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## Salisbury Hospicecare Trust E- Bulletin - 25 January 2010.

### **Is it really a month since Christmas!**

In some ways life has shot by since then, but in others it has not progressed as quickly as anticipated.

**This is the first of a regular communication which you will receive from Salisbury Hospicecare Trust.** It is intended to complement the printed newsletter, which will be issued twice a year, and the new website which will have more features and be updated with news and reports of events more regularly. It had been hope that it would be up and running by now – unfortunately this has not been possible. We will keep you informed as to developments. In the meantime ..... some news of activities

**As always Christmas was a very busy time** – this year Christmas card sales were higher than ever. The Salisbury Cathedral cards were the most popular – thank you to Lynda Appleby and Lara Ball for allowing us to use your works. The sales at the Hospice Shop were particularly good. Talking of the shop – if you have any unwanted gifts, or are having a general clear out – remember the shop is always willing to received good quality clothing, bric a brac, books, DVD's, toys etc.

**The Light Up a Life Christmas Tree in Salisbury High Street** was widely appreciated. This year there was added drama when on Monday 7 December it disappeared completely – only to re-appear in the late afternoon! Enquiries showed that the military had removed it as a security precaution when the 6<sup>th</sup> Rifles marched through the City on their return from Afganistan. We are most grateful to Ian Newman, who supplies and erects the tree, and Andy Thomas and Nick Hopkins who decorate the tree, using a hoist supplied by Signs in Motion. This work takes several hours at a particularly busy and cold time of year. Thank you all very much.

There will be pictures of other past events on the website,

..... **Into the new year**

**Highlights are: Comedy Night on 31 January**

**Clocktower Challenge 26 March**  
[www.cloctowerchallenge.org.uk](http://www.cloctowerchallenge.org.uk)

**Midnight Walk 5 June**  
[www.salisburyhospicecare.co.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.salisburyhospicecare.co.uk/midnightwalk)

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**Thursday 28 January**

*Sale of Sales*

High Post Hotel 10.30am - 3.00pm The annual gathering of bargain hunters, taking the opportunity to buy quality items at heavily discounted prices. Quality clothing, food, gifts, imports, jewelry - 35 stalls. Refreshments available.

**Saturday 30 January**

*Charity Auction*

8.00pm Boscombe Down Recreation Club. For details of items for sale contact Neil Hollingworth 07894 464296

**Sunday 31 January**

*Comedy Night - with Phil Nichol and guests*

**Milford Hall Hotel. 8.00pm (doors open 7.15pm). Bar.**

**Tickets £15 available from The Hospice Shop, 11 Catherine Street or telephone 01722 416353 (office hours) for card bookings.**

**Some of Britain's leading alternative comedians take a break from regular TV appearances to support Salisbury Hospice. Phil Nichol. The Guardian "the craziest and sharpest comic on the Fringe". The Times "You could power a small market town from his performance!" Ava Vidal from BBC's Urban Sketch Book and recently Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and E4's "Kings of Comedy". Christian Lee – UK's leading Comic Magician – performed at celeb parties including Tom Cruise and Prince of Wales. Also Nat Luurtsema with "a wonderfully warped logic" - chortle.com and Pat Gallagher specialist in dead pan one liners. MC will be Anna Keirie - the Cornish Comedy Goddess. What a line-up!**

**Monday 8 February**

*End of Season Sale*

SDH Main Entrance 9.30am – 3.00pm A wide range of bric a brac, good as new gifts and half price Christmas Cards.

**Saturday 13 February**

Love Your Community Centre Coffee Morning

Wilton Community Centre – 10am – 12 noon

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**Monday 15 February**

*Tea Together ..... with Love*

St Edmunds Church Street Methodist Church Hall. 3.00pm for 3.30pm. Enjoy a Tea Party with entertainment provided by Peter and Christine Padwick. Tea, sandwiches, scones and cake and plenty of fun and laughs! Tickets £5 available from Hospice Shop, 11 Catherine Street, or telephone 01722 416353 to reserve your place. Tea Parties are held each month.

**Saturday 6 March**

*Wilton Church*

7.30pm A Concert for Lent - including the hauntingly beautiful "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure - sung by Trowbridge based ladies choir, *Philomel*. The concert will also feature 14 year old Rosie Morgan. Retiring collection in support of Salisbury Hospicecare Trust and Wilton Church.

Friday - Sunday 26/28 March

***Clock Tower Challenge***

**The Clock Tower Challenge 2010 is not a race, but will take teams of up to 4 participants through 5 countries, and over 1,100 miles in just 3 event-filled days.**

**Leaving Salisbury Guildhall Square at any time after midnight teams will visit selected clocktowers in Salisbury, Dover, Calais, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Xanten (Salisbury's German twin town) , Brussels, Paris, Amiens and back to Salisbury by midnight on 28th March.**

**En route you will collect photographs of the clocktowers and complete a number of challenges. There will be prizes for shortest distance covered, longest distance covered, winner of the Clock Tower Quiz, oldest car to complete the route as well as the Premium Goody Bag for the winner of the postcard draw.**

**Crossings, accommodation and all travel arrangements are for you to plan - part of the challenge! We can help with suggestions however. There will be a pre event briefing a fortnight before the challenge.**

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**The entrance fee to cover admin and to get the T shirt is £100 per vehicle, with the target of obtaining further sponsorship for the team members. To register contact Carol Martin on 01722 744033 or email [apply@clocktowerchallenge.org.uk](mailto:apply@clocktowerchallenge.org.uk).**

**Visit [www.clocktowerchallenge.org.uk](http://www.clocktowerchallenge.org.uk)**

**Friday 4 June**

*Annual Hospice Golf Tournament*

South Wilts Golf Club. Presentation evening at Harlequins Sports club. Tee off 8.30am. £50 per team member. Contact Andy Thomas 07791310001.

**Saturday/Sunday 5 June**

*The Salisbury Hospice and Salisbury Journal Midnight Walk*

**After last year's horrendous weather - torrential rain, thunder and lightening, floods - we can only hope for better weather. For our part there will be improved toilet facilities and swifter turn around at the Hospice. Last year 500 walkers raised nearly £50,000 on a night never to be forgotten. The Midnight Walk is a half marathon route from the Five Rivers Leisure Centre to the Hospice and back. It is possible to walk half the route. Return transport provided. £15 entry fee. Each walker gets a T shirt, glo stick and wrist band, medal for completion, half way refreshments and bacon breakfast at the end.**

**[www.salisburyhospicecare.co.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.salisburyhospicecare.co.uk/midnightwalk)**

**Sunday 11 July**

*The British 10k Run.*

Salisbury Hospicecare has 12 reserved places for this annual run in the Centre of London, complete with bands, bunting and runners ranging from world class athletes to fun runners and walkers! [www.thebritish10klondon.co.uk](http://www.thebritish10klondon.co.uk) Transport is provided leaving Salt Lane car park at 6.15am returning to Salisbury by 2.00pm. Further information from Sue Turnbull 01722 416353

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