

DONATIONS

A big thank you to the many supporters who donated and raised much needed funds for Breast Friends

Donations and Fundraising Newsletter 52 January 2015
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Don Mary Blakemore IMO her Mother Bridie
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Don Freedom Lodge
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Don Broadway Kitchens
Don Mr & Mrs Fieldhouse
Don Jackie Hitchman, 50th Birthday
Don Alec Laidler Book Proceeds
Don Fiona Arundel 10k Race
Don Carole Pomeroy
Don Bonny & Tom Campbell
Don Rosanna Tomkins
Don Alec Laidler Ice Bucket Challenge
Don Mr & Mrs P Warner
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Don Lynn Wootton
Don Pat Simmonds Friend
Don Gomm Insurance Brokers "Pink Friday"
Don Wendy Morton Dance Academy
Don Barbara Willetts
Halloween Night Sutton Park Hotel Angela Dawes
Don Aimee Carless Birmingham Half Marathon
Don St Francis of Assisi Catholic School (£1442.21)
Don Langley School Coffee Morning
Don Cockles Climbers Off Line
Halifax Group at Sainsburys Mere Green (£717.26)
Don to Lotus Group St Paul's Grammar School for Girls Edgbaston (£1000.00)
Don Jennifer Danaher Sponsored Silence - St Edmund Campion Catholic School
Don Gillian Bailey In Lieu of Christmas Cards
Don Val Cheshire
Don Defense Infrastructure Organisation "Pink Day" Lynn Patrick (£922.00)
Don Diane Evans
Don Eileen Smart
Don at Request of Bajinder Mahal
Great Midlands Fun Run (£2000.00)
Don Four Oaks Primary School - Great Midlands Fun Run (£1033.00)
Don Sutton Grammar School For Girls – Great Midlands Fun Run (£5721.27)
Total Raised From Fun Run £13250.00!

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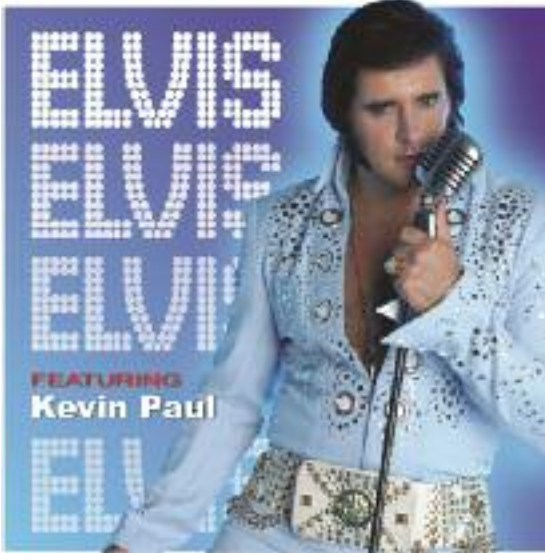
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Elvis Night

Get yourselves 'All Shook Up' at our next fundraiser. Its an 'Elvis Night' with the fantastic Kevin Paul one of the best tribute artists going...(he took 2nd place in GMTV's 'Search for Elvis' competition!) The event is being held at Moor Hall Hotel in Sutton Coldfield on Friday 6th February. Tickets are priced at £35pp to include a delicious 3 course meal and coffee. Elvis will entertain, followed by late night disco with DJ Roger Clark.

For tickets and further information, please contact Jackie Benzecry on 0121 378 3037 or Gill Harris on 0121 350 0615



A Little Extra Help...From Halifax!

A big thank you to the staff from Halifax Banking at Great Barr who volunteered to help with Breast Friends fundraising recently. Staff members did a bag-packing day at Sainsbury's Mere Green and also assisted with a Charity Coffee morning at Good Hope Hospital.



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Record Amount Raised in Great Midlands Fun Run!

In November, Breast Friends chairman Jackie Benzecry and committee member Sue Mills were invited to the Great Midlands Fun Run Presentation Evening. They were totally bowled over when presented with a cheque for £13,250, a record amount for the charity. Chairman Jackie said:

"This has been a bumper year for Breast Friends, it is phenomenal, it is the most we have ever raised from the Fun Run and it will make a big difference to us. This will help us continue to give practical help to local people with breast cancer. We don't get any funding, the community makes us successful, so I would like to thank every single person who took part, including children, teachers and families from Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls and Four Oaks Primary School, Spire Little Aston Hospital who pushed a bed around for us, and 'Team Maria' who have constantly supported Breast Friends in the Fun Run in memory of Maria Simmonite."



Trainers at the ready! Great Midlands Fun Run 2015 Sunday 31st May

Photos: 1. Jackie, Sue and Fun Run Director Tracey Spare with cheque. 2. Megan Cooper presents cheque to Jackie on behalf of Four Oaks Primary School at BF Christmas Party 3. Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls present cheque.



Happy New Year to all our Members



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 6th February – ‘Elvis Night’ at Moor Hall

Monday 23rd February – General Meeting at the Partnership Learning Centre at Good Hope. Guest Speaker will be Mr Mo Ellabban, consultant plastic surgeon, talking about breast reconstruction. Starts 7:30pm. All welcome.

Monday 30th March – General Meeting at the Partnership Learning Centre at Good Hope. We welcome back the ever-popular Tom Speake with his ‘Next One’ fashion bargains. Starts 7:30pm. All welcome.

Breast Friends Charity Ball

Breast Friends Annual Charity Ball was held in the Charter Suite at Moor Hall back in October, raising over £4000 for the charity. It was a lovely evening with guests enjoying a lovely three-course meal and entertainment from party band ‘Partners In Crime.’

£1000 was raised in a ‘silent auction’ and one lucky lady landed first prize in the raffle, which was a fabulous mini cruise on Cunard’s Queen Elizabeth.

A big thank you to Breast Friends member Lynne Archer who donated the beautiful flowers for the tables and in the reception area, and to all who attended and helped to make the evening such a great success.

(pic – mini cruise winner, Sheila Dixon)



Thank You Aimee

Lovely Aimee Carless completed the Birmingham Half Marathon in support of Breast Friends recently. It was her first half marathon, so really well done and thank you so much Aimee.

Breast Friends New Website

The Breast Friends website has had a makeover recently, please take a look at www.breastfriends.org.uk. We think you will agree it's bright and cheery, easy to navigate, and includes up to date information about the charity, events and activities.

With grateful thanks to committee member Anne Kelsall for creating the website for us...its great!

Fantastic School Support

Staff and students from St Francis of Assisi Technology College in Aldridge recently helped to raise money for Breast Friends. The sixth form had a 'think pink' day and they all dressed in pink.

They sold cakes and pink wrist bands, painted nails and had a photo booth to raise awareness amongst students and staff. Julia Strawford head of 6th form, teacher Sarah Derrer and students handed over a cheque for the fantastic sum of £1442.21 to committee member Gill Harris.

Thank you so much to all involved.

Picture of Gill, teachers and students with pink wig)



Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who attended Breast Friends Christmas Party on 21st December, the evening was just fabulous, and it was lovely to see so many of our members and supporters there.

The party is always a subsidised event, but thanks to the generosity of guests who supported our raffle and tombola, the charity ended up with a small profit after all expenses were paid...excellent news!

A big thank you to Maureen Farmer for providing the table decorations'

