

Care at Home for local children with life threatening and terminal illnesses, providing nursing, emotional & financial support for their families

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Rolls-Royce enables snowdrop families to enjoy

Rolls Royce outings– but not in their cars!!

We were lucky to receive funding from Rolls Royce to help 57 families with Summer outings this year.

What a variety of trips were taken– Paulton's park, Marwell Zoo, Legoland, Thorpe Park and Chessington.. to mention just a few.

Travel-trains, jungle coaster, Bush Walks, Viking Longboat

and a giraffe walkway were used. Pictures galore of lions, birds, penguins, zebra, chipmunks (who could



spot the difference between some of them and some of the children?)

What a great day out was had by so many families despite the inclement Summer weather!

We have received many letters of thanks from parents who had taken up this offer to visit one of these exciting places. Each family was asked where they would like to go, and Jo Rule our Office Manager spent hours on the computer and the phone to purchase individual passes and

tickets . Quite a feat when she had to know the ages and height of each child for some

Snowdrop Families take to the water

Snowdrop Families enjoy a boat trip – despite the weather! Followed by a pub lunch.



On a grey Sunday 38 members of Snowdrop families had a really interesting cruise, kindly donated by the **Chichester Harbour Conservancy Board**, with a trip on their solar powered boat - **The Solar Heritage**. Solar powered? On wak-

ing that morning I think we were all somewhat concerned that we might not be going anywhere without the

sun – but good old fashioned electricity came to our aid and Captain Andy took us on a tour around the harbour.

The majority of the children had never been on a boat, and most of the adults, despite living locally, hadn't been around the harbour.

After a cold but exhilarating trip, the owners of **The Ship Inn at Itchenor** very generously provided lunch for everyone – a lovely hot

meal which after the cold wind out on the water, went down extremely well.

Suzi Clark, Trustee & Boat Trip Organiser



Parents said how much they had enjoyed meeting other Snowdrop families and that their children benefited from getting together with other Snowdrop children.

A summer's evening at bathill



Hathill has the finest collection of British contemporary sculpture in England and is the brain child of Mr & Mrs Cass who started the Foundation in 1992, much the same time as Kate & Di set up the Sussex Snowdrop Trust. We had our first party at Hathill early in the life of both organiza-

tions, so, it was very exciting to be invited back. The Reception was held in the new amazing Foundation building, containing the complete Archive Collection of the Foundation and a wonderful library of British Contemporary Sculptures and Artists. A display space ideal for parties as well as for the more serious pursuits such as Lectures and Exhibitions is available. Vast glass walls roll back to open up onto the woods & sculptures & with traditional Snowdrop luck on July 28th, it was an absolutely heavenly, best-ever British Summer Evening - unique to this summer! We feasted on canapés

and wine - the Snowdrop elegance & culinary skills were in keeping with the ambience of the Foundation. Mrs Cass spoke about the exceptional growth of the Foundation - just like Snowdrop - how it all came about and the work with young artists. Following this interesting introduction we were all let loose into the 26 magical acres of ancient woodland to enjoy the 70 monumental sculptures - which we did! Young grandson and I staggered home just after 9 pm but I heard that intrepid groupies were still going round an hour later,

Once again, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust was kindly invited by Gerry Adams and his daughter Louise to serve teas and cakes during the weekend of 25/26 May. The beautiful garden is opened each year under the National Gardens Scheme

This year we were very lucky with the weather - warm-ish on the Sunday and warm but windy (and a bit showery) on the Monday. Several Trustees, assisted by local resident Karen Barrett and Snowdrop Volunteer Jenny Meltzer served tea and cakes to eager garden

enthusiasts, on both days. Over the 2 days we raised £414.90 Thanks to The Adams' for kindly supporting Snowdrop again this year.

Val Seddon Trustee

What a stunning garden!

A real plantsman's delight, exquisitely perfumed roses, beautiful herbaceous flower borders with many unusual and rare plants. The owners, Mr & Mrs Newman very kindly offered their garden as the venue for the Snowdrop Summer Lunch. 80 people enjoyed touring the garden prior to the lunch.



Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, in view of the so called Summer weather, there was an odd shower, but luckily the guests were under-cover when lunch was served. Mrs. Newman had made eight beautiful flower arrangements in cup and saucer sets, which she kindly auctioned. We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Newman and to Snowdrop supporters who

The charity spends approx. £220,000 annually on direct care for these special families. This pays for The Snowdrop Care at Home Team and for the crucial financial help it is able to give to parents, coping with the day to day problems of caring for a very sick child. The financial problems that parents have, can be overwhelming, possibly the last straw.

The Trust receives no help from the Government and depends on the support of this community -schools, clubs, church groups, Trusts, organisations and individuals. Every penny is appreciated, and needed so that Snowdrop can continue to provide this vital help.

Please can you help us to help these children and their families?

Premiere of a Film for Teenagers Several of the more 'mature' Snowdrop Trustees joined the throng of teenagers to watch the movie premiere of Angus Thong and Perfect Snogging on a hot Summer's night. The money raised from the event was shared between 2 local charities, The Snowdrop Trust and Predators, a Football Club for youngsters in Bognor Regis. We would like to thank Chris and Jade, who manage the Picturedrome Cinema in Bognor Regis, for their hard work and their original ap-

More special people
It was an honour to be a guest at a Mary Ninness', 60th birthday party. Mary's best friend was the late Pat Camilleri (Snowdrop Counsellor), and they had been planning this party for years! After the delicious buffet, many of her friends and family entertained us with a karaoke. Fortunately I wasn't asked to take part!! Donations to Snowdrop instead

Wayfarers Freemasons Lodge 'Supper and Music' These wonderful friends' of Snowdrop, in memory of John Fellowes, his wife Julie & friend Dave Moulard have supported us for many years. Julie dreamt up the bright idea of a sponsored 24 hr. Talkathon, so with 2 friends she talked for Snowdrop !! and at a special evening, handed me £1,000 plus £540 from a Race Evening at the home of friends Sue and Kingsley. Dave gave me over £800 from the evening. The warmth

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Pancake House Aldwick pledged to donate their tips and have now given **£1,713** to Snowdrop.



Welcome to Emma Payne

Emma Payne joined the Trust in July and has already become a valued member of The Care at Home Team.. She has met all

I have been working in the voluntary sector for over 7 years. My first charity job was as a divisional co-ordinator with 4Sight . I worked with volunteers in social clubs and with home visitors for blind and partially sighted people. My last job was with the West Sussex Assoc for Disabled People as a Development Co-ordinator. I worked with

social clubs, volunteers, marketing, conferences, and a number of other roles.

I have lots of family experience as I am the oldest of 5 children and I have twin boys who are 4 years old, and a 1 year old baby boy. I have had experience of being a mother to a seriously ill child, (who thankfully now is recov-

ered). I've also experienced being an older sibling to a very ill sister and being a sibling to a disabled sister. So I hope this experience will be useful in my post. I was not planning to come back into work so quickly with 3 children under 5yrs, but when I saw the job advert, I just knew I had to apply. Needless to say I am really enjoying the job.

Emma Payne

Family Volunteers meet the queen

On 20th May two excited Sussex Snowdrop volunteers set off for London to go to a reception in Buckingham Palace given by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service. The Sussex Snowdrop Trust had received this award in 2005. Dressed in our best and clutching our passports and security passes, we walked through the gates of Buckingham Palace. Our eyes were wide, our senses alert as we



tried to take in the magnificent interior of the palace, committing it all to memory as we weren't allowed to take photos.

We supped champagne and nibbled sumptuous canapés until at 6pm there was a general hush and we suddenly realised that there was a receiving

line and we were all to be introduced to the Queen and the Duke. No time for nerves and we remembered to curtsy and call her "Your Majesty". When our names and the charity were an-

nounced, the Duke commented "Ah.... The Sussex Snowdrop Trust... What does that do?"



