



The  
Primrose  
Centre

# Primrose News

Summer 2016

## Charity Gala Dinner Dance



We held our Charity Dinner Dance on the 14th May at the Mercure Hotel Brands Hatch, raising £2,144 in aid of the Primrose Centre. The entertainment was provided by the singer Howard Dee and we danced to the Crazy K Disco.

A Primrose Passion cocktail was served on arrival followed by a three-course dinner. We held a very successful bottle raffle whilst ninety guests had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to all our friends who supported the evening so much and suggested we have a repeat next year! It certainly was my kind of fundraising! – *Jo Gallier*

*Thank you Jo and Ian for an amazing achievement – Mary*

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## Primrose News



### Welcome to the Primrose News Summer 2016

#### Dear Supporter

It is time to get the Summer edition of Primrose News to print and it is always great to tell you what many people have been doing to support the charity, without whose help we could not do as much to support our visitors.

I hope you enjoy reading about what people have done which may inspire you, your friends and others to try fund raising also.

Gill Fitzgibbon has been with us for nearly a year as a receptionist filling in when others are away, this has been a huge asset as she brings understanding of what the visitors are going through which is so helpful.

Kate Channing-Cotter, a nutritionist will join us in mid July. This will be an invaluable help for those going through treatment, as so many are concerned about what they should eat and having a balanced diet.

You will see in the news, sadly, Sandra Lovesey has died and her family, friends and colleagues organised fund raising events in her memory for the benefit of the charity. A lovely lady, she made us smile.

Kind regards,

*Mary Spinks*

Mary Spinks, Chief Executive

## Fundraising

### Marks & Spencer Bromley

Primrose Volunteers packing customers food shopping in the Food Hall at Marks & Spencer Bromley is hugely profitable for the charity, two such sessions in December and the Saturday prior to Mothers Day were bumper fund raising events with £3,300 donated to the charity.

The charity is so grateful to Ricky Horner the Store Manager, staff and customers who gave so generously. The willing band of volunteers some forty of them in shifts throughout the day made the whole thing possible.



The day gives the charity the opportunity to let the customers know a little about the Primrose Centre too – great publicity.

A huge thank you from the charity to M&S Bromley for their ongoing support.

## Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings on the second Thursday of each month are extremely well supported, being a source of information and exchange of thoughts for those going through treatment.

In the recent past events June Garnett gave a Flower arranging demonstration raffling them at the end of the morning raising £145 as a bonus!

Geraldine Moody demonstrated how she makes those amazing primrose fairies. Over a period of time she has raised over £900 selling them for the charity.





## Cream Teas in the Garden

Another summer so Maureen and Ted Williams having spent months getting their garden looking wonderful prepared to welcome one hundred and twenty guests to their garden in aid of the charity.

How lucky they and we were to have the most glorious day of sunshine, which made for a bumper turn out.

Whilst people tucked into homemade scones and cakes they wandered around the garden which for those who had been in previous years it was a game of spot the additions!



During the afternoon there were stalls for tombola, tools, plants, hand made cards, primrose fairies and raffle tickets to be drawn at Primrose Proms.

Everyone had a fantastic fun day which resulted in Maureen and Ted raising £2,620 for the charity.

We say it every year but we really are so grateful to them both for their support. Amazing!

## World Food Day Lunch

Sandra Lovesey was an inspirational leader at Croydon Crown Court, her colleagues were devastated by her death. When one of the Judges was moving to another Court a World Food Day Lunch was arranged in aid of the Primrose Centre.

Lunch was truly from around the world including Mexican chilli, Spanish meatballs, and pulled pork to name but a few.

Judiciary, legal and court staffs enjoyed their lunch whilst raising £560 for charity.

## Petts Wood May Fayre

The new Petts Wood May Fayre Committee organised an amazing event on Bank Holiday Monday starting with a parade led by the new May Queen Eva Roberts.



This was followed by vibrant diverse acts ending with Eva being crowned by The Mayor of Bromley and the traditional May Pole dance. The sun peeped out and everyone was able to enjoy the many stalls, fair rides and food on offer. Tom Parker from the pop group The Wanted drew the raffle. Jo Johnson MP for Orpington was so generous with his time to attend the event.

The Fayre raised £400 in aid of the Primrose Centre.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter being so early and schools breaking up so late we hunted for eggs after Easter!

It has become a very happy enjoyable event when children and grand children of visitors past and present enjoy a morning hunt in the garden with the added fun of having a bucket of Easter eggs to take home.

The charity is so grateful to Ricky Horner store manager and to Craig Bellingham commercial manager foods at M&S Bromley for their generous support of the event.





## Waitrose Bromley North

Thank you to Waitrose at Bromley North and the customers who chose to support the Primrose Centre in store through their green discs system – popping so many in the container on exit, raising £385 for the charity.

## Spinathon at the Spa Beckenham

In memory of Sandra Lovesey her friends and colleagues took part in a Spinathon at The Spa Beckenham to raise funds for the Primrose Centre. Through the generosity of those who took part and some who could not be there, they raised £800.

Lots of emotion and energy went into making the afternoon a very fitting project. Our thanks to everyone involved and especially Michelle Lilley at The Spa for organising the event.



## Primrose Garden

Since 2007 Rockfield have taken care of our lovely garden but in October Michael told us due to increased hard landscaping work he would not be able to continue in April.

We are so fortunate in having Coolings Nursery maintenance team taking over the contract. Their knowledge and support of the charity will ensure the garden will look truly beautiful.

The garden is an integral part of the centre and is really appreciated by all who use it.

## Primrose Centre Coffee Mornings

There will be a coffee morning at the Primrose Centre at 11am on:

Thursday July 14

Thursday August 11

Thursday September 8

Thursday October 13

Thursday November 10

## Local businesses who continue to support the Primrose Centre

BELMONT CLEANERS – Chislehurst

CLAUS HAIRDRESSERS – Bickley

COOLING'S NURSERY – Knockholt

eTraining Ltd – Bromley

LEA PRINTERS – Orpington

MARKS & SPENCER – Bromley

MARKS & SPENCER PLC

MMW – Bromley (bespoke furniture)

MPXAM – Website

THACKRAY WILLIAMS LLP – Bromley

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## We Need Your Support

Each visitor we support through a series of therapies costs the charity £250 so we need the support of visitors, friends, families and organisations who appreciate what we do.

Donations can be made by cheque, cash or credit card and through [www.btplc.com/mydonate](http://www.btplc.com/mydonate)



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