

# maggie's matters

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In the Cotswolds



*Hello and Season's Greetings from me,  
Lisa Robinson.*

I am the new community fundraiser for Maggie's Cotswolds, taking over from Christiane whilst she is on maternity leave. I'm very much looking forward to supporting you and our community in fundraising over the forthcoming year.

I have already met some wonderful volunteers over the past few weeks who have made me feel very welcome and I hope that I have the pleasure of meeting more of you in 2009.

The past month has been a very busy one with lots of seasonal events happening in aid of Maggie's, some of which I've detailed in this newsletter.

I will be in touch again in the new-year with more exciting updates but in the meantime, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Lisa

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## The Crystal Ball in aid of Maggie's

Further to the October newsletter, I am delighted to report that The Crystal Ball held in September, has raised an amazing £10,600. All credit is due to the hard working committee who made the night such a success, some of whom, I had the pleasure of meeting earlier this month at a cheque presentation.



## A Day in the Country

Cowley Manor was the prestigious venue for a fun-filled fundraising day in November for Maggie's. Visitors to the prestigious country hotel were invited to sup bubbly and eat warm mince pies in the sumptuous surroundings before venturing to "The Village Shop" for some retail therapy.

Local school children treated visitors to carols in the evening and the whole event raised an impressive £400. A very special thank you to Cassie Alun-Jones and Mr and Mrs Frankopan for their support of Maggie's.

## News in Brief

Exciting news was announced this month that the **Duchess of Cornwall** has agreed to be the president of Maggie's for a 5 year term.

**The Sam Taylor-Wood Exhibition** held at Pittville Studios, and attended by Sarah Brown, our patron was a wonderful event and a very powerful opportunity to spread the word about Maggie's locally.

More good news locally, with the recent announcement that Maggie's has been chosen as a charity of the year by the Cheltenham Mayor Elect. Starting from May 2009, we are one of 3 charities to benefit for a 12 month period.

## Sing a Song for Maggie's

The much-acclaimed local choir, **The Gotherington Singers** got their audience into the swing of Christmas last Saturday, with a concert in aid of Maggie's. Held at St. Andrews United Reform Church, Montpellier, Cheltenham, the audience was treated to a programme of classic and contemporary seasonal songs whilst we also had the good excuse to sing our hearts out to some Christmas carols.



Raffle tickets, merchandise and ticket sales look to have raised in the region of £500 for Maggie's so a huge thank you to the singers for a wonderful evening.

## Christmas Shopping – It's all for a good cause!

Despite the biting cold, shoppers flocked to the annual Cheltenham Christmas Fayre held in Montpellier on 6th December. There was a wonderful atmosphere as local carollers kept the charity volunteers in high spirits and Starbucks kept us warm with free coffee. A huge thank you to Hilary Plumtree and Liz Harvey who set up and manned our very attractive stall at the crack of dawn as well as making hand-crafted goods for us to sell. A whopping £330 was raised through their hard work.

## Thank you

Thank you to Cirencester WI, Tradplas for their Ladies Night, The Bees Knees Pub, Liz Thick for her cheese and wine evening and to everyone who continues to support Maggie's Cotswolds.

## And finally... Maggie's Online Community

Don't forget that Maggie's has created an online community that offers advice and support for anyone affected by cancer anywhere in the UK. The community is available night and day by just connecting to the internet.

You can create a profile and post information and photos of yourself and the things that interest you; you can talk to others within common interest groups or write a blog. Maybe you'd like to join a group and get professional support on areas such as nutrition, benefits and relaxation. You can also speak to a Maggie's Clinical Psychologist within a confidential weekly group. You might even like to promote your fundraising activity. The beauty of the online community is that you can use the community when you like in a way that suits your needs.

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