



Welcome to the Paul's Place/Paul's Fund Spring 2012 newsletter.

As we write this, Spring has well and truly sprung and our garden is alive with the sound of bird song as we enjoy a spell of exceptionally warm and sunny weather.

The winter months have seen us busy making further improvements to the accommodation at Paul's Place and contacting more charities to let them know all about Paul's Fund and what we can offer. We continue to be really encouraged by the feedback we get from other charities, but more than that we are beginning to see that translate in to referrals which of course is what we are all about!

The sun does not always shine, and we can all face dark days, but our aim is always to provide a warmth of hospitality and caring that we trust will provide light and healing and some special memories for our very special Paul's Place guests.

Thank you so much for your support,

David and Pippa



***Paul's Fund is a charitable trust administered by the Charities Aid Foundation (registered charity no. 268369).***

***The fund makes grants for a holiday break to young adults facing one of the following challenging circumstances:***

- ***Diagnosis of a life limiting, life threatening or terminal illness***
- ***Bereavement from a close family member***
- ***Providing a significant, long term caring role for a close family member.***

***The holiday break is to be taken at Paul's Place, a B&B with self catering facilities near Croyde on the North Devon Coast. The Fund will also pay for one or more close family and friends accompanying the young adult, and will now also make a contribution towards travelling costs as well as a daily allowance towards food.***



## Charity Contacts and Guest News

We have continued to be active contacting charities to make Paul's Fund more widely known and are encouraged to have received a number of enquiries and applications in the last few weeks. In response to feedback and experience we have up-dated both the guidance notes and application form so please check you have the latest versions.

- Contact with The Carers Centre in Brighton has already resulted in a referral
- We are starting to get more leaflets out to GP practices and one GP in Bristol has made a referral
- The Teenage Cancer Trust is actively promoting Paul's Place to their clients
- We have a number of direct enquiries through internet searches, friends and an advert.
- In March we were accepted as members of the Childhood Cancer Parents Association (formerly NACCPO).
- Teenagers and Young Adults with Cancer (TYAC) is an umbrella charity linking professionals working with young adults and they have offered to promote Paul's Fund to their members. They will be providing our leaflets in the delegates packs to their next Education Day on 20 April and publishing an article in their summer news letter.
- CLIC Sargent have taken 100 of our leaflets
- In February we attended the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust Information Day in Bristol and greatly valued the opportunity to meet both staff and some of the people attending. We also visited Hammer Out, a Bristol based charity also dealing with people with brain tumours, and St Peter's Hospice which provided us with a lot of support at home during the final stages of our son Paul's illness.





## The Paul's Place Passport

We have had the idea of creating a "Paul's Place Passport" that will give our guests access to local attractions, pubs and restaurants at special reduced rates, or even for free. We have only just started approaching businesses about the idea and are waiting their reactions, but we have had some positive responses already. This will be very much an on-going project as there are loads of places to speak to so watch this space!



Before approaching businesses we asked some of the charities we are in touch with to provide a short endorsement. We have included some on the final page for your reference.

## Other Developments at Paul's Place

Our double room **Barricane** is now fully en-suite with a new door to the adjacent bathroom. The new **utility room** is complete and making life much easier in terms of running the place.

