



The
Compassionate
Friends

Weekend for those in early bereavement

Willersley Castle Hotel, Derbyshire Dales

13 -15 January 2017



A Retreat Weekend aimed especially at those parents who are in the first few months and years of bereavement.

Come and meet with others who understand, and immerse yourself in the comfort and warmth of a dedicated team of bereaved parent supporters.

The weekend will be a mixture of discussions and informal activities which you are free to participate in as much or as little as you want. Most of all, this is an opportunity to spend a few days away with people who truly understand what it means to be a bereaved parent.

Willersley Castle Hotel occupies a magnificent position on the edge of the Peak District overlooking the River Derwent, within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site, just south of the spa town of Matlock Bath. There is a railway station nearby in Cromford. We can arrange lifts from the station.



The price per person The Compassionate Friends (TCF) varies according to type of room.

For **donating members** of TCF:

- **a superior room is £189 per person** – these rooms are limited so please book early if you wish to reserve a superior room.
- **a standard room is £166 per person** for the weekend.

(For **non-donating members** of TCF the cost is £219 per person for a superior room, and £196 for a standard room. These prices include one year donating membership of TCF).

These rates cover **full board** from Friday afternoon tea through to Sunday lunch. There will be a licenced bar (at additional cost).

Places are limited, so **please** book early.

We ask for full payment at time of booking. If this causes you hardship please let us know and we may be able to help.



There will be some **bursaries available** to fund part of the costs of the weekend to those experiencing financial hardship. If you would be interested in applying for one of these, please ask us for a bursary application form.

This weekend is primarily for bereaved parents. Adult siblings would be welcome to attend if accompanying a parent (and willing to share a room) but there will not be a separate sibling programme at the retreat.



Feedback from parents who attended in 2016...

"This has truly been a weekend of compassion and friendship...Being amongst recently bereaved parents, but with the kindness, support and wisdom of those further along the path was exactly the right mix".

"It has been wonderful being with people who understand and be able to share our stories and lovely memories of our lovely children".

"I am so glad I came to the TCF weekend. My son passed away 3 months ago so it has been a real comfort to me meeting people who have been through the same awful thing".

"A wonderful, caring atmosphere. All the volunteers made us all feel so welcome and loves, with our children at the very heart of this gathering".

"...everything was well run and done so in a very sympathetic way. All the people attending, including those from compassionate friends, were all bereaved parents or siblings. It mattered not if you became upset or cried. Everyone there knew how we felt. No masks were put on or had to be put on".

Feeling unsure?

If you would like reassurance or to talk through anything about the weekend please contact Sue Hughes on 01628 898514 (if no answer please leave a message and Sue will get back to you).

See overleaf to book.

TO BOOK

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Complete the booking form **BELOW** and post it to us with FULL PAYMENT at:
The Compassionate Friends, 14 New King Street, Deptford, London SE8 3HS

Or, **email to info@tcf.org.uk** or **call us on 0345 120 3785**

Person 1: Name _____

Person 2: Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Dietary requirements _____

Disability requirements _____

Child's name _____

Date of death _____ Age at death _____

Cause of death _____

Is this son or daughter your only child? YES/NO

(we ask you these questions so that we can get the weekend right for you)

Please tick and indicate as appropriate:

I enclose my payment for single/double/twin SUPERIOR bedroom at **£189 per person (donating members) or £219 (non-donating members): TOTAL enclosed**

£ _____

I enclose my payment for single/double/twin STANDARD bedroom at **£166 per person (donating members) or £196 (non-donating members): TOTAL enclosed**

£ _____

Please note that some of the standard rooms are in the Mews building – a short walk from the main hotel. Rooms will be allocated by the hotel, but please indicate if you prefer not to be in the Mews and we will try to accommodate you.

I would like to contribute towards the [Bursary Fund](#) for this retreat and include an additional donation of £ _____.