

BREAST FRIENDS BULLETIN

Our Thanks To - DR TSALIC - ONCOLOGIST FROM SOLIHULL HOSPITAL - Talking About "The History of Cancer."

ROLLS ROYCE SUPPORT BREAST FRIENDS



Our Chairlady Debbie Douglas Writes:-

I work for Rolls Royce Controls System in Birmingham we have recently moved to a brand new facility at the Birmingham business park. The company asked for idea's on how we could make our place the best it can be and one of the managers suggested a library. I had coincidentally been collecting books prior to the site move for a works book sale to raise funding for Breast Friend's so I approached the Management and asked if we could also fundraise for Breast Friend's Solihull which they agreed to do. We had an official opening to launch the library so now when my colleagues take a book out they donate a little to Breast Friends. I have books from colleagues but most of the books have been supplied by Phyllis Parsons and the ladies from her Castle Bromwich ladies group and I know Leslie has been helping load all the books and bring them to our monthly meetings for the boot of my car!



Bridget's Quiz Night

Bridget writes:

The quiz was a great success!

Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and we raised **£238** for Breast Friends. Thanks to all for coming and making it such a good evening!

Jan MacNamara: It was a fab night & my family enjoyed it too..... it's so good that over £200 was raised from such a well organised event. Thank you Bridget & family & Shirley Golf club for the delightful room.

Look forward to next years quiz xx



Nadia Durant:It was really lovely Bridget thank you, we all enjoyed it and didn't realise how intelligent we all were !!

Jan's 50th Birthday Celebrations

In Lieu of birthday presents Jan McNamara asked for donations to Breast Friends Solihull a charity close to her heart. Thank You Jan!



BREAST FRIENDS AGREES TO FUND ULTRASOUND MACHINE FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS

Matt. Fowler, Advanced Clinical Practitioner at Solihull hospital has asked Breast Friends to fund a portable Ultra Sound machine to use at both Heartlands and Solihull hospitals. It will be used to give guidance when placing lines to deliver the chemotherapy into those patients who have an on going need for treatment. Matt will be at our meeting tonight to talk more about this piece of equipment and about other ways Breast Friends can help the local hospitals in the future. We are all looking forward to his talk.



Carole's Corner. Raffle prizes from near and far!!

Ladies I keep forgetting to update the bulletin, but do you remember a raffle prize of a paperweight of the Nile? Well this prize was kindly donated by a lovely lady called Tina who resides in Christchurch Dorset, funnily enough she does not live far away from Stechford Police Club Caravan. Anyway whilst I was on holiday in Egypt I made friends with Tina, who upon hearing about Breast Friends kindly donated the paperweight for our raffle, so it did in fact travel with me from Egypt to our raffle table at BF. Tina has also contributed more prizes since which have travelled from Dorset. Breast Friends sends a big thank you to Tina.

Ladies we are still in need of prizes for our monthly raffle, to help with our costs and continual fundraising.

Don't forget that Stechford Police Club caravan situated in the beautiful area of Christchurch Dorset, is available to ladies of Breast Friends at reduced costs.

Carole X

Do you know of any members who are having a difficult time after Breast cancer treatment and may be in need of a little help in anyway at all?

If so, please let one of the committee members know or
Contact our Members Welfare Officer,
Sandy Worth on 0121 604 8162
...and we'll do what we can to assist.

Waitrose

Community Matters

We support local good causes.
You decide who gets what.



Hi Ladies, - If any of you are shopping at "WAITROSE STRATFORD ROAD, HALL GREEN" please look out for Breast Friends as one of the three local charities for you choose to put your Green tokens into. Let us see how many we can get!!!
May I add my thanks to my good friend Pat McBride who suggested Breast Friends Solihull as a worthy charity for this scheme.

BREAST FRIENDS HELP & SUPPORT.

Breast Friends gives direct help to breast cancer patients.

- * Help with the purchase of wigs and prostheses
 - * Domestic help for patients undergoing treatment
 - * Childcare for mothers, if there is a need
 - * Complimentary therapy treatments
 - * A Relaxation day at local health spa.
 - * Loan of equipment, such as reclining chairs.
 - * Grants arranged in times of hardship
 - * Confidential listening service provided by trained volunteers
- Flowers or organic vegetable baskets to post operative patients.
- BF presence at Solihull Hospital weekly breast clinics
- Services subject to avail. funds
- Purchase of equipment at local hospitals to help Breast cancer patients - if funds permit .

JOIN US ON OUR CURRY NIGHT

Rajasthan in Olton



on Thurs 6 April at 7.30

Sign the sheet at tonight's meeting if you'd like to join us.

Organiser Sue Strutt: 07989 143851

DONATIONS - Our Sincere Thanks to:-

Lynn Pearson
 Captain of Shirley Golf Club,
 Parkway Hospital
 Sharon Pitkeathly.
 Jan McNamara money from her birthday party
 Breast Friends Quiz.
£238

MAY SPRING FAYRE



On 9th May we are having a Spring Fayre with stalls and treatments for our ladies to enjoy. The ever popular Tina Iaccovelli will be joining us with a carefully selected collection



of handbags, scarves, jewellery & Italian clothing offering quality at affordable prices. **So don't forget to bring your purses!**

MEMBERS MEETINGS FOR APRIL -JUNE 2017

11th April - SARAH TURRELL - VOLUNTEERING IN GHANA

9th May - SUMMER FAYRE / STALLS - including Tina's Jewellery & handbags ..So bring your purses!

13th June - NAREN BASU - CONSULTANT ONCO-PLASTIC SURGEON

APOLOGY: Anne Dancey who was booked for tonight's meeting unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute. The good news is she will now be speaking at our September Meeting.