

# Christmas Countdown

## Card created for cancer care A vintage choice of

A Farnham artist has been commissioned to design a Christmas card for a leading UK charity.

Susie Lidstone was approached by Bright Research, the bowel cancer charity, and has produced 'Village Toys' for this year's card.

"I was approached by Dawn Stanford of Bright Research because she loved

my work, and I was a local artist," says Susie who is a member of both The Society of Floral Painters and The Society of Architectural Illustrators.

"Much of the charity's work is based at the Royal Surrey County Hospital and St Luke's, which specialises in cancer care. They work a lot with children's cancer research, so a toy shop seemed ideal,

and making it an old-fashioned shop should suit adults."

For the cards contact Caroline Allen on 07816 874 478 to place an order (£3 for a pack of five cards). The cards will also be available from the Bright stand at the Royal Surrey County Hospital's Christmas Fair on Wednesday, December 4, and at West Surrey Golf Club.



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