There were about 150 other guests at the reception, all of us on our first visit to Buckingham Palace and about the same number of Queen's Award admin staff and palace

staff as well as Princess Anne, the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Gloucester. The reception was held in the Throne Room, the Portrait Gallery and the Round Room from which we were able to go onto the balcony

Could you be a Snowdrop family Volunteer?

Do you like cooking, fishing, walking, food shopping, painting, theatre, cinema, clothes shopping? Do you have experience in tutoring or teaching? Do you have interests/skills that you might be able to translate into a volunteers roles?

Maybe giving a sibling extra school support, help with

home-work. Taking a Dad out fishing for a few hours, to have some time out. Taking a teenager or mum clothes shopping.... Or perhaps you have other skills/hobbies/interests that you think might be useful. Volunteers can help on a weekly basis or when they have any free time to offer. Emma works on Monday and Tuesday so please contact her at:

What makes the Snowdrop Trust so unique and special?

It is not only because it is a local charity, helping local families. Of course this does make a difference to our support, however, I think it is really because everyone who works for Snowdrop, whether they are on the Care at Home Team, Trustees, Family Volunteers or in the West Stoke Office, every single one is totally committed to the charity and make everyone they come in contact with, feel very special.

At the children's party this year, one of the mother's, of a child helped by Snowdrop, said that when she saw a Snowdrop nurse talking to another mother, it made her realise that all Snowdrop families are special to the The Snowdrop Care at Home Team She had thought that she was the only one! People ringing the office remark on how enthusiastic and



friendly Jo Rule is when they talk to her. When we founded Snowdrop 15 years ago, little did we know how many friends we would make along the way, and how many lives would be changed because they were helped by the dedicated Team of nurses, counsellors and Family Volunteer befrienders.

It is because of our generous and loyal supporters who have continued to raise money for Snowdrop throughout these years, which has enabled the Trust to provide the unique support for families. There are only a few other charities across the country that are similar to Snowdrop, but as far as I can find, we are the only ones that gives support in the way we do, and also provides the vital financial help to parents.

Di Levantine Chairman & Co-Founder

For more information about the work of the charity please look at our web site
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Future Events Talk, Taste & Tea

17 October 2008

2.00 p.m to 4.30pm

Tangmere Village Hall.

Helen Pattinson the Co-Founder of Montezuma's chocolate, will be talking about her chocolate company & inviting you to taste their exquisite chocolates

Snowdrop goods and Christmas Cards will be on sale.

Tickets £7.50 from the office 01243 572433

HOUSE OF FRASER CHICHESTER

FASHION SHOW :

30 October '08

6.00pm - Champagne & Canapes.

7.30pm Fashion Show

Contact House of Fraser for Tickets.

STRICTLY CRAFT

1 & 2 November '08

West Wittering Memorial Hall

10.00pm 'till 4.00pm

Snowdrop Goods on sale.

Proceeds to Snowdrop

Combined Charities

Coffee Morning

Walberton Village Hall

8th November

10 to 12 noon

BOSHAM CRAFT FAIR -

21, 22, 23 November '08

Friday 21 : 9.00am 'till 3.00pm

6.00pm 'till 9.00pm

Saturday, 22 : 10.00am 'till 3.00pm

Sunday, 23 : 11.00am 'till 4.00pm

CHICHESTER

STREET CHRISTMAS MARKET

30 November '08

Snowdrop, in conjunction with Chichester Area Talking News, will have a stall at this event.

COLLECTING AT THE CROSS

3 December '08

Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Chichester for offering Snowdrop the opportunity to collect at The Cross.

ALDWICK PRESERVA- TION SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

6 December 2008 10.00am

Willowhale Centre

Snowdrop goods will be on sale.

BARN DANCE

6 December 2008

Walberton Village Hall

THE MAYOR'S

GALA DINNER

24 January 2009 7 pm

The Assembly Rooms, Chichester.

Tickets £35 from our office

Speaker - Kate Mosse

ANNUAL CHARITY

WALK Sunday, 10 May

2009

First walkers can start at 2 pm

Last walkers leave at 3.30 pm

Here are just a few of the wonderful supporters of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust Thank you to them and everyone that has enabled us to help Snowdrop families, through their generosity.

