

## **Basingstoke breast cancer self-help group meeting**

**23 October 2018**

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Minutes: Lyn Nelson

Fundraising Committee: Joyce, Isobel, Pat and Joanne

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Website: Paula Searle

Guest speakers: The guest speakers were Lizzie who is the senior breast care nurse and Francesca who is working on clinical trials in Winchester. Lizzie gave us an update on the breast unit, Miss Stebbing has now semi-retired and Mrs Rosie Stanton is going to be one of the breast surgeons. Dr Tinkler who was the radiotherapy doctor has also retired and Dr Umesh Hombaiah has taken her place. After the updates, Lizzie and Francesca did a question and answer session

### **Meeting:**

The cake sale took a total of £367.31

The Sizzling Sausages at Homebase made £222.40 after expenses

Ten ladies from the group visited Vyne House where we had a very interesting tour of the house led by Peter who gave us an insight into the history of the house and the people who lived there. Afterwards nine of the ladies went for lunch in the restaurant.

Forthcoming events:

The Macmillan Cancer Support networking event for cancer support groups in north Hampshire will be held at the Apollo Hotel on 30 October 2018.

Angela is organising Christmas afternoon tea in The Ark at 3.30pm at a cost of £14.50. There has been a list sent round for people's preferred days.

Joyce has kindly invited people to a farm walk in January (time and dates to be confirmed).

Radcan are holding a quiz night in Brookvale Village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> November, starts 7pm. Tickets £10 per person.

Light up a Life will be taking place in the grounds of St Michael's Hospice on Sunday 2 December at 7pm.

There will be a group Christmas buffet at Basingstoke Conservative Club on 11 December (7pm for 7.30pm). The cost is £17 but group funds will pay £10 off the meal making the cost to us £7 each. There will be a charge of £1 for non-members of the club.

Renee is organising a concert "Carry on Entertaining" at Queen Mary's College Hall on 6 April 2019. Tickets will be £13 each.

There will also be a "Motown Night" at Kempshott Village Hall on 28 September 2019. Tickets will be £12 each.

We will also have a canal Trip in July 2019.

The Ark have agreed that we may use the conference rooms for our 2019 meetings.

The guest speaker at the November meeting will be Gary Burrows from the sports centre.

The meeting finished with a raffle.