

# HOSPICE NEWS

THE MARY STEVENS HOSPICE

Autumn / Winter 2023



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Thank you for taking the time to read your latest issue of 'Hospice News'; it is full of great ways in which you can take part in events to raise vital funds for the hospice.

Mary Stevens Hospice provides specialist palliative care for persons aged 18 and over who have a life limiting illness. Care is provided both from our Day Services Team who offer targeted programmes of care helping people to better understand and manage their disease and from our In Patient Unit Team who look after patients and their families 24 hours a day from a 10 bedded unit.

The hospice also offers complementary therapies to patients and carers, offers spiritual care, provides support from our own social worker and physiotherapy team. Bereavement support is provided to families and loved ones for up to 12 months after a patient has died; we also support carers to have a break by providing a free sitting service in patients homes.

Our goal is to help people to live well and to maintain their quality of life.

People are often surprised to learn that not only is all this care free to the patients and families that need it, but that the hospice must raise over £3.5 million pounds every year towards the running costs of the hospice. The hospice receives just 17% of its running costs from its commissioners.

The hospice fundraising team have been busy planning lots of fun ways for you to help us keep doing what we do. Don't miss **Santa Jog**, it is a fun way for families and friends to start the festive period whilst raising money for vital patient care. There is also our annual **Light up a Life** events, creating a poignant time to reflect and remember your loved ones.

Our job is to be there for patients, their families and carers, when they need us, now and in the future.

Our future is built on your support.

Claire Towns - Matron and CEO

# PETER PAN

Panto is back... Oh yes it is!

We have **43,000** reasons to say thank you to all who supported our Peter Pan Panto in February 2023!

Peter Pan not only flew (quite literally) into The Stourbridge Town Hall Theatre, but helped us continue to care for our community when they need us, by raising over **£43,000**



If you were lucky enough to see Peter, Smee and Mr Croc, then you know what an outstanding Panto Company we have on our hands (or hook in the case of the Captain!). You'll be a pumpkin if you don't join in the fun next time!



**Our support comes in all shapes, sizes and tastes!**

Introducing...  
**"MARY'S EMBRACE"**

A blonde beer with a combination of new world hops and a light malt base, in a wonderfully refreshing beer with a long lasting sweet finish.

Brewed and labelled exclusively to raise funds for The Mary Stevens Hospice by local brewery Green Duck Beer Co.

This exciting partnership will see us create a limited number of gift packs, just in time for Christmas!

To order yours visit:  
[greenduckbrewery.co.uk](http://greenduckbrewery.co.uk)





# CINDERELLA

6th - 14th February 2024  
at Stourbridge Town Hall



Join us for the Godmother of all Pantomimes, Cinderella!

Starring Britain's Got Talent Finalist, Amy-Lou, as the fabulous Fairy Godmother and Coronation Street's Bruce Jones, aka Les Battersby, as Baron Hardup!



If ever there was a story to be told, it is the one of how good overcomes evil as Cinderella fights for her right to party!

With a midnight curfew of an evil stepmother (Wally Wombat) and the ugliest stepsisters this side of Dudley Castle, Cinders relies on the friendship of her trusted sidekick, Buttons (Will Phipps) and a magical Fairy Godmother (Amy-Lou) to help make all her dreams come true.

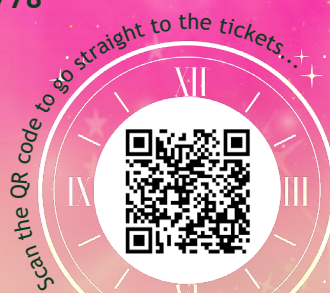
It is the night of the Royal Ball and with only one Prince Charming to go around, Cinderella needs all the help she can get!

But fear not, there is a new Fairy Godmother in town, giving out shoes that really could change a girl's life, she'll have you reaching for your golden buzzer!

The Mary Stevens Hospice Pantomime Company goes from strength to strength and continues to pull in the crowds and raise significant funds to support patient and family care at the hospice. We would like to thank all those who perform, sponsor, help out backstage, volunteer front of house or purchase a ticket, you really help us to make a difference to the lives of those who rely on our care...see you February 2024!

