

Royal connections

As we look ahead to this Summer and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are also reflecting on the decades gone by and our own royal 'connections' over the years.

We have been very fortunate over our 34 year history to have welcomed several members of the Royal family to the hospice. Perhaps as you read this and look at the photographs, you may remember some of these visits from articles in the local press, or perhaps you were here yourself!



Since the official opening of the hospice by **Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales in May 1988**, St Luke's has helped thousands of local families and extended its reach, constantly improving its services. The 1990s saw the opening of the inpatient facility and a visit by **HRH The Duchess of Kent** who laid a foundation stone. The hospice was once again honoured in 2008 when **HRH The Duke of Gloucester** visited to present our valued volunteers with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Most recently **HRH The Earl of Wessex** enjoyed a tour of the Hospice to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2018.

St Luke's has continued to grow its services over the years, including this year as we launch our **'St Luke's at Home' Community Night Service**. Thanks to you, our community, for your unwavering support over the years - we couldn't do it without you!



May 18th 1988 - The Prince and Princess of Wales officially open the hospice



June 6th 1995 - The Duchess of Kent lays the foundation stone for a new extension



10th July 2008 - The Duke of Gloucester presents St Luke's with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



19th November 2018 - The Earl of Wessex visits in celebration of the hospice's 30th anniversary

Are you celebrating the Queen's Jubilee?

The Platinum Jubilee celebrates 70 years of Her Majesty The Queen's reign and we're calling on you to mark the occasion with your very own celebration and fundraiser for St Luke's.

This once in a lifetime event is the perfect opportunity to bring together friends, neighbours and communities in joint celebration. If you are planning a get together why not make it all the more meaningful by choosing to fundraise for patient care at the hospice?

Perhaps you are thinking of organising a street party, or gathering with your friends or family for a coffee morning or afternoon tea? Whatever you do, have lots of fun and tell us all about it!

You can find out more about fundraising for St Luke's by visiting: www.slhospice.co.uk/queensjubilee or contact a member of the Community Team by emailing community@slhospice.co.uk or calling **01606 555811**.