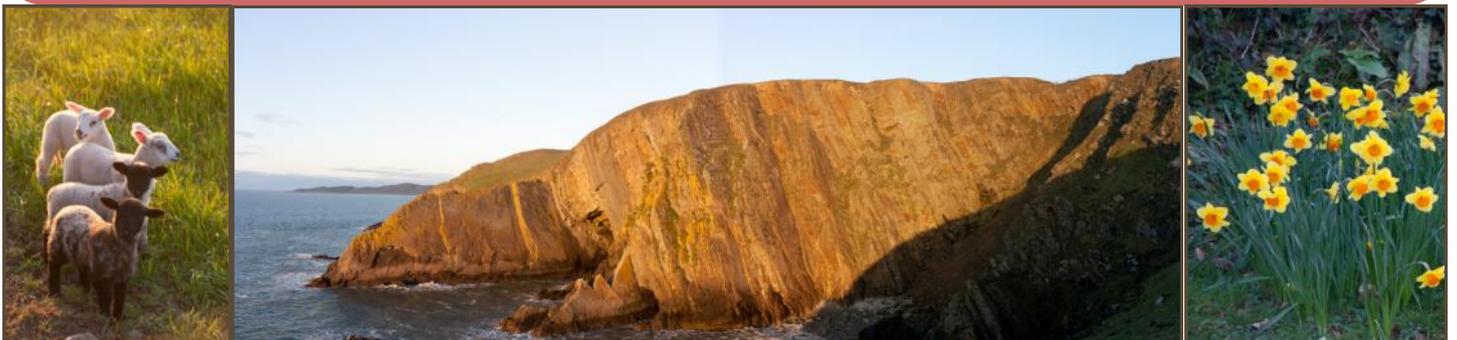
Our plans to make the ground floor shower more suitable for people with impaired mobility have been delayed but we will be getting this done after Easter.



## Support and Donations

Just by receiving this newsletter you are already a great support! But if you would like to do more, why not tell your friends, GP or a relevant local charities about Paul's Place. Please contact us for leaflets or a letter of introduction.

Paul's Fund relies on donations to make grants and you can donate on line via the Paul's Fund web site. Please don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer! [www.pauls-fund.co.uk/pages/donations](http://www.pauls-fund.co.uk/pages/donations)



For more information visit the Paul's Fund/Paul's Place web site [www.pauls-fund.co.uk](http://www.pauls-fund.co.uk)

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## Paul's Place Endorsements

*"We lost our dad in September and our mum has also been diagnosed with terminal cancer. While at Paul's Place we celebrated a birthday doctors said she would not reach. The break was exactly what we needed – a chance to spend time in a relaxed and beautiful place and to create positive memories together."* [Lucy, guest.](#)

*"It is a reassurance and joy to know that when people are faced with stress, anxiety and challenge there is a place where they can go that provides a break and an opportunity for reflection, rejuvenation and enjoyment of beautiful surroundings."* [Robert Oliver, FORCE Cancer Support Centre](#)

*"After our 7 year old son's funeral several years ago, we were desperate to get away with our surviving 3 year old. Although we couldn't escape the pain, it was a significant time for us to think, talk and begin to review our family relationships. Paul's Place can provide just such a place of peace and respite for families facing such life shattering experiences and enable them to begin to rebuild their 'new normal' family life."* [Mike and Kath Coulson, Bereaved Parents' Support Co-ordinators, Care for the Family](#)

*"The shock of a brain tumour diagnosis affects the lives of both the patient and those close to them profoundly. There is a great deal to take in - often an overload of medical information, hospital appointments, details about treatments. And somewhere amongst all of this, there needs to be the time and the opportunity to deal with the emotional effects of this very difficult journey.*

*Paul's Place offers young people a ideal and tranquil place to take time out, to enjoy, and simply to be themselves. We are pleased to be able to tell those we are in touch with about this wonderful retreat and are sure that many will benefit from all it has to offer".* – [Sarah Lindsell, CEO, Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust](#)

*"I have known David and Pippa for nearly 12 months as we live in the same village and attend the same church. I have visited their home and have seen firsthand the "facilities" which they offer at Paul's Place. I consider both David and Pippa to be genuine people who have established Paul's Place in direct response to the death of their son. They are deeply committed to do all they can to support others who face such heartache. Paul's place forms part of their own large family home which is in the village of Georgeham. The accommodation which they offer is an excellent standard and is both warm and comfortable. As a couple they display considerable sensitivity in terms of loss and bereavement and any support which they offer would in my opinion be totally appropriate.*

*I would fully endorse both Paul's Place and David and Pippa as a couple."* [Geoff Phillips – Chaplain at Little Bridge House, Children's Hospice South West.](#)