Tickets are selling fast - to get yours today go to: [boroughhalls.co.uk/msh-cinderella](http://boroughhalls.co.uk/msh-cinderella) or call the Hospice on 01384 377 778

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# Hayley's Story

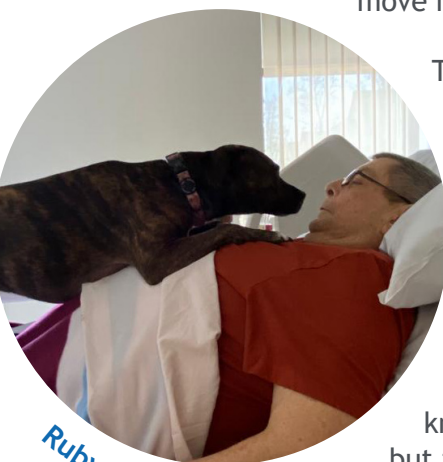


My Dad, Mel

"My Dad, Mel, was born in Halesowen but spent most of his adult life in Stourbridge. He was a proper Black Country bloke, well known in the area, especially in the Unicorn in Wollaston, a Batham's Brewery Pub, where he had lots of friends. My Dad had many loves, one of them being "The Villa".

We were season ticket holders and shared so many happy times including a trip to Barcelona to watch Lionel Messi play. Whilst in Spain, Dad tried to grasp the language but got mixed up, greeting everyone with "Hellola" and I can still hear him now answering the phone to me in this way or him saying "Chin up mate, it'll soon be Christmas" My Dad was super-daft!

When he became ill at the end of July 2022, the consultant said, "you have an 85% chance of dying from this illness in the next 12 months". As I drove home, I asked him "Dad, do you understand what he said?" and he replied, "Yes, I have a 15% chance of living" he always saw the good in everything. A short time later he was admitted to hospital and eventually became so poorly that the staff started to mention hospice care to me. I was adamant that I didn't want him moved, until a friend whose Mom had been cared for by the hospice said "you must move him."



Ruby and Mel

The day he arrived at the hospice, I parked my car and looked at the autumn leaves on the trees. I remember him having his lunch on a proper plate, with a proper knife and fork, and his own salt & pepper pot! I don't know what I expected, but this felt like home.

Dad and my dog, Ruby, were so close, he'd missed her during his stay in the hospital. I couldn't believe it when I was told she could visit him at the hospice too! Those first cuddles when they were reunited did them

both the world of good, they really loved each other. I just can't put into words the care and support I received from the hospice nurses, they allowed me to be 'Mel's Daughter' again, as they provided the care, allowing me to spend my time just loving him. We were a family again.

I was asked if there was anything I wanted to do, anything that would create a lasting memory. As Dad was determined to see out the festive season but was so poorly, I asked if we could bring forward Christmas Day. So, on 29th October we decorated his room and lit twinkly lights. The nursing staff gave him a Christmas jumper to wear and they stood around his bed to sing 'Merry Christmas' to him. The next day was to be Christmas Day. We had Christmas dinner with all the trimmings courtesy of the hospice Chef, Jean, and the nurses turned up (some of them on their day off) dressed in Christmas outfits. Although he was getting weaker, he had enjoyed what he truly believed was Christmas Day, he had reached his goal. A few days later, (on my Dad's 29th December) he passed away, with me and Ruby by his side. It was 3rd November.

As the months have gone by since I lost my Dad, I have been determined to fundraise for the hospice, to raise funds to match what someone else raised for us, so that as a family we could have the dignified care we needed. On 29th October this year I am holding a fundraising Quiz night. It will be 'Melmas Eve', and we will all be taking part wearing our Christmas Jumpers."

*Hayley continues to be supported by The Mary Stevens Hospice, while attending supportive listening sessions to help her with her grief - Ruby always comes along to say 'Hellola'!*



Dad's Christmas Day



Me and Dad



# Make your life an amazing story of Care, Compassion and Kindness

## *Leave a meaningful legacy to The Mary Stevens Hospice.*

Every day our nurses help our patients to have the best life possible for as long as possible. They believe that every life matters, however long that life may be.

The compassionate care we give is not unique to our community, but for local families there is no other care like it, and we need your help to ensure it continues.

A legacy is a gift you leave to our charity in your Will. It can be money, property, belongings, or a percentage of your estate, your legacy is completely personal to you.

We appreciate that your Will is made in confidence, but we need to talk to you about the impact leaving a legacy to The Mary Stevens Hospice has on the future of our services. We rely on at least 20% of our annual funding to reach us from legacies, gifts that sustain our services. To put it bluntly, without the gifts our incredible donors leave us in their Wills, we could not support the ever-growing need for specialist end of life care.