Selsey Quilters raised £305 from their Guild Show; **The Lions & Lady Lions Bognor** were the hosts of their annual



Fashion Show at Jacques Vert in Chichester. Smiling Volunteer models, handsome men strutting their stuff on the cat

walk, canapés and goodie bags all make up this well loved event and £500 was raised for 2 charities; **Mill Farm Residents Association** generously raised £2138 for Snowdrop (their chosen charity for the year) ; London Marathon runners **Simon Wagstaff and Jacqui Hooton** collected a staggering £2,681 in sponsorship and finished the run in a very respectable time..well done you



two ! **Kim King, sister Jayne and mother Sheila** organized an incredible Coffee Morning in their garden in Fontwell - with stalls , refreshments and fun for all the family. When all the visitors left they sat down and counted £900 !

Thank-you girls. **Bignor Church** donated £200;

Mr. Lammie, by selling

his little knitted chicks

made £615 for Snowdrop ;

several Snowdrop Trustees

attended the **Chichester Uni-**

versity Concert in The Cathedral. The

retiring collection was in aid of our charity

and the generous audience gave £1,464;

Peter & Pam Bulfield decided not to

receive gifts for their Golden wedding

anniversary and very kindly asked friends

and family to give money to Snowdrop

instead ..and they did -to the tune of

£1,560 !! Thank you to them all. **The 6th**

Form at Chichester High School chose

our charity to benefit from their fundrais-

ing and presented the Trust with a won-

derful cheque for £1000; **the MD of C &**

M Trophies , Tony Wright, sponsored

the annual charity bowls

match, which is held on the

prestigious bowling green in

Worthing. Tony sponsors the

day and pays for tea for all 170 players, during which the Chairman of Snowdrop gives 3 talks simultaneously to each sitting of contestants! With a raffle and the entrance fee - £800 was raised for Snowdrop **Ecclesden Farm Campsite** gave us £272 ; **Liz Watson** organized a Cream Tea event and raised £256; **The Wayfarers Masons Lodge** once again helped us with a donation of £250 ;From fund raising activities **Lancing College , with encouragement from a Snowdrop sibling** donated £1,500 ; ; **Carte Blanche** donated £500; **Bognor Hotham Rotary Club** gave us £1,500 ; **Nunnigton Farm Campsite** organ-

ized a Dog Show and raised £388 for the Trust; **Nick Casburn** , a Rolls Royce employee, bravely took his place at the start of the London Marathon having been promised £775 by colleagues ,

friends and relatives. Congratulations Nick on all your efforts to finish the race and collect this money for Snowdrop: **Lions Club of Chichester** gave us £500; **St Philip Howard School** donated £1,400 from their charity events; **Liz Turner** kindly sent £500; ;Joshua Court was a young boy who lived in West Dean and every year, locals play in the **Joshua Court Memorial Football Charity Match**. This year a fantastic £815 was raised from the match; **Bognor Regis Rotary** invited Di

Levantine to attend a lunch and presented her with a cheque for £1,000 ; **Nyodema** , a charity which is supporting people in a village in Gambia , chose Snowdrop to share their fund raising event in The Regis Centre. With African music, belly-dancers , stalls selling wooden elephants the Snowdrop stall provided a very different sort of shopping experi-

ence! The organisers shared the takings and gave £360 to the Trust; **Great Ballard School** have again supported Snowdrop and £1,000 was raised from events that they had held during the year; **Viatore's Lodge No 4252** donated £300 from a raffle ; £600 was received from **Wittering United FC Veteran's Match** played in August: Kate and Di attended a reception at **Pendean House** Nr. Midhurst and were given a donation of £752 from several events organised over the past year: and last but certainly not least, the wonderful members of the **Chichester Soroptomists** armed with collecting buckets, stood outside The Chichester Festival Theatre & collected £753 for **The Sussex Snowdrop Trust**.

