

WEATHER



with Joe Osborne, of WeatherQuest

Today

Area A

Morning: Some sunny intervals, but often cloudy with occasional showers, perhaps heavy at times.
Afternoon: Some sunny spells, but still cloudy at times with scattered, perhaps heavy showers.
Details: Wind light to moderate westerly, becoming north-westerly, top temperature 20C (68F).
Tonight: Staying rather cloudy overnight with the continued risk of showers. Minimum tonight about 11C (52F) with a light north-westerly wind.

Area B

Morning: Mainly dry at first with some sunshine, but increasing cloud will bring a risk of showers.
Afternoon: Quite cloudy at times with scattered showers, a few of which may be heavy.
Details: A light to moderate west or north-westerly wind with a maximum of 21C (70F).
Tonight: Continuing rather cloudy with the chance of further scattered showers. Minimum tonight around 12C (54F) in a light west or north-westerly wind.

North Sea

Wind west or north-westerly force 3 or 4. Sea mainly slight.

Local outlook

Tomorrow

Rather cloudy with scattered showers, some fairly heavy and prolonged. There will be a light north-westerly wind, the max temp 19C (66F) min temp 12C (54F).

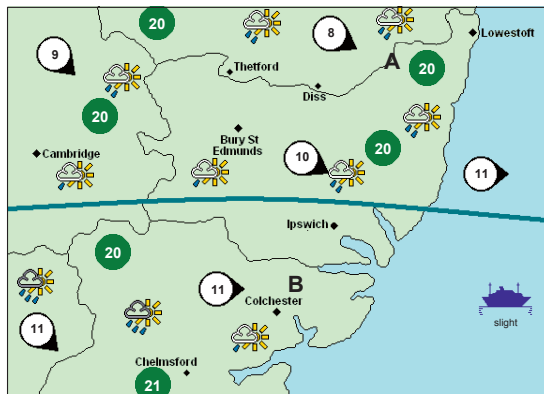
Saturday

Rather cloudy with some showers, becoming drier with brighter intervals later. A light north-easterly wind. Max temp 19C (66F) min temp 13C (55F).

Sunday

Spells of sunshine, but often rather cloudy with occasional showers. Moderate northerly wind and a max temp of 19C (66F) min temp 14C (57F).

Weather at noon



UK summary

South
Some early brightness, but turning cloudy with an increasing risk of showers. Tonight a fair amount of cloud remaining, but staying mainly dry with some clear spells developing. Max 21C (70F) Min 12C (54F).

West

A mostly dry day is expected with spells of sunshine, but turning cloudier during the afternoon. Tonight remaining dry with patchy cloud and clear spells. Max 20C (68F) Min 11C (52F).

Midlands

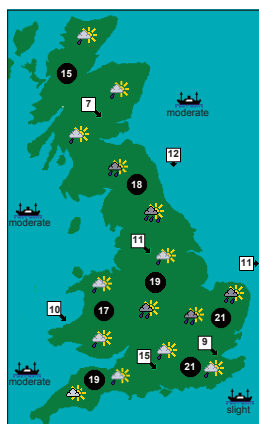
Cloudy at first with showers or some longer spells of rain, but some brighter spells as well. Tonight some clear spells, but areas of cloud may still bring a few showers. Max 20C (68F) Min 11C (52F).

North

A few bright spells, but often rather cloudy with scattered showers, some possibly heavy. Tonight staying rather cloudy overnight with the continued risk of showers. Max 18C (64F) Min 10C (50F).

Scotland

Some bright or sunny spells, but rather cloudy at times with showers developing, some turning heavy. Tonight a fair amount of cloud remaining, but staying mainly dry with



some clear spells developing. Max 18C (64F) Min 9C (48F).

Wales

Rather cloudy at times with showers or some longer spells of rain, but also some bright or sunny spells. Tonight a good deal of cloud lingering with further showers, but these becoming more isolated. Max 18C (64F) Min 10C (50F).



Europe

A fine and hot day throughout much of the Mediterranean with just patchy cloud and long spells of sunshine. Cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain, some of which could be heavy and thundery, across much of central and northern Europe, including Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and the Low Countries. Scandinavia and the Baltic states will be a little cloudy at times with some showery outbreaks of rain. Much of eastern Europe and western Russia should be fine and dry, but with the chance of afternoon showers.

High tides

Tidal differences on Harwich

Harwich 0152 1409

Lowestoft	-2.23	Ipswich	+0.20
Southwold	-1.48	Mistley/Wivenhoe	+0.20
Aldeburgh (front)	-1.03	Burnham-on-Crouch	+0.30
Orford Bar	-0.25	Woodbridge	+0.45
Woodbridge Haven		Maldon	+0.50
and Felixstowe Pier	-0.25	Slaughden (quay)	+1.15
Colne Point	+0.10	Snape Bridge	+1.45

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NEWS

Celebrations

SUFFOLK: Bid to raise £3m for new children's hospice reaches milestone

By Naomi Gornall

FUNDRAISERS in Suffolk have a million reasons to be happy after an important milestone was reached in the appeal to build a new children's hospice.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) made the announcement yesterday that in less than five months, its Treehouse Appeal has raised a colossal £1million.