Legacies are as vital as the care we give freely.

### **You will continue to make a difference when it really matters.**

Your gift gives us the peace of mind that we will be able to respond to the demand for our services and provide the compassionate care that our community has come to rely on, both now and in the future. By leaving a Legacy you will make a long-lasting difference for many years to come.

### **What will you leave behind as your legacy?**

“Leaving a legacy in my Will to the Hospice ensures that the wonderful care my wife and family received can be given in the future to others who need it.” ~ Mick

Contact us today to learn more about the difference your Legacy could make and help us plan for the future.

Get in touch:

@ legacies@marystevenshospice.co.uk

📞 01384 377 778



Mick



# Festive Fundraising

Reindeer Run | November & December

Attention all local schools... be a part of our exciting Reindeer Run! Lace up your running shoes and join us for a fun-filled day of energetic exercise and festive cheer. Students of all ages can participate in this jolly fun run, dressed as reindeer to add an extra sprinkle of festive magic.



Light up a Life | 18th & 21st November

We will gather to illuminate our Tree of Light, a symbol of remembrance for those dear to us. This cherished tradition brings our community together, providing a focal point for reflection and honouring the lives of our loved ones.



Santa Jog | 3rd December

Get ready to jingle all the way as our Red Sea of Santas returns to Mary Stevens Park to ignite your Christmas spirit!

Join us for our 5k festive route, where you'll be donning your red suit and dashing through the park to earn your well-deserved medal. It's the perfect opportunity to gather the whole family and invite your friends to join in on the fun.



Christmas Coffee Morning | Saturday 2nd December

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and treat yourself to some coffee and cake in the cozy setting of our Day Unit. Join us for a stress-free shopping experience where you can browse and buy at your leisure.



Christmas Concert | 14th December

Join us for an unforgettable evening of joy and music at our Christmas Concert! We are thrilled to present a lineup of talented performers who will fill the air with the enchanting sounds of Christmas. From traditional carols to modern holiday classics, the concert promises to be a festive feast for the senses.



Breakfast with Santa | 9th & 10th December

Come and party with the big man himself!



View all of our fundraising events at:  
[www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/events](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/events)



# ROYAL ASCOT Ladies Day



After the success of Royal Ascot 2023, we are doing it all again next year! You are guaranteed a day full of fabulous fashion and high stakes, mixing with Royalty and racegoers as you cheer on your favourite to win!

Royal Ascot Ladies Day takes place on Thursday 20 June 2024. The day will see us get up bright and early to make our way down from Stourbridge to Royal Ascot, with a light breakfast and fizz to toast the start of an unforgettable day. An afternoon tea box with a cheeky cocktail will be served on-route. An unforgettable day for just £169.00pp includes entry to the prestigious Queen Anne Enclosure where you can find your trackside spot in good time to welcome the Royal Parade and watch the racing for the afternoon.

With singing around the Bandstand completing your Ascot experience, you will be in fine voice all the way home to Stourbridge.

To book, scan the QR code in the top right hand corner or contact the Fundraising Office on 01384 377778. A non-refundable deposit of £75pp will secure your spot with the balance being payable by 1st May 2024.



# Santa Jog '23

**The most fun you can have this side of Christmas!**

Calling all Santas, Reindeers and 4-legged friends... the news is out!

Our Santa fun run will return to kick start your family celebrations as we take on the 5k course of festiveness together.

There's no greater sight to see than hundreds of Santa's having fun - but this year it doesn't stop there!

**Santa's Grotto  
Festive Market  
Santa's Runaway Train**

Sign up by returning the form on the back of this newsletter or scan the QR code!



Sunday 3rd December | 10am  
Mary Stevens Park





# Mary Stevens Hospice Lottery

You could win up to £1,000 every week and make a difference to the lives of local people who rely on our vital care.

Just £1 to play

49 prizes every week

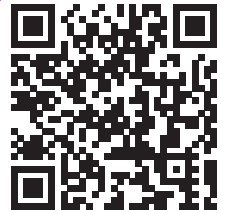
Win up to £10,000 in our weekly rollover

£1,000 weekly jackpot

Automatic entry into our super draws!

Playing our weekly lottery supports our services every day

Play online today!



