



Spring 2010 Newsletter

News

Work is currently underway on our new Facebook page and will be available shortly.

The 'Forget Me Not' Charity Rose



We are very proud of our popular rose named 'Forget Me Not' which was only made possible following a kind donation from Warrens Bakery. Photos and details are on our web site. Pre-order for next season's rose, contact James Cocker & Sons Tel: 01224 313261.

'The Forget Me Not Garden' Memorial Garden



Our commissioned painting of the 'Forget Me Not Garden' is now available to buy as an A5 print (£5) 6 pack notelets (£5) Single notelet (£1) (plus P & P) or can be collected from Forget Me Not, St Austell. View the beautiful Web Site animated version, also read more about this project on the Web Site Menu 'Forget Me Not Garden'. Framed prints have been donated to Penmount Crematorium (Memorial Book Room), Glynn Valley Crematorium (Waiting area), Penrice Birth Centre (Day Room), and the Baby 4D Skan Studio, Truro.



Friends of Forget Me Not Scheme

If you wish to become a 'Friend' please contact Forget Me Not for an application form to donate an annual £15 to help maintain and develop our services to help bereaved parents of the past, present and future. Thank you.



Romance with Robbie—14 February 2010



On Valentine's Night at Carnglaze Caverns Liskeard, we held a special fundraising concert where Matthew Holbrook returned as our ever popular Robbie Williams. Grace Hancock



age 23yrs from St Austell who is a member of the local PHAB club, has come to see Matt at all our shows and is pictured here presenting with a chocolate heart.

Ways You Can Help!



- Collection tins
- Badge Boxes
- Fundraising events
- Ink cartridge recycling
- Mobile phone recycling
- Online greeting cards
- Online charity flowers

We rely purely on donations and fundraising activities to maintain and develop our support services. If you can help in any way please contact us.

Cheques made payable to: **'Forget Me Not'** or make a donation via PAYPAL on our website

Make your donation go further, download a copy of our Gift Aid Declaration form.

Donations Received

R Griffiths (RCHT)
 Mr & Mrs Richardson
 Mr Prayley
 S Rowe
 J Gillies
 P Hill
 A McGregor
 Mr T Brooke

Birth Congratulations

Rachel, Jason and Baby Jessica. x

Bernie, Dan and Baby Mia Grace. Thank you for funds donated from the Christening. x

Sincere thanks to Jaynie Spencer-Inns, Dai Barnes, Glenn Francis, Debbie Couch and Martin Spittle for their sponsored quarter peel bell pull at Stithians Church, raising almost £300. Well done everyone !



Poetry Corner



Jenny and Baby Lucy
Illustration by
Tamsin Dearing

In Memory of Baby Ella
Born 11 June 2005

In a baby castle, just beyond my eye
My baby plays with angel toys that money cannot buy.
Who am I to wish her back into this world of strife?
No, play on my baby, you have eternal life.

At night when all is silent and sleep forsakes my eyes,
I'll hear her tiny footsteps come running to my side.
Her little hands caress me so tenderly and sweet,
I'll breathe a prayer and close my eyes and embrace her
in my sleep.

No, I have a treasure I rate above all other
I have known true glory—I am still her mother

Mum Louise (member of ARC)

Do you have
a special
poem or
message that
you would
like featured
in our
newsletter?

A time to reflect

Reflecting on the work of Forget Me Not since it began five years ago when there was nothing like us in Cornwall and Baby Loss was hardly ever mentioned, I wanted to change that and also provide a new Baby Memorial Garden at Glynn Valley Crematorium near Liskeard. Within this new garden there is a special area dedicated to babies lost during pregnancy or at birth. To view photographs taken at the opening visit Events on the Web Site Menu and Media Gallery for a BBC Spotlight interview at the Gardens in 2007.

Three support groups were established across the county and one to one befriending visits in or outside the home, but these were not being used as envisaged. The same applies to National Baby Loss Charities where those needs are also not there. Our services are being constantly being re-evaluated and changed due to experience gained through insight of need.

Endless hours of hard work and dedication go on behind the scenes at Forget Me Not, but sadly not all our endeavours to improve services come to fruition through no fault of our own, but assurance goes to our supporters that our hard work never ceases.

Memory items have always been a priority for the charity and knowing these will mean so much, almost two years was spent developing beautiful sensitive memory boxes and gowns to be supplied free of charge to Treliske Hospital, who declined our offer.

For a while we were fortunate to have the opportunity of providing clay and producing deeply treasured framed 3D hand and footprints, but sadly later Treliske Hospital chose to stop our vital service. We were deeply saddened by the prevention of both memory items for parents at a devastating time, and this failed the most needy.

Our offer to provide and refurbish a new parents' room in the proposed new build to where maternity would be transferring, was declined for the reason of a bereavement room would already have been considered by the NHS Trust, and we felt refurbishing an existing room that would eventually close, would not be an effective use of our charity funds.

We continue to offer pencil illustrations drawn from babies photographs, providing a very personalised and unique keepsake.

From our hard work and planting the 'seeds of thought' others now carry on to improve services, including the provision of memory boxes and clay prints, leaving us free to develop more ideas and look at ways we can make a difference.

10,000 information leaflets are distributed across the county and replenished if there are changes, which will happen during 2010.

Our energy and focus is now concentrated on raising awareness on baby loss and looking at ways we can meet the ever changing needs of the community.

Kindest thoughts are with you all.

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