The new hospice in woodland off Bixley Road, Ipswich, which will serve children and their families across Suffolk and North Essex, is already taking shape with the outer structure almost complete.

The new six-bedroom facility will eventually replace the hospice's current base – a small bungalow in Walker Close, Ipswich.

When the hospice was first set up in 1999, there were just six members of staff. Today that number stands at 34. The facility has gone from helping 40 families to 80, with the potential that 400 families from the region that could use the services.

As well as a dedicated family room, there will also be a music studio, hydrotherapy pool and private contemplation area in the new building.

Graham Butland, chief executive of EACH, said: "It's fantastic that we have reached the first million in such a short time. The appeal was only launched on March 16 which means that we have been raising just under £7,000 a day since then.

"We had hoped to be at £750,000 by now so we have reached this point quicker than we thought. However, we are not complacent and

we know there is still hard work to do. When the hospice opens in Spring next year, this will be fully paid for.

"We have got to thank the local media, particularly The EADT, because without their help and support we would not be where we are now.

"Children's hospices are places that all of us hope we will never have to need to use. I think people have seen what we have delivered over the last ten years from a facility which definitely needs improvements to what we will be getting here.

"On behalf of the children and families that will use the new hospice I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far. It is now heads down for the next million."

Families currently cared for by EACH visited the site to see the progress being made and they were able to get a sense of what facilities there will be in the new building.

Melanie Chew, EACH director of fundraising, added: "The actual figure reached is £1,018,318. The appeal has been embraced by the people of Suffolk and North Essex and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed to the appeal so far.

"As the new hospice building begins to take shape we are able to visualise the improved care and support EACH will be able to provide but we can't do it without financial support from the public.

"We hope the progress we have already made will inspire the local community to fundraise for the Treehouse Appeal."

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Here's how you can help the appeal

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) provides care and support for life-threatened children and their families across Suffolk and North Essex, either in families' own homes or at the EACH hospice in Walker Close, Ipswich, which the charity has outgrown. There are not enough beds and rooms to meet needs, and there are no dedicated spaces for the specialist services required by families. Initially intended for a maximum capacity of 40 families, the current hospice now cares for more than 80 families.

EACH has been donated a four acre woodland plot in Ipswich by a local charitable trust on which the charity will build a new hospice. The new building will allow end of life care to be delivered in greater privacy, provide more bed spaces for life-threatened children, and overnight accommodation for other family members and include dedicated areas for specialist therapies including hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, music and play therapy.

EACH needs to raise £3 million through the Treehouse Appeal to build and equip the new hospice, and throughout 2010 there will be many ways to get involved, as an individual, company, school or community group. Every single contribution helps, no matter what size. You can sponsor a brick in our woodland path, buy our lovely merchandise, join us on the Onwell Walk or hold your own event – such as a Butterfly Day coffee and cakes. For more information visit: www.eadh.org.uk/treehouse or call: 01473 276115.

Yes, I want to support the Treehouse Appeal

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JOYOUS: Celebrating the first million raised and, left, EACH's Graham Butland, David Faichney, of contractor Barnes Construction, and Helen Rea, whose child uses the hospice

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Hospice 'looks like it will be amazing'

CASE STUDY

THE improved facilities at the new hospice will make a huge difference to the lives of many families in the region.

Among them is Michelle Button's family. Her 18-year-old daughter, Lucy, who is severely brain damaged, attends the current children's hospice in Ipswich once a month for respite care.

Ms Button, of Trinity Close, Kesgrave, who is among the many hardworking fundraisers who have been raising cash for the appeal, said: "They will have a hydrotherapy pool in

the new hospice and that will be a really good benefit for Lucy.

"I'm really excited about the new build. I drive past here regularly and each time I see it, I am shocked at the progress being made. It looks like it will be amazing and will make a big difference to us."

Lucy was born with cerebral palsy, is registered blind and has to be fed via a tube through her stomach.

When Lucy is at the hospice, it means Ms Button can do things with her two other children that they don't normally get to do, like swimming. With Lucy needing 24/7 care, it can be difficult to go out for long periods of time.



'WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE': Michelle Button and her daughter Lucy, who has cerebral palsy

HOW SOME OF THE MONEY HAS BEEN RAISED

THERE have been a host of fundraising activities held to reach the £1million milestone.

People have dreamt up all sorts of wacky and inventive ways to collect money for the Treehouse Appeal, including barbecues, cake sales, sky dives, sponsored line dances and toddler sponsored walks.

Nick Glendinning,

who lives in Little Blakenham, came up with a particularly novel way of making cash by being sponsored to swim 10 miles from Woodbridge to Felixstowe with his leg in a cast.

Phil Rampley, from Stowmarket, embarked on a 190-mile Coast to Coast walk across northern England.

This month saw a Big

Summer Declutter take place, where £11,000 was raised through a range of activities, including car boot stalls, a bungee trampoline, and a Quasar tent.

Youngsters at Combs Ford Primary School, near Stowmarket, also joined in the fundraising as they raised an astonishing £4,600 simply by skipping in their playground.