

MARKYATE PLANT SALE '19 – HANGING BASKETS PRESS RELEASE

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DON'T HANG AROUND – ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS NOW!

Right now, the volunteer team is busy preparing to pot up over 7,000 bedding plants in readiness for the much loved Markyate Plant Sale, which this year will celebrate the 40th Birthday of The Hospice of St Francis (Reg. Charity No. 280825). The sale will be held on **Saturday 18th May '19** as ever in the picturesque gardens of **64 High Street**.

The sale will feature dozens of popular annuals, as well as some beautiful new varieties, vegetables, hanging baskets and the larger than ever selection of perennial plants and shrubs. You can also enjoy home baked cakes, rolls and refreshments whilst being entertained by live music. There'll be fun for the children too and a host of great raffle prizes to be won. What's more **ENTRY IS FREE** – so save the date now!

ORDER YOUR HANGING BASKETS AND TUBS NOW

The team is already taking orders for its beautiful hanging baskets and tubs. Renowned for their long-life, you can specify your own choice of plants and colour scheme – or leave it to the team to surprise you. Prices are from **£16 for a 12in basket**. Alternatively customers can supply their own baskets and tubs for planting up or refills (prices on application). Please call **Ian Bradley** for more details and to discuss your requirements on **01582 943133 by 30th April**. Baskets and tubs can be picked up prior to the sale.



Caption: A hanging basket or tub instantly brightens up a patio or garden

THE 40TH BIRTHDAY OF THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

Faith, belonging and coffee stirred 'The Originals', a group of energetic individuals led by Pam MacPherson, to establish the hospice in June 1979. Their passion for founding a hospice to provide outstanding care to the dying, for which there was no care, to help people live their precious lives

well, free from pain and anxieties, and be there for every bereaved family member including children, is at the heart of everything the hospice does today. How we live our lives, right up to the end, and how we say farewell ***always*** matters.

The Markyate Plant Sale has held a special place in the hospice's annual calendar for over 22 years and helped them to flourish by spreading awareness of their work and generating nearly £100,000. Because of volunteers coming together to put on wonderful community initiatives like ours, they were able to start supporting 20 people that has now grown to 2,000 people a year. In the next ten years however, the hospice estimate that more than 4,000 people every year will need to rely on them and in turn they will put their faith in communities such as ours to support them. By buying hanging baskets and plants you are fortifying the hospice for the future and helping them to sustain their care.

For further information or to order hanging baskets and planters, please contact: Ian Bradley 01582 943133/ ie.bradley@talktalk.net

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