



The
Primrose
Centre

Supporting those with breast cancer

Primrose News

Spring 2019

Hospital Saturday Fund Grant



The charity is so delighted HSF have supported us with a grant of £8,000 specifically to provide reflexology for our visitors. The generosity of the grant will make the provision of therapy so much easier over the coming twelve months.

The Hospital Saturday Fund was first established in 1873 for the provision of healthcare typically by workers making a payment of a few pennies on pay day, usually Saturday, hence the name. The ethos always was to provide reasonably priced healthcare well before the NHS was founded in 1948 and secondly any profit within the fund donated to needy medical charitable organisations.

It was a proud moment being able to show Louise Kent the centre and to welcome her back to present the cheque.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

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Welcome to the Primrose News Spring 2019

Dear Supporter

During the last quarter an amazing grant of £8,000 was received from the Hospital Saturday Fund to be used specifically for the provision of reflexology making a huge difference at the centre.

With your support and that of our donors the charity has been able to continue the help we offer to those with breast cancer.

Many of our volunteers and donors have raised funds by various ways and means, always interesting to see their challenges.

The charity is very happy to support any events our fundraisers undertake so feel free to call and together we will guarantee as much awareness as possible.

The centre continues to be a hub for those diagnosed with breast cancer and it has been great to welcome many new visitors through the new GSTT radiotherapy centre at Queen Mary's, Sidcup.

In the coming months we have planned several fundraising events (see page 4) and the support of you, family and friends would be fantastic.

Kind regards,

Mary Spinks
Mary Spinks, Chief Executive

Fundraising

Masonic Magic Night

The masonic members at the New Rippon Falls Lodge (8833) celebrated a charity Magic Night to raise funds especially for the Primrose Centre in light of all the wonderful things it offers to the community. My father-in-law, Brett Madlani, is the Worshipful Master of the lodge this year.

The evening was held in a cosy Indian restaurant called "Little India" in Petts Wood and was sold out weeks before the event – well who could say no to curry and magic? After some raffles, an auction and some generous donations, a total of £573.50 was raised on the night. The evening was a hit for both young and old and we have had requests to host more of these so watch this space...

– Dinta Madlani



Addington Court Golf Club

It was a huge surprise to get a call from the Lady Captain at Addington Court Golf Club to say the lady members had raised funds for the Primrose Centre during the past year.



An invitation to attend the end of her captaincy year and prize giving was happily accepted and a most welcome cheque for £1,072 was donated for which the charity is so grateful; a really pleasant surprise.



M&S Bromley Bag Packing

Our last bag packing at Marks & Spencer Bromley was truly a huge success for the charity raising £1,449 between 9am and 5pm.

As always it required huge support from our team of volunteers to guarantee eight packers every two hour shift.



The customers are always very generous and many remark how pleased they are to donate towards a local charity.

Thank you to Phil Crawley, his staff and customers for their continued support.



Newstead Wood School for Girls

Ruby and Holly and the students in year 8P at Newstead Wood School, raised awareness for a local social issue through First Give and their form chose Primrose Centre and breast cancer.

Six forms in Year 8 across school fundraised for different issues and presented their case for their chosen charity when The Mayor of Bromley attended.

To raise funds they held a cultural food stall, a sponsored silence, they sold primrose lapel pins and some students crocheted primroses which spread around the school like wildfire! – certainly spreading awareness.

The form raised £564 for the Primrose Centre for which we are very grateful.



Flower Arranging by June Garnett



The Coffee Morning held on the second Thursday of each month is very popular but when June comes to do flower arranging on one of those mornings, it is a real magnet.

June is hugely talented and produces the most amazing arrangements in many different colours, flowers and foliage to suit all tastes. What starts off as a few twigs turns into magic! She and her husband Graham give fantastic support to the charity, on this occasion donating all materials, flowers, foliage and time. Having raffled four of the arrangements £160 was raised.

Thank you also to Graham who came before Christmas to put the lights on our tree in the garden.

Waitrose Bromley North

The charity was both delighted and grateful to the partners and customers at Waitrose Bromley North for the fundraising done through their Community Matter scheme which raised £319.





Dinta Coffee Morning

We had a great turnout at our coffee morning and raised £200 for the Primrose Centre which really pleased us being for a cause so close to many peoples' hearts. Mary was thrilled as ever to receive the funding.



Beckenham 5th Scouts

What a lovely surprise in checking the charity bank statement to see that Beckenham 5th Scouts had donated £250.

That is magic! Thank you.

Future Events

Pitch Up for Primrose

- Bag Packing M&S Bromley – Saturday 30th March
- Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 18th April
- Gala Dinner at The Warren, Hayes – Saturday 27th April
Organised by Jo and Ian Gallier
- Cream Teas – Sunday 23rd June
- Primrose Proms at Cooling's – Saturday 6th July
- Golf Day at Chislehurst Golf Club –
Friday 6th September

Primrose Centre Coffee Mornings

All welcome to our coffee mornings held at the centre at 11am on the following dates:

- Thursday 11th April
- Thursday 9th May
- Thursday 13th June
- Thursday 11th July

Local businesses who continue to support the Primrose Centre

- ANDREW CROSS & CO – Accountants
- BELMONT CLEANERS – Chislehurst
- CLAUS HAIRDRESSERS – Bickley
- COOLING'S NURSERY – Knockholt
- eTraining Ltd – Bromley
- JDM ESTATE AGENTS
- LEA PRINTERS – Orpington
- MARKS & SPENCER – Bromley
- MARKS & SPENCER – Orpington
- MARKS & SPENCER PLC
- MMW – Bromley (bespoke furniture)
- MPXAM – Website
- REDMAYNE-BENTLEY – Stockbrokers
- THACKRAY WILLIAMS LLP – Bromley
- WAITROSE



We Need Your Support

The centre depends totally on donations from visitors whom we help, donors and volunteers.

Donations by cash, cheque, direct debit are most welcome. BTmy donate will cease to operate after 30th June when we will use a new platform, details available shortly.



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