

Charity Spot «

OctoBeardFest 2015



Highlighting the amazing work of local charities

OctoBeardFest came about whilst Tim Sharp was walking the corridors of the Royal Surrey County Hospital trying to think of new ways to raise money to fight Prostate Cancer. The premise is simple; get your family and friends to sponsor you for a month to grow a beard. Money raised goes towards world class research in Surrey to detect and treat the disease.

Their work: In its first year, the target was £8,000. This was smashed when the actual figure hit £64,000. In the second year it increased to £82,000 and this year the aim is to reach £100,000. The work is vital; in the UK alone, prostate cancer affects 27,000 men each year and 10,000 die of the disease; approximately one man every hour. The initiative is part of The Prostate Project, and the researchers have thus far developed antibodies

against targets on the surface of prostate cancers; developed vaccines from the patient's own immune cells and used a potentially new marker to identify the presence of the disease. Crucially, if detected early, prostate cancer has excellent cure rates.

Get involved: Grow a beard in October! The festival commences with a clean shave on 30th September, three weeks of growing, then, on the 22nd, the biggest donor gets to choose a style for participants to shape their beards. Throughout October, Headcase barbers are offering a trim, style or shave off for £10 for those taking part. For more information go to www.octobeardfest.co.uk or to find out more about the charity visit www.prostate-project-org.uk, where you will also find details of golf days, balls, concerts and sports events.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care
...because every day is precious

The Hospice is not just for final days.

When you hear the word 'hospice' you may picture a building with beds, maybe a few patients in wheelchairs, and probably very few smiles. Well, it's time to throw away the old misconceptions, because our Hospice Care is nothing like that!

Phyllis Tuckwell has provided supportive and end of life care to patients and families affected by cancer, or another serious progressive illness, for over 35 years.

Many patients have been cared for in our In-Patient Unit beds, but one-in-three of those who are admitted return home after respite care, just like Glenys, having had their pain controlled. Most surprising is that 85% of our care is actually given outside of the In-Patient Unit.

Why is Hospice Care important?...because every day is precious.

Hospice Care, everywhere - at the Hospice in Farnham, at the Beacon Centre in Guildford, and at home, throughout West Surrey and North East Hampshire.

*"They're angels in here. They're all my friends and we all have a good chat and a laugh. I'm not frightened of death now."
Glenys, IPU Patient.*

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