



## Dates for the diary

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| <b>Fri 1st November</b> | Ghost the Musical sponsored by WWL                        | <b>Fri 13 December</b>   | PB teenagers Christmas Outing                      |
| <b>Sat 16 November</b>  | Charity Legends Tribute event at Calmore Community Centre | <b>Sun 15 December</b>   | The Nutcracker at the Nuffield sponsored by LDO    |
| <b>Sat 23 November</b>  | Charity Concert - St Pauls Church Bursledon SO31 8DT      | <b>Wed 18 December</b>   | Royal Navy Motorcycle Club visit                   |
| <b>Sun 1 December</b>   | New Forest Dub Club visit to hospital                     | <b>Thurs 9 January</b>   | Robinson Crusoe at the Mayflower sponsored by DKMF |
| <b>Sun 1 December</b>   | Live Band Night at Leigh Park Working Mens Club           | <b>Sat 11 January</b>    | Cinderella at Otterbourne                          |
| <b>Sun 8 December</b>   | PB Childrens Christmas Party at Concorde Club             | <b>Tues 4 April</b>      | Pancakes on the ward                               |
|                         |   | <b>Sun 27 April 2014</b> | A Day Out with Thomas                              |
|                         |   | <b>Sat 10 May 2014</b>   | Fire Engine trip                                   |

Have we got your email address? Please email with any thoughts about the newsletter or ideas for events in your area to [rachel.funnell@uhs.nhs.co.uk](mailto:rachel.funnell@uhs.nhs.co.uk)

We are keen to enable equal access to trips, so please give us your ideas.

Please ensure that you have given permission to be contacted for events.

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## PIAM BROWN NEWS



Since the beginning of the year, we have seen a large number of families coming through Piam Brown Ward, more than 70 new families. Our resources are being well used and our facilities being stretched.

The Piam Brown Ward charity fund regularly renews and updates play room and school room equipment, maintains the parent sitting room and kitchen, as well as facilitating regular trips and outings for the families. It is most important to Piam Brown Ward that we can offer opportunities for the family as a whole, to bring a smile to children and create family memories.

### Recent trips and outings

All our trips and outings are open to those who have been treated on Piam Brown Ward, although children currently receiving treatment are given priority.

#### Paultons Park

The Joe Glover Trust teamed up with Valero to sponsor a day out at Paultons Park in June for ten families. Having spent time fundraising to sponsor the day, the Valero volunteers were amazing, giving their time to support our families in whatever way necessary. The weather was kind to us and the children thoroughly enjoyed the rides and of course Peppa Pig World.







### Circus Starr

The most fabulous circus show was put on by the charity Circus Starr in May, and through the generous support of businesses supporting the 'Donated Ticket Programme', we were able to give ten families the opportunity to watch the show here in Southampton. It remains an important aim for our families to be given the opportunity to smile and laugh, forgetting their situation for a moment. The Circus Starr show certainly did that with the trapeze gymnast being a favourite for patient Lydia, while young patient Jessica liked spinning her glow stick. All the artists were multitalented with fabulous costumes.



### Mad Hatter's Tea Party onboard the Princess Caroline

Through the generosity of the Dave Welman Cancer Trust, 19 families were given the opportunity to enjoy the most amazing tea party out on the Solent. The children were entertained by Alice and the Hatter, while the adults were 'wowed' by the sight of no less than 5 huge cruise ships at very close quarters. The tea was delicious with a perfect mix of savoury and sweet from which everyone had their fill. It was a super day which created special memories for our families going through difficult times.



### Strictly Confidential

Our Theatre trip for the older children was the very popular show Strictly Confidential, with glitz and glamour enough for any Ballroom fan. Eleven families enjoyed the sequins and fancy footwork through the generosity of Lucy's Days Out, who bought tickets, programmes and ice creams for the families.



### Starlight's Escape to Popham Airfield

August saw the return of the very popular and special experience hosted by Starlight. The Popham Flying Day gave 12 lucky families the opportunity to fly in a helicopter, and have a fun family day with planes, cars, motorbikes, hovercraft, parachutists, clowns, face painting, pony rides, magic, and much more. They all had an incredible time.





## Dream Night

Marwell Wildlife generously invited 40 children and accompanying adults to their Dream Night experience in July. The children had their very own exclusive look at the animals after hours. From close encounters with bugs, to helping to feed the giraffes, the children enjoyed getting up close and personal with the park's animals. There were lots of other fun activities too: Punch and Judy, exploring a fire engine with Hampshire Fire & Rescue, magic shows and face painting. Costume characters were also on hand to say hello! The staff at Marwell Zoo stayed late to keep the park open, ensuring that as many children as possible got close to their favourite animals.



## Thomas and Friends

Through the generosity of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics 15 families enjoyed the company of Thomas the Tank Engine and friends on the Watercress Line. Riding on the steam train and waving to the Fat Controller were some of the highlights for the children – as well as the ice cream!

## Avon Tyrell

Every summer the teenagers are invited to attend an outdoor activity week in the New Forest. New experiences and challenges are presented to the young people who strive to extend their comfort zones as well as having a really fantastic time.

## X Factor Visitor

The children had the pleasure of a visit from Tom Mann in October. Tom featured on X Factor 2013 until Judges Houses, gaining a reputation for a very talented but quietly spoken musician. Tom delighted the children with three live acoustic songs in the playroom.



