

# Dudley NEWS

Wednesday October 22, 2008

# Tree of Light

## Appeal 2008

## Service

Sunday 7th December  
at 4.30pm in the grounds  
of Mary Stevens  
Hospice

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Charity number 517656

# Mary Stevens Hospice



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# Light up a life this Christmas

The Ryemarket Shopping Centre are pleased to be supporting the Mary Stevens Hospice Light Up a Life Appeal



For the third year running, Dudley Building Society is kindly sponsoring the Tree of Light Appeal with a generous donation of over £3,000.

**CHRISTMAS** traditionally is a time for celebrating, remembering and sharing. However, it can also bring sadness.

Mary Stevens Hospice has a unique understanding of the need to remember loved ones.

As a provider of free palliative care for adults with non-curative illnesses, the hospice offers practical, physical, emotional and spiritual support to enhance the quality of life for patients, their carers and families.

The 10-bed inpatient unit and day hospice provide care to those who require the specialist services provided by the hospice, which is given regardless of background, race or religion.

As a charity, with running costs of more than £2 million, the hospice relies upon the generosity of local people and businesses to support them.

For the third year running, Dudley Building Society is kindly sponsoring the Tree of Light Appeal with a generous donation of over £3,000. Hasbury and Cradley Rotary Club

are also adding their support to the event with a further donation of around £3,000 – funding that is vital in enabling the life enhancing services to continue.

The launch of the Tree of Light Appeal provides an opportunity to commemorate the life of a loved one by dedicating a light in their memory and this year the remembrance service will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 4.30 pm.

All members of the community are welcome to attend and the service will also be broadcast live on local radio station The Bridge, 102.5.

Festive carols will be accompanied by Halesowen Scout Band and there will also be a musical arrangement from The Ridge Primary School in Wollaston.

Readings of a selection of poetry, sent in by relatives and friends, will be included.

Refreshments will be available along with the opportunity to buy hospice Christmas cards and decorations.

Radiating hope and remembrance, the lights will continue to shine every evening until twelfth night in January.

Marie Faux, senior sister at the

hospice, said: "The Tree of Light evokes special memories for every individual and for the hospice team it is a poignant reminder of those we have cared for."

"We thank their families and the wider community for the continued loyalty and generosity which enables us to deliver that care."

Forthcoming fundraising events include:

- Christmas Fayre (with Santa in his grotto) on Saturday, November 29 from 10am-2pm

- 5km Santa Jog around Mary Stevens Park on Sunday, December 14 – suitable for all the family. A FREE Santa suit is included within the adult entry fee of £12.

For more details, call 01384 377778.

- Tree of Light Service – the outdoor service is a very popular event. To enable all visitors to park easily and avoid undue congestion, additional parking has kindly been provided on the ATC Training Ground in Swinford Road. Limited seating is also available for the less able.

Lights can also be bought from the Fundraising Office at the hospice or online at [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk)

Single or multiple lights can be sponsored for a minimum donation of £5 by completing the form below or by calling into one of the hospice shops.

## Lottery jackpot jumps to £2,000

MARY Stevens Hospice lottery is evolving as the weekly first prize has increased to £2,000 from this month.

Thousands of people who play the hospice's lottery each week will now have the chance of winning the increased jackpot, together with a combination of additional prizes.

The total paid out weekly remains at £3,000 guaranteed, come rain or shine.

The change has come about after lengthy discussions and consultation with members and is primarily due to the cumulative effect of inflation over 12 years, which has decreased the value in real terms of the previous £1,000 jackpot.

It also brings the lottery in line with many other hospice lotteries nationally which are already paying a £2,000 jackpot.



Speaking from the Lottery Office at the hospice, business manager Simon Henwood said: "We are all really excited about

this step as the new jackpot is a very desirable prize and even the weekly second prize of £500 would be very welcome.

"The income from the lottery is vital to keep the hospice running and recent economic events, with rising fuel and utility costs, means we have suffered this year as people have sought to re-budget."

He added: "We feel this is the right time to take this step as it offers people a great chance to have a significant weekly win, while safeguarding the income stream in the longer term for the hospice."

I would like to thank all those people who play our lottery every week, now and in the past, and all those of you who have opted to take a second number because you are making a difference to this community – we wish you all every best chance of being a jackpot winner!"

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