



**Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June 2011
in aid of Children's Hospice South West**

Another chance to enjoy an interesting and fun weekend with artists, sculptors, potters and other craft workers displaying their talents in Royal Avenue Gardens in Dartmouth. Visitors to this event, the 8th Dartmouth Art Weekend, will be able to watch, talk to, and buy from the artists while they work. There will also be some special art activities for children and teas, homemade cakes and snacks will be provided by Children's Hospice volunteers.

This event raised over £3,000 in 2010 and it is hoped that this sum can be equalled this year. Children's Hospice South West are currently providing specialist care for 400 terminally ill children and their families from the South West, but many more are needing care.

The Hospice's Friends' Groups are now fundraising for the Precious Lives Appeal to raise the money to build a third hospice in Cornwall to meet the needs of families in the southern areas of the South West. They hope that as many people as possible will visit this wonderful Art and Craft Weekend and spend well to raise lots of money for Children's Hospice South West and help to make the most of short and precious lives.

More volunteers to help on the day are always very welcome.
Contact Sue Tweed on 01803 770730 if you would like to help.



More information about



This event is organised by **Dartmouth & District Friends Group**, one of around 40 in the South West working voluntarily to support Children's Hospice South West by fundraising for the hospice and raising awareness of its work.

In the South West alone, there are over 1,000 children with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Children's Hospice South West was started in 1995 by Jill and Eddie Farwell as a registered charity to provide specialist care and support for these children and their families. Sadly, Jill died in 2004 but her wonderful work continues.

Little Bridge House near Barnstaple was the only children's hospice in the South West for over ten years and helps over 200 terminally ill children and their families every year. The demands on Little Bridge House increased to the extent that there was a vital need for a second hospice in the region.

Our second hospice, **Charlton Farm** in North Somerset, opened to families on 30th April 2007 following an intensive fundraising drive which raised £15 million. This hospice doubles the number of children and families for whom we can provide care but it also means that £6 million is needed each and every year to ensure continuity of this care by the two hospices.

Our **Precious Lives Appeal** was launched in September 2007 to enable us to build a third hospice in Porthpean in Cornwall, named **Little Harbour**, to help meet the needs of terminally ill children and their families in the south of the region. We need to raise a total of £5 million to cover the cost of the building, which is planned to open for families in the autumn of 2011. The Appeal Fund has now exceeded £4.4 million - we need all the help we can get to raise the shortfall.

Our Friends Group meets at 3pm on the first Thursday of every month in The Floating Bridge, Dartmouth and organises events locally to raise money.

Volunteers are always most welcome - any help, however little or infrequent, is very much appreciated.

Children's Hospice South West
Making the most of short and precious lives
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