



Gravesend Panto in front of our hospice

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Gravesend Panto brings a festive cheer at ellenor

Oh no we didn't, Oh yes we did!

Christmas is fast upon us and with that also comes the ever anticipated pantomimes. This year the Gravesend panto comes in the form of Beauty and The Beast starring Eastenders alumni Aaron Sidwell as The Beast and returning Gravesend favourites Robert Pearce as Dame Darcy Derrière & Rob Cummings as Clarence Casanova.

With all this excitement and such a star studded cast **ellenor** were very excited and proud to be chosen as the charity beneficiary for this year's Gravesend panto. With this, we were pleased to welcome the cast of this year's panto to our **ellenor** hospice building in Northfleet on the 22 November to meet patients, families and staff.

*"We very much look forward to working with the pantomime team this festive period and hope to support them as much as possible to help them maximise their fundraising. We all here at **ellenor** wish the cast Good Luck and hope they have a wonderful time. We would like to thank the pantomime team and cast for choosing to support **ellenor**, a charity supporting the needs of local patients and their families. We would also like to thank the cast for visiting our hospice and speaking to our patients, their families and staff. It really did bring some panto cheer and brightened so many mornings." – Leah Poppy, Area Fundraiser.*

ellenor support people of all ages and their families facing terminal and life limiting illnesses across; Gravesham, Maidstone, Dartford, Bexley, Swanley, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

The pantos have raised considerable funds in the past for **ellenor** including in 2017 when another eastenders alumni Leslie Grantham (aka Dirty Den) was the assistant director for Sleeping Beauty and raised just over £8,000!

The Gravesend pantomime opens on Friday 6th December and runs until Wednesday 1st January. So pop to The Woodville Halls for a festive filled day with your favorite fairytale characters, with a little twist.

Together we can raise awareness and funds so that **ellenor** can continue to deliver vital services to people in need.

For more information about **ellenor** and how to support us visit www.ellenor.org or call 01322 626509.

Don't say we didn't tell you so! No, you didn't, yes we did!

We are **ellenor**, a charity funded by the generosity of our local community, offering the best care and support to families facing terminal illness in Kent. We are the **only** charity in the county that provides hospice care for people of

all ages – babies, children and adults - and their families. This includes pain and symptom relief, end of life care, respite, bereavement support and emotional and spiritual care.

Our Children's Hospice Care, formerly known as chYps, is provided in the comfort of the family home and spans across North and West Kent and the London Borough of Bexley. Adults living in Gravesham, Dartford and Swanley, receive care in their place of choice, including their own homes, at our Hospice in Gravesend and in local care homes.

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