We are delighted to announce that the partnership between Mary Stevens Hospice Lottery & Stourbridge Football Club will continue this forthcoming season, 2023 - 2024!

When you visit their website, not only will you be able to buy tickets to a game, but you will be able to follow the link to purchase a weekly hospice lottery ticket, supporting both teams at the same time!

Together, we are making a difference to our community.

[www.stourbridgefc.com](http://www.stourbridgefc.com)



Playing our Hospice Lottery just got easier!

You can now pop into one of our Hospice shops and buy a ticket at the till!

Volunteers from our Sedgley Shop, Janet and Keith, said:

“It was wonderful to learn we had sold a winning ticket to one of our lucky customers!”

Tickets for the weekly draw are available at the following Hospice shops:

- |                               |                |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blackheath                    | Kinver         | Wollaston      |
| Brierley Hill Furniture Depot | Sedgley        | Wombourne      |
| Cradley Heath                 | Stourbridge HS | Wordsley Green |
| Dudley                        | Stourbridge VP |                |





# Your local Hospice, your local Lottery!



## £4,200 - Rollover!

Mr Glaze was delighted to be our latest **Rollover Winner** and plans to treat his grandchildren to a special family holiday!

By becoming a regular player like Mr Glaze, you too could be in with a chance of winning big! Complete and return the form below or sign up via our website at: [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/lottery](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/lottery)

What would you spend your winnings on?

We asked some of our Hospice staff and volunteers how they would spend their lottery winnings...

Ruth, DSU Sister

"It would go towards my motorhome fund!"

Jackie, Volunteer receptionist

"I would spend my winnings on a dream holiday!"

Von, Hospice Domestic

"I'd treat my friends and family to a fabulous Christmas!"

### The Mary Stevens Hospice Lottery Direct Debit Form

Title:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:  D.O.B:

Telephone no:

Email:

Signature:

Choose how much you would like to pay:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| One chance per week:                     | Two chances per week:                     |
| <input type="radio"/> £52 every 52 weeks | <input type="radio"/> £104 every 52 weeks |
| <input type="radio"/> £26 every 26 weeks | <input type="radio"/> £52 every 26 weeks  |
| <input type="radio"/> £13 every 13 weeks | <input type="radio"/> £26 every 13 weeks  |
| <input type="radio"/> £5 every month     | <input type="radio"/> £10 every month     |

- Payment date:
- 5th of each month       20th of each month

#### Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

MARY STEVENS HOSPICE LOTTERY LTD, 221 Hagley Road, DY8 2JR

Account holder name

Account number

Bank sort code



Service User Number

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit MARY STEVENS HOSPICE LOTTERY LTD will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request MARY STEVENS HOSPICE LOTTERY LTD to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by MARY STEVENS HOSPICE LOTTERY LTD or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when MARY STEVENS HOSPICE LOTTERY LTD asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.



# Make a Will Month

November 1st 2023 - November 30th 2023

If you've been planning on writing your will but just keep putting it off, why not take advantage of our very special **Make a Will Month**, supported by our local trusted partners?

Throughout the month of November, writing or updating your Will, costs £90 for a single Will or £150 for a double Will. Not only is this fantastic value, but 50% of the fee will be donated back to The Mary Stevens Hospice to support the care of our patients.

You can choose one of our professional Will writers to meet with and be assured that they will talk you through the process, answer all your questions and make sure you are happy with the final wishes you have made.

In just 3 simple steps, you can write your Will and support your local hospice at the same time:

1. To register, call the fundraising office on 01384 377 778, or register online (use the QR code below) to take part in our **Make a Will Month**.
2. Your chosen hospice partner will contact you to make an appointment
3. You can rest easy knowing you have put your affairs in order.

Meet our **Make a Will Month** partners:

Scan the QR code to sign up



## **talbots** FOR LAW FOR LIFE

"It's our privilege to be a part of Make A Will Month once again with Mary Stevens Hospice.

Having an up-to-date Will is so important to ensure that any family members and loved ones are cared for in the way that we would choose, in the event of a person's passing, and anything we can do to make this accessible for people is something we are keen to support.

To know that this initiative is also ensuring that the Hospice can continue its vital work for families in the Black Country makes it all the more important that we involve ourselves in all the ways we can!"

Five offices based in Stourbridge, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Dudley, and Edgbaston

## **KING WILL'S WILLS** ESTATE PLANNING SPECIALISTS

"I'm delighted to once again be able to support Mary Stevens Hospice for their upcoming Make a Will Month this November.

