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Top celebrities and champion skaters join Hospice for once in a lifetime Strictly Ice Dancing Show!

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is excited to announce its first ever ice skating show in partnership with Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 3 July from 6.30pm at the leisure complex. Certain to impress any audience with a passion for breathtaking moves on the ice, former England rugby star, Kyran Bracken, winner of ITV's Dancing on Ice, will be performing on the night with partner Elena Berezhnaya, a former Olympic Champion. Previous British Champion, Steven Cousins, will also dazzle at the Spectrum as he performs some ice dances for your entertainment and amazement. And if that isn't enough, who better to compere the evening than popular British skating champion, Nicky Slater, from ITV's Dancing on Ice?

The stunning event will showcase top skating talent including the British Champion Synchronised Team, the Oxford Freestylers from ITV's Dancing on Ice, Guildford's own Aldwych Speed Skating Team and highlights from the Guildford Ice Figure Skating Club. And if you have been inspired by the performances, why not pop on some skates and glide away at Spectrum's Ice Xtreme Disco after the show?

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice was nominated, by public vote, as Spectrum's Charity of the Year 2010 and this event is just one of a number of ways in which the complex is supporting the charity which cares for people affected by terminal illness in Camberley, Frimley, Fleet, Farnborough, Aldershot, Farnham, Guildford, Godalming, Milford, Cranleigh, Hindhead, Haslemere, Bordon and all of the towns in between.

“We are delighted to be Spectrum’s chosen charity this year, and are looking forward to staging the Hospice’s first ever ice skating show in partnership with the leisure complex’s very talented ice team,” says Ruth Scammell Community and Events Fundraising Manager. “We are thrilled to have Nicky, Kyran, Elena and Steven on board and are extremely excited to see them perform on the night. This event will be pivotal in contributing towards our recently launched Hospice Care at Home appeal, to raise money for a team of specialists to enable us to care for more patients and families in their own homes, where they would prefer to be. We hope to see you there!”

“We are looking forward to welcoming so many top skaters to Spectrum for this event,” says Rob Price, Spectrum’s Marketing Manager. “It’ll be a fantastic opportunity to see a range of different skills and disciplines whilst supporting a really great local cause. Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice provides extraordinary care for local people and we are hoping that this event will raise much needed funds for their work.”

Tickets are reasonably priced at £18 for adults and £9 for children. If you would like to take part in the Ice disco after the show please add an additional fee of £5 per person to the ticket price. To buy tickets online please visit www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk, alternatively you can call Guildford Spectrum’s box office on 01483 443333. Tickets are already proving popular so do book soon to avoid disappointment.

Spectrum has also helped the charity through its Active Gifts scheme which transforms points donated by customers into activity tickets for friends and family members of adults affected by terminal illnesses. The team has already been able to donate tickets to the Kingfishers Children’s Bereavement Group, who meet four times a year for a day of activities and storytelling for children aged between five and 16 years who are coping with losing a loved one at the Hospice.

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Notes for Editors:

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice provides Specialist Palliative Care to adult patients and their families living with life limiting illnesses in West Surrey and North East Hampshire. We aim to give excellent specialist care and support and, through training, empower other healthcare professionals serving our community of 600,000 residents to do the same.

Every day we support over 100 patients and carers in their own homes, in the community and at the Hospice (on our In-Patient Unit, in Day Hospice, at out-patient appointments and through Patient and Family Services). We firmly believe in offering an integrated package of care that reflects both clinical requirement and patient choice.

The NHS covers less than 16% of the Hospice's costs. This means we have to fundraise 84p in every pound the Hospice needs to spend so we rely heavily on the support and generosity of our local community. All our services are free of charge to our patients and their families, but we need to fundraise over £10,000 a day to offer such an exceptional standard of clinical care and support.

Our vision is to be able to give local patients and their families both an excellent service and a choice about where they'd like to be cared for by the Hospice. We can only do this with the continued support of our community. Our Hospice Care at Home appeal has been launched to increase funding for our community-based team of specialists to care for more people in their own homes.

Please get in touch for more information on how you can support your local hospice. Please visit www.pth.org.uk/HCAH or call 01252 729446 for further information.