



WOW!

Our Beautiful, Inspirational Ladies On The Catwalk At Our Fashion Show!

Breast Friends held their annual Fashion Show at Moor Hall on a most beautiful sunny day in June.

All models were ladies who have been through or are currently receiving treatment for cancer, and it was truly inspirational for guests to see how fabulous they all looked.

The outfits that were modelled were from 'Millardes' of Wylde Green and 'Bee Bold Bee Beautiful' an independent boutique based in Atherstone, which also specializes in headwear suitable for those with hair loss.

Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and were able to purchase clothing after the show at special discount prices.

The event raised £2,300 for the charity. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped with hair and make up on the day, and to Spire Little Aston Hospital, who donated beautiful bouquets to each model.



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Boldmere Bullets

The Bullets have been totally amazing!! They chose Breast Friends as their charity of the year 2016 and members have been taking part in various challenges and events this year, and they haven't stopped yet!

One of the main events that took place on 21st May was a Barmouth to Great Yarmouth cycle ride. A team of 12 'Bullets' cycled 300 miles in 24 hours!

Kevin Borg, one of the team members is the husband of one of our members Emma, who wrote a very personal and moving tribute to Breast Friends on their online Just Giving Fundraising Page.

"The Breast Friends Charity has given us hands on practical help in the home whilst I face the demands of energy sapping treatment. Our cleaning and ironing have been taken care of and as any mother knows when her house is in order then the rest of her world is a little more manageable!"

Breast Friends not only offer practical help they offer the type of support that enables a family to face the future, whatever that may look like, from specialist equipment in the home to friendship groups, engaging with local health professionals through to pamper sessions and regular talks from experts in the field of breast cancer. Their kindness and generosity is unbelievable and we are extremely grateful."

To date, this Just Giving page has raised the phenomenal sum of £25,000!!

We are absolutely overwhelmed by the support that this local, volunteer-led group, with a love of running, cycling and socialising have achieved for our charity so far this year. Thank you to every single one of the members for your amazing commitment to helping Breast Friends, we are so very grateful.



Tea Parties

A big thank you to all who have organised or have planned 'Tea Parties' for Breast Friends so far this year.

Joan James hosted a lovely day at Steeple Lodge in Boldmere recently, which was very well supported and enjoyed.



Lynne and Paul Archer also hosted an afternoon tea at their home. A lovely event with delicious cream teas, lots of wonderful home made cakes and entertainment. Raising over £1000 each for Breast Friends and the Sutton Cancer Support Centre.



Pauline Ward also kindly hosted a fab tea party at her home in Walmley.

If anyone would like to invite their friends and neighbours over for afternoon tea, to support the charity please contact Jackie on 0121 378 3037, who will be delighted to send you a 'Breast Friends Tea Party Pack'



Bev Dabbs

Local fitness instructor Bev held a 'Tropical' themed charity night at Walmley Club recently for her 'Feel Good Fitness' class members in aid of Breast Friends. There was an hour of Zumba and Fitsteps dancing to some great summery and Caribbean tunes!

Alison Shaw made some lovely cupcakes, and class members donated some great raffle prizes. £328 was raised on the evening, which is just brilliant!! Thank you Bev for your ongoing support.

Social Evenings at Walmley Club

We have held a couple of social evenings at Walmley Club this year, which is a great local venue. The fantastic 'Jailhouse Blues Brothers' entertained us back in April raising over £1000.

We also held a Hog Roast in July, with chocolate fountain, entertainment from local band 'Panache' and dancing to DJ Dennis's disco, which raised £1,200 for the charity.

Thank you to everyone who came along to these events and for being so generous in the raffles.



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Crafty Ladies!

Kathy Peters and Pat Tacagni are two friends who love crafting, and they make the most beautiful hand-made greeting cards for all occasions. If you have been to our monthly meetings recently you may well have made a purchase.



These lovely ladies give every penny from the sales of their cards to Breast Friends. So far they have donated over £1000 to the charity.

Pat and Kathy also demonstrated their skills at our AGM in July, which our members really enjoyed. We thank them so very much for such wonderful kindness and generosity.

Fiona Etheridge presented a cheque for £200 to Jackie, Gill and Nita from a curry night at Indian Chef at Walmley, held in memory of her friend Jackie.

Veronica Thomas presented a cheque to Breast Friends in memory of her mother.



St Francis of Assisi School in Aldridge

raised £1000 for Breast Friends at their 'Think Pink' Day. Gill Harris (centre) was invited to the school recently and was delighted to receive a cheque from staff and pupils. The school gives regular support to the Breast Friends charity and we are extremely grateful.



Carol Hale presented committee member Gill Harris with a cheque for £500 raised from a Fashion Show held at St Georges Church, Minworth, which she had arranged in honor of Breast Friends 20th anniversary year.



Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event such a great success. Pauline Ward for selling the raffle tickets, Sandra Jones for the fashions, Svetlana for the Tropic Skincare demonstration, those who donated cakes and all who attended the fun packed afternoon!

Carol has been a loyal supporter of Breast Friends for a number of years, and we are very grateful.

Sue "Braves the Shave" for Breast Friends

Beautiful Sue Bateman, daughter of our committee member Gillian Bailey recently bravely shaved her lovely locks off to raise money for Breast Friends. Both of her parents have undergone treatment for cancer and recently her dad made use of one of the 'Accuvein' systems that we purchased for the Oncology Unit at Good Hope. A piece of equipment that highlights veins and makes cannulation much easier.