The hospice does an amazing job within the community not just for their patients but also in supporting affected families too.

If you die without a Will, it can cause all sorts of problems for your loved ones, so if you don't have a Will, take advantage of Wills month and 50% my fee will go to this fantastic charity.

I give friendly, professional and plain English advice, offer home visits or online consultations including in the evening or weekend and if urgent can prepare your documents in under 2 hours.

Office in Wollaston and offering home visits



"We are proud to support Mary Stevens Hospice Make a Will Month for November following successful participation in the scheme back in May. We have participated in the scheme for many years, and this May was the busiest and most successful to date.

We are looking forward to welcoming even more clients to our offices in November. Whether you are looking for a Will review or a first time Will, we are more than happy to discuss your options with you."

Offices in Stourbridge

There is no obligation to leave a gift to The Mary Stevens Hospice. However, last year, 20% of our funding was received from gifts in Wills which helps us to continue to care for our patients, both now and in the future.

**The gift you give could last a lifetime**

**For more information or to sign up today:**



01384 377 778



legacies@marystevenshospice.co.uk



www.marystevenshospice.co.uk





# What is The Mary Stevens Hospice actually like?

We strive to achieve our vision of providing a safe, compassionate environment, with our highly-skilled staff taking the time to listen, advise and create personalised holistic programmes of care.

We want to be able to dispel common myths that surround Hospice care, so we spoke with our Ward Manager, Andrew, who answered some common questions that we are asked about our care and what a Hospice is actually like...

## “What does the hospice do other than care for people with cancer who are dying?”

“Well, the hospice cares for a great many people but not all have a diagnosis of cancer or are dying. We care for people who need our specialist care and in the past we’ve cared for those who have motor neurone disease (MND), multiple sclerosis (MS), heart or kidney failure, as well as others who have become frail due to underlying conditions, including following a stroke. At Mary Stevens Hospice we care for people who are admitted for symptom control or for end of life care as well as seeing individuals in our Day Services Centre where we run a number of out-patient clinics and therapy sessions.”

## “How is the hospice funded?”

“We receive approximately 17% from the government which comes to us from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) but we rely on the kindness and generosity of others too. There are those who play our lottery or shop in our charity shops throughout the Borough. Those who fundraise or donate in memory of a loved one, regular givers and local businesses who are always on hand to support us. We are also extremely grateful to those who remember the hospice in their Will. We couldn’t do the fabulous work we do without the support of our compassionate community.”



## “What is Mary Stevens Hospice actually like?”



“Our In Patient Unit has ten single rooms, the majority with en-suite facilities, although we’re hoping that a refurbishment will mean that en-suites are added to the remaining rooms. We’re planning to create a flat so families can stop over and to also have a larger nurse’s office and staff room. Our Day Services Centre offers care to a great many people and seeks to respond to their needs as quickly as possible.

We know that people think hospices are dark, gloomy and sad places, but whilst we care for people who are poorly and whose family and friends are finding it difficult, Mary Stevens Hospice is a bright, positive and at times a really happy place to work. So, if you’ve never been inside a hospice and would like to come and have a look around for yourself, please let us know.”

*“Living is precious, and is perhaps best appreciated when we live with the end in mind” - Dr Kathryn Mannix*



# Light up a Life

*A special way to remember...*

Christmas is a special time of the year for so many of us, a time to create new memories with people we love, but also a time to reflect and remember loved ones who will live on in our hearts forever. 'Light up a Life' isn't just for families who have lost loved ones at the hospice but is for anyone who would like to remember the special people they have lost and to celebrate their lives. It is an incredibly personal service, where thousands of lights on the tree will be switched on during the evening.

Each light represents a family member or friend and helps support our vital care because of the generous donations made by those who share our values of care, compassion and kindness. Both services will include an evening of music, readings, reflection, and remembrance. It is our pleasure to be holding two Light up a Life ceremonies this year and we do hope that you will be able to join us. Details of both of these ceremonies are as follows:

## **Saturday 18th November - 5pm**

Under the Tree of Light in the grounds of the Hospice  
The Mary Stevens Hospice, 221 Hagley Road, Oldswinford, DY8 2JR  
(Please note that there is no parking on site except limited disabled parking)

## **Tuesday 21st November - 7pm**

St Mary's Church, Rectory Road, Oldswinford, DY8 2HA  
Afterwards we will return to the Hospice to spend some time reflecting and remembering under the Tree of Light

*"The tree symbolises remembrance of those lost but also hope for the future. The hospice holds a very large part of our hearts, and we will not forget the help and support given to us" - Cathy*

The 'Tree of Light' will continue to shine in the grounds of the hospice throughout the festive period as a beacon of hope until 12th night.

