



Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group



Meetings in 2026

Our face to face meetings will continue to take place on the following dates:

- The ARK
6pm-8pm
- 19th May
Mr Kevin Harris
Consultant Breast Surgeon
- 23rd June
Jane Devonshire-
MasterChef Champion 2016 TBC
- 21st July
General Meeting



Angela: 07939 641187



Renee: 07717 873090

Editor's Bit



Email add: ehjcrochet@gmail.com

Hello Ladies.

EDITOR'S BIT

Hello everyone. Just to re-iterate the team structure, I will be looking after newsletters, tech support and Events boards, Maggie and Jane B will be taking care of booking regular events, booking and organizing speakers and Angela will still be taking care of the meetings, AGMs and monthly ones, meeting new ladies and buying and distributing all gifts for speakers. Please let Jane know of any speakers you'd like in 2027, so that she can make enquiries.

REGULAR MEETINGS

16 members attended our April meeting on **21st** where our speaker was Posy Mudie who gave us a practical demonstration of a Himalayan sound bath. Angela welcomed everyone to our meeting and a new lady called Fiona from SKYourWay. She also thanked Posy Mudie for her calming Himalayan Sound Bath she kindly did for us. We all found it extremely relaxing. Many people asked if Posy would return in 2027. We celebrated both Maggie and Ann's 70th birthdays with two delicious cakes. Congratulations to both of you! Angela spoke of our public liability insurance cover, for both meetings and fundraising events, and has asked for clarification from the hospital as it has taken over the running of the Ark.

At our May meeting on **19th May** our speaker will once again be Mr Kevin Harris, Consultant Breast Surgeon. Please remember to arrive in good time for his talk and bring cash for the raffle, I will have the events clip boards with me. I have chosen "Wild! Festival of flowers and Nature" as the September outing as it had more ticks against it than any of the other suggestions.



30th May is the **last Saturday** of this month and there will be **5K this month** starting outside Simply Tennis in the Memorial Park. We will meet for our regular cuppa and chat at Willis Museum Cafe at the top of town from 10:30 immediately after 5K. They will be ready for us to have our usual catch up meetings there as Gabardines is now permanently closed. Please note you do **not** have to do the **5k** in order to come for a cuppa later! You can just turn up at 10:30 to Willis. The following one will be **27th June**.

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

The meeting dates are set for 2026 and can be found on the reverse of this newsletter. The usual suspects will be attending on their regular months.

Please check each newsletter for changes to the speakers during this coming few months.

Our annual canal trip on the John Pinkerton will take place on **17th July** leaving @ **7pm prompt** from Odiham Wharf. Please bring your own picnic food and note that there is a bar onboard for drinks. It will be a help to the John Pinkerton group if we support their bar on this occasion.

Our annual summer social skittles evening will be on **18th August**. It will be taking place at **Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club** (near Milestones Museum) starting at 7PM. The buffet for this event has been held at £10 the same as last year..

Doreen is organising a visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill, which will be in June at a cost of £14.50 per person. Please sign up to this as we will lose our group status if we don't have 20 people going and may have to cancel.

I have begun to organize our Fundraising Dinner & Dance, which will be on Saturday 21st November at Loddon Vale IBC. Please ask around businesses in your local area for raffle or auction prizes. The dinner will cost £30 per head this year.

There are clipboards available for you to sign up to these events at each monthly meeting.

AND FINALLY

Paula has told Angela she doubts that the Patient Information Point area will still be operating in October as there are plans for it to be redeveloped. Unfortunately the area outside the canteen is no longer available to book for charity bake sales or for any organisation external to Hampshire Hospital. She suggested we start thinking of alternative site. Unless someone is willing to find somewhere else to hold it she thinks our cake sale days are over.



Essential Contacts Breast Care Nurses

Senior Breast CNS – Clare Clayden-Lewis Carley Donovan	01256 313126
Breast CNS – Sam Taylor Claire Lethaby Lianne Hankins Leah Roblett	01256 313126
Cancer Support Workers – Tracy Gosden Tracy Murphy Zahra Talebian	01256 313123
Secondary Breast CNS	07827 896883
Winchester CNS Team	01962 824592



Information and support

Breast Cancer Now

Breast Cancer Care's vision is that everyone affected by breast cancer will receive the highest standards of treatment, support and care.

www.breastcancercare.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support

Call our free support line - 0808 808 00 00 open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm
Improves the lives of people affected by cancer. Practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care. .

www.macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Support Care Hub 0300 1000 200
contact@macmillan.co.uk

Health Information Point, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital

Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, for help and information on all aspects of cancer, as well as other conditions, treatments, support groups and healthy lifestyles. Leaflet stock available 24/7.

Telephone: [01256 313969](tel:01256313969);

email: health.info@hhft.nhs.uk

www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk

Penny Brohn Cancer Care (formerly Bristol Cancer Centre)

We support and empower people affected by cancer through a client centred and integrated approach. As the UK's leading charity in complementary cancer care, the vision of Penny Brohn Cancer Care formerly Bristol Cancer Help Centre) is to enable world-wide access to complementary care and support through the Bristol Approach.

www.pennybrohn.org.uk

Against Breast Cancer

Against Breast Cancer is a registered charity which funds unique research into breast cancer. Our aim is to find vital information to increase survival after diagnosis and ultimately to discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk

Hypnotherapy Directory

An online directory of UK Hypnotherapists with information listed on the areas of Hypnotherapy covered fees, training and qualifications. The service is free, confidential and easy to use.

www.hypnotherapy-directory.org.uk

Counselling Directory

Provides the UK with a huge counselling support network, enabling those in distress to find a counsellor close to them and appropriate for their needs. This is a free, confidential service that will hopefully encourage

those in distress to seek help.

www.counselling-directory.org.uk

Therapy Directory

Promotes the benefits of complementary therapy and aims to give visitors all the information they need to help them make an informed decision about whether therapy would be right for them. All the therapists listed are registered with a recognised professional body.

www.therapy-directory.org.uk

Headcovers Unlimited

An American company specialising in hats, turbans and other headwear for hair loss and cancer patients. They ship to the UK.

www.headcovers.com

Look Good Feel Better

Pamper evenings for ladies who have/had a cancer diagnosis. A group of volunteers come along to teach people a 12 step skincare and make-up regime. You can book online at www.lgfb.co.uk

North and Mid-Hants BSU

Breast Screening Unit. Telephone Number [01962 824841](tel:01962824841)

Hhft.breastscreening@nhs.net

Dates and Speakers for 2026

20th January	AGM	Group Members
17th February	Helena Maskell—Fundraising Manager—Ark Cancer Charity	Group Members
24th March	Geoff Sharpe—Secretary, RSPB Basingstoke (The Magic of Kenya)	Group Members
21st April	Posy Mudie -Facilitating a Himalayan sound bath	Group Members
19th May	Kevin Harris—Consultant Breast Surgeon	Group Members
23rd June	Jane Devonshire- MasterChef Champion 2016 TBC	Group Members
21st July	General Meeting	Group Members
18th August	Skittles Social Evening	Members & Guests
22nd September	Dr Veli, Consultant Oncologist	Group Members
20th October	DTC Nurses and Carolyn from Amoena	Group Members
17th November	Mrs Rosie Stanton—Consultant Breast Surgeon	Group Members
15th December	Christmas Party	Group Members