

Welcome

Welcome to Bluebell Wood news, where we update you on what's been happening at our charity in the last six months, and give you an exclusive preview of some of the exciting things that will be happening in the next six months.

Firstly, thanks to everyone who has supported us over the last twelve months. It's been a busy year, and our first birthday is just around the corner on 19th September 2009.



Garden Party

Our first garden party was a huge success, raising over £5,000 for Bluebell Wood. Highlights of the day included Superintendent Matt Jukes handing over a cheque for £7,700—raised by sponsorship from running the London Marathon. Superintendent Jukes also announced that the two new police puppies (pictured) would be named Blue and Belle in support of the hospice. Star Wars characters, musicians and dancers entertained the crowds. Thank you to everyone who contributed or staffed stands, and to those who braved the Yorkshire weather to attend!

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Super Draw Winner

Philomena Cavanagh, from Doncaster, drove away in the super stylish, sought after Fiat 500, after buying a £1 ticket in our 2009 Super Draw. Philomena was astounded to win, saying "When they came round selling tickets for the draw at work, I only had £1 in my purse, and I thought, well, "£1's better than nothing as it is such a good cause. I never believed I would win, and just wanted to help Bluebell Wood. I'm in shock, and feel very humbled".

Second prize winner, Sandra Aston from Pontefract, won £1,000, and there were six smaller cash prizes.

If you were unlucky this time, the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice Super Draw will be back in 2010 - or you

could strike it lucky by entering Jack's Jackpot, our weekly prize draw. Top prize every week is £1,000! For more details go to www.bluebellwood.org/jacksjackpot

Even more fun and laughter!

We're now lucky to have even more ways to giggle, bounce and play with the families who visit us. Our new sensory room allows kids to splat virtual bugs, see amazing light patterns, and much more. We also have a wheelchair-friendly sunken trampoline installed in the garden, sponsored by Candis Magazine, and we are starting work on an outdoor play area soon.



Bakewell Shop

We're delighted to announce the opening of our newest shop on King Street, in the heart of Bakewell. The shop stocks the very best in second

hand goods, and also sells a range of new items, including stylish home ware, a funky range of fair-trade handbags and a selection of delicious naturally made jams and chutneys from Catherine's Choice, a Sheffield-based firm.

On the first floor, there's a place to grab a coffee, relax and browse through the selection of second hand books on offer. So, why not take a trip out to beautiful Bakewell and visit our new shop?

Fundraising

In the last six months, our supporters have organised some amazing events, which range from the wacky to the wonderful. Two of our nurses parachuted out of a plane, one of our dads, Steve, raised £1,600 doing the 40 mile Lyke Wake Walk, and one of our mums, Gillian, collected £3,000 walking for 3 days with her friends. We have also had a wheelchair-friendly sunken trampoline installed in the garden, sponsored by **Candis Magazine**, and we are starting work on an outdoor play area soon. A grant of nearly £140,000 from **Children in Need** will pay for a Sibling Support Worker to work with our families.

Our support groups and individual supporters organised garden parties, summer fairs, open gardens, coffee mornings and strawberry teas to raise money for the children. There were golf days, bowls days, bungee jumps, marathons and 10K runs; soul nights, gig nights, and choral performances- all to raise funds for Bluebell Wood.

Thanks also to all our corporate sponsors, including **Sainsbury's** who have raised over £100,000 during their 12 month adoption, **Perry's** who have recently replaced our van, and **Wilkinson**, who have adopted us locally as part of a national adoption of Children's Hospices UK. Big thanks to **CVA Auctions**, Doncaster - who raised over £14,000 for us in their charity auction.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS...



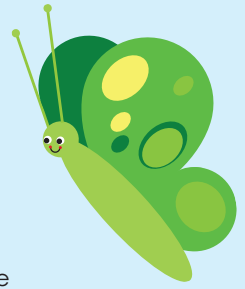
Jail and Bail

Calling all wannabe felons! Why not join our bunch of crafty crooks on 24th November as they try and break free from HMP Marshgate Prison, Doncaster. These hardened criminals have to make £500 of bail money before we'll let them back out on to the streets. We have three willing volunteers so far, but there are five more spaces in their cell. If you're interested in taking part, contact Caroline Artschan at Bluebell Wood on 01909 517 365 or email to caroline.artschan@bluebellwood.org

Future Fundraising

We've got loads of events coming up around the region in the next six months. To keep up-to-date with what's going on, grab a copy of our "What's On Guide". Download it from the website, or pop into one of our shops for more information. Feeling sporty? We have places in the Leeds 10K and Sheffield Half Marathon available. Or, if you've already got a place in the London Marathon, and want to run for us, please contact our fundraising team on 01909 517 365 or email to info@bluebellwood.org. Whatever your fundraising ideas, we're here to help. Feeling green? If you have any stamps, printer cartridges, or mobile phones drop them into one of our shops - as we can recycle these to raise funds.

We'd also like to welcome Stan Foster to our team. Stan will be supporting our fundraisers in the Derbyshire area. You can contact Stan on 01909 517 365 or email to stan.foster@bluebellwood.org



You're a Star

Look out for our glittering golden stars this Christmas. For a small donation, take one of our stars and write the name of someone you would like to remember this Christmas, or someone who has been a star in 2009, on the back. Then, either choose to put it on your own Christmas tree, or send it back to us, and we'll hang it in one of our shops. We'll also display all the names written on the stars in our special dedication books at each shop. Pick up extra stars from our shops, get them through our website (www.bluebellwood.org) or contact us on 0845 108 1579.

Christmas

Our fabulous range of Christmas cards and gifts are now available. We have cuddly teddies and a range of Christmas cards and notelets which can be ordered online or via mail order. We will also have a range of Christmas merchandise in our shops from October, including tree decorations and ornaments. At work, why not take one of our alternative Christmas cards and ask colleagues for donations rather than sending cards to each other?

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