*"Such a lovely way to remember our loved ones. I love seeing the tree lit up on my evenings walking the dog...always makes me think of my lovely Dad" - Helen*





# Dedicate a light to a loved one and support your local Hospice

We do hope that you choose to remember someone special with us this year. It is only thanks to the kindness and generosity of people like you that local families can receive the care and support that they need. By remembering those who you miss you will also light up the lives of others, ensuring we can continue to look after our community throughout the festive season, including Christmas day and during the rest of the year.

You do not have to attend one of the services to make your dedication as the name of your loved one can on request, be added to our Book of Remembrance.

Please complete and return the form on the back of this newsletter to make your donation today. You can also make your dedication online or by calling the fundraising office on 01384 377 778 or visiting our website: [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/event/light-up-a-life](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/event/light-up-a-life)

## 'Light up a Life' Keepsakes 2023

Our remembrance 'Light up a Life' keepsakes can be ordered using the form below and can be collected from one of the services, alternatively, please choose one of our postage options. The Book of Remembrance will be posted out to you once the lights are switched off on 12th night, 5th January 2024.



Item:	Order	Price per item	Postage per item	Total
Light up a Life badge	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="£2.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1.75"/>	<input type="text" value="2.00"/>
Heart badge	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="£2.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1.75"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tree badge	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="£2.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1.75"/>	<input type="text" value="2.00"/>
Christmas Tree badge	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="£2.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1.75"/>	<input type="text"/>
Candles	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="£10.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£4.99"/>	<input type="text"/>
Book of Remembrance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="£5.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1.75"/>	<input type="text"/>

Total to pay:

Name:

Address:

Contact telephone:

Email:

Long card no.

Expiry date:

Three digit code:

I will collect my items from the (please tick)  Saturday service  Tuesday service

I would like to make an additional donation of  towards to work of the Hospice

Alternatively, please make cheques payable to Mary Stevens Hospice. Please return this form to the Fundraising Department, in the envelope provided.

# Treecycle

6th - 9th January 2024

We're branching out into even more postcodes!

Our annual Treecycle campaign will be back in January 2024 to collect and recycle your real Christmas tree. This year we are excited to share that we will be collecting from even more areas of The Black Country!

Our friendly team of elves will collect your tree from outside your property and treecycle it, solving that age old question of 'what are we going to do with this now?!' Not only will we take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree, your donations really do make a difference and help us protect the future of our end of life care.

*“The Elves have been! Just got home from work and the tree has been collected. Thank you Mary Stevens, such a great scheme for a worthy cause!” ~ Julie*

*“Mine was collected this morning .... Fantastic service as usual” ~ Pippa*

*“Collected mine this morning...just like Santa! It was here then gone and I never heard a thing. Thank you.” ~ Wendy*

We recommend signing up today (don't wait for the pine needles to start shedding!) as demand will be high. Please don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box, it'll boost your donation to us by 25% at no extra cost to you.

*“While, at first, it was rather daunting driving a van around some seriously narrow, one-way backstreets, with plenty of ‘We’ve driven past it’ and ‘Can we fit through here?’ moments, it has been a really positive and rewarding experience. Meeting lots of lovely people along the way, it’s great to be able to help towards raising a significant amount of money for such a worthy cause.”  
~ Katherine, Treecycle Volunteer 2023*

Interested in helping us collect Christmas trees next year?

We're looking for drivers and driver's mates who can spare the time to volunteer and help us collect Christmas trees in early January 2024.

Call 01384 377 778 or email 'info@mshfundraising.co.uk' if you would like to join us as a Treecycle volunteer next year.

Corporate teams welcome!

The Mary Stevens Hospice  
**Treecycle**



**enterprise**



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# You could win £5,000 this Christmas!

You really could have a fantastic Christmas with a jackpot win just in time for the big day! Your Turkey, trimmings, Christmas presents and Rudolph's carrots could all be on us, as we hold our super draw, *Santa Bonanza*, on Tuesday 12th December.

