

# Farnham surgeon donates £500 puppy to 'Stand By Your Beds'

BRUCE Montgomery, a urology consultant at Frimley Park Hospital, has kindly donated the proceeds of selling a Labrador puppy to 'Stand By Your Beds', a locally based fundraiser for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

The puppy called Miri was sired by Bruce's dog Eddie and was originally to be donated to Guide dogs for the Blind. However, they already had their full quota of puppies, so it was sold to a friend and the £500 (generously above the asking price) was donated to Stand By Your Beds.

Mr Montgomery said: "I am delighted to be able to help such a worthy cause. I'm sure Eddie was only too happy to help!"

Stand by your Beds, is a brand new musical being premiered in January to raise much-needed funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Written and produced by an operating theatre nurse from Frimley Park Hospital, it tells the story of the lives and loves of a General Hospital's staff in the 1950s as they face the mounting bureaucracy of the NHS.

This new rock'n' roll show (Grease meets Carry on Nursing) has its world premiere in the Princes Hall in Aldershot in January. Production costs have been raised by various events and very generous donations by the doctors and nurses at Frimley Park so come January, every penny from ticket sales will go to the hospice, hopefully raising over £50,000.

Sadly, in April 2006 the hospice had to close four of its 18 beds as the result of a significant drop in legacy income and general donations. An appeal was launched to raise awareness of their need for support and as a result two of the four beds have now been reopened. If the money raised by Stand By Your

Beds can help in any way to open another bed, then this could make a massive difference to local families at a very sad time in their lives.

The Stand By Your Beds team have been hard at work, running marathons dressed as nurses, opening local fairs and fetes and doing car boot sales to raise both funds and awareness. While performing at a summer fare in Dunsfold, they were lucky enough to enlist the support of London theatre impresario Sir Trevor Nunn and his wife, actress Imogen Stubbs, who is now the proud owner of a Stand by your Beds t-shirt.

All of the performers, musicians and production team are donating their considerable time and talent to this project for free, helping to maximise the funds available to the hospice and the organisers are extremely grateful to all of them for their help and support.

Tickets are now on sale and are selling like the proverbial 'hot cakes'. Some seats on Friday and Saturday nights are already sold out and the team are now looking for local businesses to sponsor the show or advertise in the programme. For further information and box office details visit [www.stand-by-yourbeds.co.uk](http://www.stand-by-yourbeds.co.uk)



Proud dad Eddie with Bruce Montgomery and Paul Tickner the writer of Stand by Your Beds.