



The
Primrose
Centre

Supporting those with breast cancer

Primrose News

Autumn 2018

Primrose Proms



Our Primrose Proms was held in Arthurs garden at Coolings Nursery on the 7th July, a day that saw 30 degrees. We are so grateful to the directors of Coolings for inviting us to share the wonderful space in hosting the event. The setting was superb. The food by Marks and Spencer Deli was superb and plentiful. The work which went into the preparation of the freshly produced supper is due to Mary Ginty and her team at M&S Bromley, it was amazing. The floral arrangements were made and donated by Orpington Floral Art and were raffled off on the table at the end of the event.

The evening was an enormous success due to the generosity of so many involved which ensured the event was truly spectacular for the 130 guests who attended.

An enormous thank you to everyone who helped especially Jo Gallier before and on the evening, she was a star! The evening raised £5,429.

The Proms were such a success and we are thrilled that Gary Carvosso, the MD of Coolings, has invited us to return on Saturday 6th July, 2019.

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Welcome to the Primrose News Autumn 2018

Dear Supporter

As we approach the 8th birthday of the opening of the Primrose Centre we look back and celebrate some wonderful achievements especially being able to support so many and we look forward to continuing to provide a calm and really lovely space.

It is sixteen years since I first set my eyes on the building in 2002 it was then a chapel and continued to be until 2003, now that does seem a long time ago! With a wonderful outcome eventually.

During the past three months the charity has organised some wonderful events as have our supporters on our behalf. These fund raising events make it possible for the charity to do what it does.

In October Megan left us having been a volunteer here for the past two years on a Wednesday afternoon through her 6th form studies at St Olaves School. She has gone to read Medicine at Oxford. Megan was part of the team and we are delighted her friend Jodie has joined us for the next year.

As ever, thank you one and all for your support for the charity and the amazing support I get from so many of you. It is a real pleasure to head the charity into 2019.

Kind regards,

Mary Spinks

Mary Spinks, Chief Executive

Fundraising

Golf Day

In the wonderful setting of Chislehurst Golf Club a charity golf day was arranged in September with thirty-six players and forty-eight for dinner.

The weather was good and the golfers played in fours whilst raising £1,730 for the charity.

Play started at 1pm and saw the last of the players return after eighteen holes by 6.30pm in time for the bar and dinner which was much enjoyed.

We held a short auction after prize giving and the evening was so enjoyable we are returning on 6th September 2019 for the next event. Save the date and we would love to hear from potential players and sponsors.

The charity is grateful to Chislehurst Golf Club and to Maureen Covill, Anne Edwards and Lynne Gimson for their support organising the event.



Pub Quiz at The Woodman

Another fun evening at The Woodman was held in October (breast cancer awareness month) in aid of the charity which guaranteed a full house to answer the impossible. The event raised £545.

So grateful to Peter, his staff, Bob Donovan and all those who joined us and contributed to making the evening so successful.

We are delighted to be invited back again in October 2019.



M&S Bromley Bag Packing

At the end of August the charity was delighted to have the opportunity once more to pack food shopping for customers in store on the Bank Holiday weekend, the tills were busy in the Foodhall

Our volunteers turned out in force all forty of them to pack and speed the shoppers through the tills.

Customers as always were very generous raising £1,522.

Thank you to the shoppers and staff for their support.



Ted and Maureen Williams

Most of our supporters will know Maureen and Ted from the amazing Cream Teas and Primrose Proms up to 2017 which they hosted in their wonderful garden. They have both been a huge part of the charity, helped by Maureen's sister Geraldine, producing beautiful art work and intricate craft to sell in aid of the charity.

Ted, Edward Williams with co-author Peter Zieninski published King and Country Keston Parish the Great War. They sold seventy-five limited edition copies with the complete proceeds going to the charity. As they had obtained a donation from an anonymous donor to cover the publishing the charity received £1,250.

Ted has been busy making Bugs Hotels, all different and they now grace so many gardens, raising £450.

Maureen and Geraldine took a stand at Holwood Farm Keston Craft Fair and sold their original cards raising another £160.

We are so grateful to them for exceptional support.



National Lottery Awards for All

The charity is thrilled to be awarded a grant of £8,000 from The National Lottery Awards for All to support Mindfulness for our visitors.



NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED

The recognition by the lottery is a great boost for charity as the competition for funding is very strong and it will make a real difference to the charity.

To quote from their communication "Receiving this award is a mark of the quality of the work you are doing in the community" – a very nice pat on the back for everyone involved in making and keeping the centre special for those who need us.

Waitrose Biggin Hill



A huge thank you to the Partners at Waitrose Biggin Hill for choosing the Primrose Centre as one of their Community Matters good causes in September and also to the customers who selected the charity for their support.

It was great to be presented with a cheque for £499 to help the charity in what we do, **Waitrose** for which we are very grateful.



Trustees Lunch

At the AGM of the charity in September a luncheon was held afterwards when twenty five visitors joined us for a buffet lunch.

The charity holds two trustees meetings a year and we take the opportunity to invite different visitors whom the trustees are delighted to meet and to hear how by coming to the centre the charity is helping them.



Primrose Centre Coffee Mornings

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

Thursday 13th December 2018

Thursday 10th January 2019

Thursday 14th February 2019

Thursday 14th March 2019

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

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Megan Hennessy Leaves for Oxford

After two years volunteering at the charity on a Wednesday afternoon Megan left in October to read Medicine at Oxford. Megan first joined us in 2016 as part of the volunteering in the community during her time in the 6th form at St Olaves School.

She quickly became part of the team and we looked forward to her help and smile!

We all wish her well in her studies and look forward to following her progress.

We Need Your Support

Each visitor we help 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, direct

debit or credit card using www.bt.com/mydonate



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Future Events

Pitch Up for Primrose

Bag packing at M&S Bromley

Saturday 22nd December

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

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