

maggie's matters

May 2009

In the Cotswolds

WHAT AN EXCITING SPRING INTO SUMMER!

With Easter, a distant memory of far too many chocolate eggs, we have had a busy couple of months at Maggie's, none more exciting than the April visit of the First Lady of the United States of America Michelle Obama to our London centre. The First Lady visit was a guest of Maggie's Patron Sarah Brown, to mark the first birthday of the centre.

Wonderful news too, from the People's Postcode Lottery in England who have chosen Maggie's as a charity partner. This comes after the phenomenal success the pairing has had in Scotland, where players have raised a huge £557,147 for the centres to date. GMTV newsreader and presenter, Penny Smith will front our campaign as the charity ambassador.

In the meantime, here's what's been happening closer to home...

Regards

Lisa

STRICTLY LADIES ONLY!



25 female supporters of Maggie's recently enjoyed an exclusive tour of the famous Cheltenham, "Grand Designs, Underground House" at the kind invitation of owners, Tim and Zoe Bawtree. A delicious lunch was followed by an explanation of the exciting new website, www.swop2shop.co.uk which Zoe and her business partner, Kathryn Jenkins have just launched. The site enables women to swap clothes for points rather than pounds and Maggie's has been chosen as one of 3 charities to benefit from the venture.



Jacqui Whitbourn, Penelope Bossom and Sian Davies

LIVE BAND HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

Liz Thick of Gloucester raised more than £1,000 for Maggie's through a band evening where a live band and disco kept people dancing until the early hours of the morning at the Wall's Sports and Social Club. Thank you for all your hard work!

A HOLE IN ONE FOR MAGGIE'S

The C&G Golf Society beat last year's amazing fundraising achievement of £8,000 to reach a remarkable £10,000 in their second golf day for Maggie's. With matched funding from Lloyd's TSB, we are hoping that a whopping £20,000 will be raised towards the building of our Cotswolds centre.

A huge thank you to organiser Steve Standbridge for all of his hard work and to Barnwoods Chartered Surveyors for supporting this event once again.



Alison Barton, leading lady with Lisa

LOOKING GOOD, FEELING GREAT

Maggie's supporters Tania Summers and Wendy Symcox, owners of Dessous Chics Lingerie, in Cirencester hosted an evening of fashion and fun and raised a fabulous £595.

Thank you to everyone in the community who continues to support Maggie's.
Every penny takes us a step closer to our Cotswolds Centre.

VOTE FOR MAGGIE'S!

As part of its 140th anniversary celebrations, Sainsbury's are asking shoppers to nominate a local charity to be the official charity partner for each store for the year. The selected charity will benefit through working in partnership with them to organise fundraising events, including charity collections and staff volunteering projects. You can nominate a local charity between 6 - 26 May 2009 by completing a nomination form and submitting it into the 'Local Charity of the Year' voting box found at the front of your store. Let's vote Maggie's! See www.sainsburys.co.uk for more details.

Events - What's coming up?

Inauguration of the Mayor of Cheltenham, - 19 May 2009

As one of the new Mayor's charities, I will be attending the official inauguration at Cheltenham Town Hall. The ceremony is open free-of-charge to the public and starts at 6.30pm.

Please do come along and show your support.

Cosi Fan Tutte Opera, Nr. Cricklade, - 12/13 June 2009

There are still some tickets left for this light-hearted opera set in the beautiful Cotswolds countryside at Distillery Farm, nr Cricklade, Cirencester.

Set in the days of the Raj during the early 1920's, Opera A La Carte's staging of Mozart's wicked send-up of sexual stereotyping is a sensual tale of two sisters whose partners test their faithfulness. The title, "Cosi Fan Tutte" literally means, "Women are like that".

For more information on any of these events, please contact me.

Birdlip and Brimpsfield Cricket Club, Ball - 19 June 2009

Gather your friends and family for what promises to be a fun evening in aid of Maggie's. A sumptuous meal will be followed by music from a live band to get you on the dance floor.

Maggie's Cotswolds Garden Day - 9 July 2009

Garden-lovers are being offered an exclusive tour of three private and rarely opened, Cotswold gardens. Tickets include coach travel to and from the gardens, morning and afternoon refreshments and a light lunch. Each of the garden tours will be taken by the owners themselves and are at:

Daglingworth House,
Througham Court and
Ampney Park.



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