## Our Projects

The Beads of Courage is an inspirational scheme which we have newly embarked on within the ward. The scheme honors the children's courage and bravery and encourages them to express their own personal journey through a very moving string of individual beads, handmade by crafts people from around the world. The initial set up cost was generously donated by Hampshire Police Boxing Club having raised the funds through a team boxing event. The annual running costs are being generously sponsored by Sophie's Appeal.



As many of you know, the original bed side chairs do not allow for a comfortable sleep and parents would often find themselves sharing the patient's bed, trying not to get in the way of equipment. Each chair cost £1,375 and we currently have 6 of the 10 chairs sponsored. Grateful thanks go to the following who have already kindly agreed to sponsor chairs.

Yvette Eaton has sponsored 3 chairs in memory of her son Nathan Allen, the funds were raised by Nathan's school, family and private donations.

The Friends of Abigail in support of Abigail Waldie who is being treated on the ward.

Jason Adams in support of his son Max who was treated on the ward.

The Blue Watch Fire Service conducted a sponsored spin in support of Finley Walpole.



## Education and Research Projects

The Piam Brown Fund supports research and education within childhood cancer. Our nursing and play staff are able to attend educational conferences where they learn new skills to bring back to the ward. These opportunities are available to our staff due to the charitable funds. Our fantastic Play Leader, Claire, has recently presented at the Prescription to Play Conference. Her presentation focused on how to provide normalising play after intensive care admissions.

We are currently supporting a Research Fellow with her research into quality of survival of children treated for brain tumours, in particular medulloblastoma. This work has involved collecting information from children and their parents regarding aspects of the child's every-day life such as behaviour, emotion, quality of life, mental functioning, and general health and is in the process of being written

up for publication. This research highlights the difficulties that these children face and the need for early interventions to help them in the longer term.

Consultant Juliet Gray is developing two antibody treatments for children with neuroblastoma, one of the more aggressive childhood cancers, as a less toxic alternative to chemotherapy. Juliet is studying how immune-stimulating antibodies may be used to treat neuroblastoma. She is hopeful that a paediatric trial can begin within the next five years. Juliet is also examining how anti-GD-2 antibodies work to kill neuroblastoma cells. These antibodies directly target neuroblastoma cells, and are already used clinically in children. Her work is focused on monitoring the effects of these antibodies in children, and developing ways of making them more efficient.

## Our Sponsors and Supporters

Our biggest supporters continue to be our families- too numerous to mention. A huge thank you goes to all our families for their support and generosity.

A Better Life  
 Barclays Bank  
 Ben's Heroes Trust  
 Dave Welman Cancer Trust  
 Lucy's Days Out  
 Marwell Wildlife  
 Parkwood School of Dance  
 Paultons Park  
 Ride against Cancer  
 Schools and Scout Groups  
 Sophie's Appeal  
 Southampton City College  
 Sparky's Vintage  
 Starlight  
 The Darren King Memorial Fund  
 The Joe Glover Trust  
 U Support  
 Valero  
 Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics  
 Wimpson Old Boys Scooter Club

A Better Life is a small local charity set up to support street children in Mongolia as well as Naomi House in Winchester. In 2013 A Better Life decided to also support families on Piam Brown Ward. This year A Better Life has sponsored a family for a very special trip to London. We look forward to working with A Better Life in the future.



Talented young lady Emily is organising her second concert in aid of PB, bringing together the musicians and conducting the evenings herself.

Joe ran a charity gig in support of Mckenzie Blu and raised over £1,000.



Black and White Charity Ball – raised £3,632, split between Clic and PB. Sue Sellwood and her team worked tirelessly to make this event an exceptional success.

The sale of a delightful children's book Crispie Duck, written in support of Jamie Cottingham has raised a tremendous £3,000 through The Mill at Gordleton.

Sky Diving is a popular challenge for fundraisers. Ellie Thomas and Becca Stradling, both raised more than £1,000 for PB from this amazing challenge. Mike brought his family to watch his sky dive; I wonder who was more nervous? Together with his friend, Mike raised over £5,100 for PB.



Many of our supporters have embarked on sponsored bike rides. A team from the Salisbury Road Foot Clinic completed a cycle ride to Paris and raised over £2,000. The 3 peaks challenge has also been a popular fundraiser. A cycle group 3 klimbs4kids completed the 3 peaks by bike and foot – an amazing challenge generating a generous donation of more than £3,500.



Best friend Ashleigh had her head shaved in sympathy of her friend Chloe as she lost her hair as a result of her treatment. Ashleigh raised a staggering £1,400 for PB in support of Chloe.



Jack was moved by the treatment his younger brother was going through, and put himself through the "insanity" training regime. However, Jack decided to do this grueling months schedule in a week and raised over £1,000 in the process.

Many of our families have had the opportunity to enjoy both football and cricket matches through the local charity U Support. U Support have now opened Chari Teas, a super tea shop in the Marlands, Southampton; all proceeds of which support their chosen charities.



Unique Plumbing Services have organised Golf days in support of Piam Brown ward and have donated over £1,000 from each event.

Several of our families have been inspired to run fundraising days. These Fun Days have involved all manner of activities and events.

The Outen family has recently presented their cheque to the ward.



Wimpson Old Boys Scooter Club held a scooter rally on behalf of PB and raised £2,300 in a day with the support of the Saints Pub in Millbrook.



Sainsbury's have supported PB as their charity of the year and we are very grateful for their support.

Thank you so much  
 for your support