Sue said: "The nurses used the 'Accuvein' to help locate my father's veins when he was undergoing chemotherapy last year. This helped to make the whole experience a little better for him."



Thank you so much Sue...and you look fabulous!!!

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

Boldmere Bullets (Well Over £20,000! Final Total To Be Announced At End Of Year)

Kathy Busk

Mr & Mrs T Sloan

Mavis Rylance

St Francis of Assisi RC Technical College (£1000)

Kathy Peters and Pat Tacaqui Sale of Cards (£969.00)

Halifax Bank Kay Brookes and Staff

Rosanna Tomkins

Rotary Club of Aldridge Endowment Trust

Foley Arms

Chris Thompson

Curdworth W.I.

Joan James Afternoon Tea

Open Day at Stop and Go Cafe Simon Walker

Manor and Vesey GP Practices

Lakeside Bistro, Lichfield

Claire Smith Fitness Ladies

Chase Farm

Joan James Skincare Sale

Holy Trinity Ladies Guild

Janet Diamond Talks

St Mary's Lodge No 3879

Carole Pomeroy

Sue Thompson Plant Sale

Jmf Tamworth Charity Fundraising Days

Lynne Archer's Afternoon Tea in the Garden (£1015)

Mrs C Abate

Jayne Price

Little Aston Golf Club Ladies Section (Over £3,500)

BGI Group (£1000)

Friends of Deanery JB Monashaw

S H Hydraulics Julie Emery

Good Hope Oncology

Carol Jones

Joan James Sale of Scarves

S & M Mason Engineering

Christine & Roger Appleyard

Carol Hale & Sandra Jones Charity Night

Panache

Dennis Day

Bill Larkalm

Star Trek First Contact Day Run Jackie Watt & Friends

Sue Bateman Head Shave (£1400)

Dons IMO Steffi Thorne

Mary Massari IMO Jessica Price

Jean Allen IMO Her Husband

Dons IMO Alice Johnson

Veronica Thomas IMO her Mother

Fiona Etheridge IMO Jackie Gilmore Curry Night

Meg Harris

Pauline Ward Afternoon Tea

Mavis Rylance

Jackie Watt Star Trek First Contact Run

Gill Ankhorn

Foley Arms

Claire Smith Fitness

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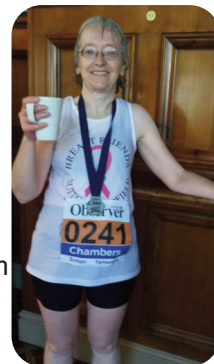


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Great Midlands Fun Run 2016

Thank you to each and everyone who took part in support of the charity, or made sponsorship donations. This year, over 70 'Boldmere Bullets' ran for Breast Friends, along with a large team from Moor Hall Hotel, plus our stalwarts 'Team Maria' 'Team Jones' 'Team Mills', Anne Kelsall...and more!



A huge thank you to Dean Robertson, Dean Vinning and the team from Sixth Sense Salon who sponsored our T shirts this year and also for providing water and sweet treats from the 'cheerleading HQ' outside the salon on the High Street!

As usual, we will let you know the total sponsorship raised after the presentation in November. **Save the date for next year - SUNDAY 4th JUNE 2017!!**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th September – Afternoon tea at Edwards Restaurant at Cookes Furniture, Goosemoor Lane, Erdington. Tickets are £12.50 each, inclusive of entertainment. Contact Jackie on 0121 378 3037 or Gill 0121 350 0615

Monday 26th September – General Meeting at Partnership Centre at Good Hope, 7:30pm. Speaker will be Mr. H Ingle, Consultant Breast Surgeon. All welcome, refreshments and free parking tickets available.

Friday 7th October – Breast Friends PINK BALL at Moor Hall Hotel. *SOLD OUT*

Monday October 31st – General Meeting at Partnership Centre, Good Hope at 7:30pm. It's our regular date with Tom Speake and his 'Next One' Fashions. Come and have a giggle and grab a bargain!

Sunday 6th November – 3-course Sunday Lunch at Moor Hall with entertainment from the Sutton Coldfield Chamber Choir. Tickets £30 each from Jackie 0121 378 3037 or Gill 0121 350 0615

Monday November 28th – General Meeting at Partnership Centre, Good

Hope at 7:30pm. We welcome back Ann Brown, florist from 'Tiaras and Flowers' of Shenstone with her beautiful festive floral arrangements, which will be raffled on the evening. Enjoy a mince pies and a glass of wine with your Breast Friends.

Saturday 3rd December – Festive Afternoon Tea at Edwards Restaurant, Cookes Furniture, Goosemoor Lane. With Christmas carols from Sutton Coldfield Chamber Choir. Tickets £12.50 from Jackie 0121 378 3037 or Gill 0121 350 0615

Sunday 18th December – Breast Friends Christmas Dinner Dance at Moor Hall Hotel. Tickets are subsidised for our members at £25 to include 3-course dinner, entertainment and disco. Contact Jackie on 0121 378 3037 or Gill 0121 350 0615

A REMINDER THAT BREAST FRIENDS DAYTIME SUPPORT AND INFORMATION MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 2:30pm ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME FOR COFFEE, CAKE AND A CHAT AT THE ST. GILES CENTRE, LINDRIDGE ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, B75 6JB