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Caption: Lizzy Brazier of St Richard's Hospice (centre) with Matt, Joshua (1) and Olivia Phillips (2) from Worcester getting ready for the teddy bears picnic

Teddy Bears Galore Expected for Summer Fun

Teddy bears and their owners will be flocking to Worcester Woods Country Park on Wednesday, 4th August, for a special family picnic event in aid of St Richard's Hospice.

This hugely popular annual event is at a new venue this year with plenty of space for all ages to enjoy the outdoor play area, meadows and wood, countryside centre complete with Orchard Café, plus some stalls.

The event runs from 12pm – 2pm and everyone is welcome. Just take along a favourite teddy bear and a donation of £1.

St Richard's Senior Community Fundraiser Alison Weston, said: "It's a great event for people to come and while away a couple of hours and have some fun.

"This will be a great way to have a fun picnic and raise funds for St Richard's as well. Lots of people will be looking for something interesting to do during the summer school holidays and this is the perfect event for the whole family."
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Those arriving by car are asked to use the free car parking in the field behind the countryside centre and adjacent to Worcestershire Royal Hospital (WR5 1DD), which can be reached from Newtown Road, by kind permission of The Berkeley & Spetchley Estate. There will be no car parking facilities available at County Hall / Wildwood Drive.

St Richard's Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for patients living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,100 patients and family members in Worcestershire.

Patients are cared for in Day Hospice, the 16-bed In-patient Unit or in their own homes by a specialist professional team as well as many trained volunteers.

In the In-patient Unit specialist staff are on hand 24 hours a day to manage patients' symptoms and where, if they so choose, patients may spend the last few days of life in comfort and dignity. St Richard's is grateful for all donations towards the £5m they need to raise this year to continue their work.

For more information please visit www.strichards.org.uk

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