And the best bit? You will help us to care for those in our community with a life limiting illness. You will help us support patients at the end of their lives, and ensure we are there for families who may never spend another Christmas together.

You will find a book of 15 Super draw tickets included with this newsletter. Please feel free to sell to your family and friends and remember to return your stubs, reply slip and entry fee to the lottery office in the envelope provided, no later than Tuesday 5th December and start to make a difference this festive season.



Order no: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If purchasing a whole book, you need only quote your name and supporter number. Any tickets received after the draw will be entered to us the next available draw and hence, need to be held on hand.

Mary Stevens Hospice is regulated by: **HMA GAMBLING COMMISSION** www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk  
 Promoter: Amanda Bowen, The Mary Stevens Hospice Lottery Ltd, 21 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3JR, Tel: 01384 860011. Licensed by the UK Gambling Commission under the Gambling Act 2005. You must be 18 or over to enter the draw. All profits to support the work of the Hospice. If you do not wish to increase your chances of winning, please discard these tickets. Mary Stevens Hospice would like to occasionally inform you of our work, events and activities, if you would like to hear from us via post, email or telephone, please write to us at Mary Stevens Hospice Lottery & Fundraising Office, 21 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, Stourbridge, DY8 3JR or telephone 01384 377 778.  
 www.marystevenshospice.co.uk Charity No. 517656



# Light up a Life

Please fill in this form and return it to the Fundraising Department, in the envelope provided. Kindly enclose a suggested £10 minimum donation for each light that you would like to sponsor on the Tree of Light.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish for the name of your loved one/s to be included in our Book of Remembrance (please tick)

Yes  No

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a donation for the amount of: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Long card no. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Three digit code \_\_\_\_\_

Alternatively, please make cheques payable to Mary Stevens Hospice

'Gift Aid' means that Mary Stevens Hospice can claim back an extra 25p from HM Revenue and Customs for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer, please tick the declaration box to help us make your donation go further.

Yes, I would like to Gift Aid my donation

No, I am not a UK tax payer

I am a UK taxpayer and understand if I pay less Income Tax/Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in the past year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

# Santa Jog

Please fill in this form and return it to the Fundraising Department, in the envelope provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead name on your Santa Jog booking: \_\_\_\_\_

Early bird prices per adult, child and dog are as follows:

*(In the white box underneath, please indicate how many spaces you would like to book on our Santa Jog)*

Adult = £10

Children = £8

Dogs = £5



Includes suit and medal



Includes Reindeer Antlers and medal



Includes medal

I would like to make an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_ towards to work of the Hospice

We will contact you when your event pack is ready to collect from the Hospice. If you would like your pack and sponsor form posted to you, please telephone the Fundraising Office on 01384 377 778 to arrange this.

I enclose: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Long card no. \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternatively, please make cheques payable to Mary Stevens Hospice by registering for the Event, the Participant understands and agrees that he/she participates in the event entirely at his/her own risk and that no responsibility whatsoever shall attach to The Mary Stevens Hospice or any person involved in the organisation of the Event for any injury, accidents, loss or damage suffered in, or by reason of, the Event, however such may be caused. The Participant confirms that he/she is healthy and fit enough to complete in the Event. The Participant should be aware of the physically strenuous nature of this Event and the risks of participating, both medically and physically.

The Participant accepts that, should any medical or physical condition arise prior to the Event which is likely to affect his/her ability to compete, that this medical or physical condition will be reason to withdraw in accordance with these terms & conditions.

Prior to and during the Event, each Participant will be responsible for their own safety. Each Participant will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of other Participants and will comply promptly with all instructions and guidelines given by the Event Organiser.

# Treecycleale

Please fill in this form and return it to the Fundraising Department, in the envelope provided.

We will be collecting Christmas Trees from the following postcodes in early January 2024: B62, B63, B64, DY1, DY2, DY3, DY4, DY5, DY6, DY7, DY8, DY9, DY10, DY11, WV5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (we will collect your tree from this address): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The suggested minimum donations for our Treecycle this year are dependent on the size of your tree and are as follows:

Up to 6ft - suggested minimum donation of £14  
6ft - 8ft - suggested minimum donation of £16  
Over 8ft - please contact the Fundraising Office on 01384 377 778 or email 'info@msfundraising.co.uk'

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