

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Carols & Mince Pies**

### **– the ultimate outdoor Christmas Carol Concert!**

An estimated 5,000 Dougie Mac supporters are expected to attend the Hospice's annual outdoor Christmas Carol Concert – Carols & Mince Pies on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. With thanks to the generosity of the estate management the concert is staged in the magnificent Italian Gardens at Trentham Awakes.

Hospice supporters are led in song by Audley Male Voice and Trentham Brass Band who gift their talent and time to Douglas Macmillan Hospice on this occasion.

Mike Caveney Musical Director Trentham Brass Band said;

“We are a Community Band with the youngest member only 10 years old. We are delighted to help the Hospice in this event & to continue the association we have with Douglas Macmillan Hospice over the years. We do hope that many families will come along and enjoy the music & take part in this special seasonal event..

Philip Broadhurst ,Conductor of the Audley Male Voice Choir said ;

“The Choir is always pleased to help Douglas Macmillan Hospice in any way possible. This is the 5th time the Choir has performed at this event & we look forward to seeing many families again attending this year.

And afterwards – a festive treat - the Cooperative have again kindly donated 4,000 Mince Pies!

Zoe Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Senior Fundraising Development Manager said;

“This heart warming event is a celebration of family and friendship and Hospice support at this festive time. We are extremely grateful to Trentham Awakes, Audley Male Voice Choir, Trentham Brass, Co operative and City Signs for their gifting to make this happen. So please come along, wrapped up warm! And support your local Hospice”.

Tickets are available for only £2.50 from all Dougie Mac Hospice Shops, Fundraising Department at Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Trentham Visitor Centre.

**Photo of last year's event:**



## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.
3. The Hospice is independent, it receives no funding from any national charity
4. It costs over £7 million each year to run and develop the full range of services from the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

For quotes and comments on behalf of Douglas Macmillan Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Peter Keller on 01782 344304