been helping in fundraising;

we are very grateful and give them our best wishes. Michael has a new job and Debbie is moving to pastures new. We extend a warm welcome to Stan Blackman, Carole Bone, Helen Smith, Helen Hargreaves, Lynn Carr, Veronica Ellingworth, Melanie McVicker, Kathleen Pickering, Emma Johnson, Ann Davies, Liz Latham and Amanda Wilkinson. If you would like to join us we would love to hear from you. Everyone has a skill to offer - what's yours? Contact: Lesley Marsh Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01706 253633 option 4

June Lennon from Haslingden has been fundraising for the Hospice for several years, originally at a club in Haslingden and later on Bacup Market stall. June will continue to support the Hospice and other charities but is retiring from the stall.



Andrew's amazing ride



Andrew at the top of Logan's Pass in Montana.

Andrew Butcher cycled over 3,000 miles across America for the Hospice! Andrew set himself an amazing challenge of cycling from Seattle to Boston on a solo trip. Andrew said: "The best part of the trip was meeting friendly and hospitable people, and the worst part was being chased by countless dogs - luckily none managed to catch me!

I averaged 60 miles a day, had two punctures and wore out two tyres." Please show your support by visiting his fundraising page: www.justgiving.com/A-Butcher

Gaye joins the Red Devils



Gaye will be jumping with the Red Devils

Gaye Nield will be jumping out of a plane with one of the Red Devils. Gaye has been a patient at the Hospice and wanted to show her appreciation by doing this sponsored event. Gaye said: "I'm really excited about jumping but to do it with one of the Red Devils is not something everyone can say. The Hospice has been a great support and I've also made some lifelong friends. I really want to show my appreciation by raising as much as I can." To sponsor Gaye visit her fundraising page: www.justgiving.com/Gaye-Nield

Great North runners raise more than £5000

Rossendale Hospice's runners in this year's Great North Run raised more than £5,000. Our runners were:

Charlotte Lees and Julia Hughes from Helmshore; Nick Roscoe from Burnley; Vicki Frost, a nurse at the Hospice and her son Nathan Beard; and Gill Simpson competed in her third Great North Run for the Hospice in memory of her sister who died of cancer aged 38.

Dany Robson, a former sports reporter also endured the bad weather, as did Carrie Kieran, a medical student who worked on a placement at the Hospice and whose mother had just been diagnosed with cancer.

She was inspired by the work of the Hospice; businessman Mark Moppet; Dr. Jackie Spibey, who ran in memory of her sister who died earlier this year; Christine Johnson, Holly Gethin, Matt Dunkin, Cathryn McDermott and Niamh Brockenshaw.

Thank you to all our runners for your special efforts in supporting the Hospice.

We are already receiving an interest in next year's Great North Run as runners are finding it harder to get their own places, so please email your interest to fundraising@rossendalehospice.org if you would like to take part.



Dany Robson proudly showing her medal after the race

Thank You to our fundraising friends.

Here are just a few of the wonderful fundraising events and activities that have taken place in the community over the past year: Caroline Sandiford competed in the Manchester 10k and raised £725; Rhys Roberts Zumbathon raised £1,215; Geraldine Robinson held a fundraising evening and donated £2,000 from her total of £4,300; Rossendale Golf Club Ladies' Section raised £1,315 during the captaincy of Susan Bann; Gordon and Nicki Clifford held a fundraising evening and raised £815; Granville Barker held two charity nights raising £888; Graham Halsall competed in the Preston Guild Half Marathon and raised £454; Lacey Court held a coffee morning and raised £250; Ian McManus completed the Great North Swim and raised £560; Rachel Elvin competed in the Fleetwood Half Marathon and raised £207; Sam Hughes, age 7, from Whitewell Bottom held a bake sale raised £45; Stewart Haslam took part in the challenging Tough Mudder event in October and raised £367; Dave Turner raised £1,200 from a race evening which was match funded by his employer Bibby Line Group; Graham Navin from the Swan Hotel, Bacup raised £294 from his charity fun day; Carmel Kay donated £312 from her poker night; Debbie Harvey raised £106 by cutting hair at the Swan Pub in Accrington; Orla Douglas & Morgan Louie held a table top sale which raised £45; Anna and Christopher Price had a "Guess the length of the best man's speech" sweepstake at their wedding and donated £81; Britannia Coconutters donated £330 from the Easter Celebration Day; Liz Harris coffee morning & birthday celebration raised £102; Helmshore Golf Society raised £260 from the David Webster memorial trophy; Rossendale Male Voice Choir Christmas Party raised £150; Stubbins Primary School raised £150 from a Christmas Play and collection. Some of our supporters chose to donate in lieu of birthdays and anniversaries thank you for choosing to do so.

The Volunteer Friends Group arranged a Thorntons Evening and raised £450. Their next event is on 8th November and is a Fashion show - please see the diary of events. The Volunteer Users' Group held a cinematic evening at the Hospice and ticket holders were treated to popcorn and choc ices while watching Mamma Mia. Donations raised £140. As our supporters continue to grow we are unable to include everyone in our list of contributions but would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you.

Santa's Grotto

Thank you to all the children who visited Santa's Grotto last year during Clogs Ont' Cobbles and to our sponsors Woodcocks Haworth and Nuttall, B&N Stores, The Photo Shop, Tesco, The Card Centre, Dave Whiteman, Musbury Fabrics, B & N Bargains, Vicky Callan, Patricia's Florist, Kerry Woodall and Roland Hailwood. Join us this year in the grotto at Woodcocks, Howarth & Nuttall, Bank Street, Rawtenstall on the 30th November and 1st December from 10am-4pm.

25th anniversary celebrated in style

To celebrate the Hospice's 25th year, over 100 supporters donned their finest 80's clobber for a boogie night and partied in style. There was 80's music, raffles, a best-dressed competition and a pie and pea supper. The event at St Mary's Chambers was a great success and raised £900.



Boogie night...it's time to party in style

Summer Delight

An afternoon tea and Pimms event was a great success at our Summer Delight event in celebration of our 25th year. It was a lovely afternoon and we would like to thank our sponsors Park Farm Tea-rooms, Asda, Tesco, Nino's Restaurant and all our volunteers who bake cakes. Their support enabled us to raise a fabulous £520.



Cake Sales

Lucky people passing the Hub in the Health Centre were able to purchase delicious cakes made and donated by volunteers. Many of the cakes were decorated beautifully depicting our 25th Anniversary. We have had two cake sales so far raising an amazing £787!

Ten years for Team Oscar

Team Oscar is a group set up by Chris Frost in memory of his father Tony Frost, whose nickname was 'Oscar'. From April 2013 the team has taken on the challenge of 12 events in 12 months, to mark the ten year point of their fundraising. Challenges range from cycling, walking, swimming and running events. Please visit their fundraising page www.justgiving.com/TeamOscar 12in12



Football sponsors



Haslingden St. Marys Football Club will sponsor the Hospice in the 2013/14 season by having our logo on the front of their First Team shirts and by holding events. They chose this time to coincide with our 25th Anniversary. The club would like to acknowledge Mr Charles Lord, S.D.L. Group Ltd for his help over the years.

Jimmy's annual ball raises £4500

Our thanks go to Jimmy Civic Hall and The Beach Eaton who presented our nurses with a cheque for £4,500 raised from his Annual Christmas Ball. This year's ball will be at the Whitworth

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Jimmy presents his cheque for £4500

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Rossendale Primary Health Care Centre,
161 Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7PL.

Fundraising and Volunteering

If you think you can help in any way at all, just give the Fundraising department a ring on 01706 253633 or email fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

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