

# CANCERCHOICES

*Supporting people with cancer wherever they are.*

## DIVINE DIVA'S

Cancerchoices held it's pre Christmas Divine Diva's Extravaganza at the Wild Duck Inn Main Street, Portglenone on Sunday 28th November. Despite the best efforts of Jack Frost and the abominable snowman the audience were treated to a fine night's entertainment with fifteen exhibitors displaying a wide range of goods and services.

The main feature of the evening was the fashion show, with each model and their outfits receiving tremendous applause from all the viewers. The most popular display was the bridal gowns which were superbly demonstrated by models, Eimear, Michaela, Lisa, Holly and Charlene. The fashion show host was Karen Doherty from Wedding Bliss, Main St. Portglenone, with the models hair and beauty attended to by Seamus of Tres Bien Magherafelt.

The Cancer Choices Hospitality stand provided Pink Champagne and other treats ranging from marshmallow fruit sticks to home made treacle bread and mince pies. The Diva Celebration stand hosted the magnificent cake and prizes for the closing raffle. Prize sponsors were Penny Wise, Toome and Cancer Choices. The Scullion family stands were hosted by Sheila, Kathy, May and Sheila senior.

The busiest spot of the evening was the Recycled Teddy Bears stand, at one time swamped with mums and dads finishing off last minute shopping.



Sean Henry from Magherafelt opened the gala introducing the exhibitors, models, entertainment and hospitality. The range of products and services on view were wide and varied from WPA Health Care providers to specialist pieces from the Island Ceramics Art Centre of Lisburn.

The large Diva Celebration cake was enjoyed by many of the participants on the night and also by patients, carers, staff and volunteers visiting and attending Kylemore Cottage in the first week of December.

## ELEANOR ARTHUR GOLF CLASSIC

CancerChoices in conjunction with John Arthur staged the Eleanor Arthur Golf Classic at the Brown Trout Golf and Country Inn Aghad-owey on Friday 3rd September. This was a 4 Ball Team Classic which attracted a large number of teams competing for the honour of winning the classic and some of the prizes available on the day. The format for the classic was an 18 hole Stableford for men and a 9 hole Stableford for the ladies.

CancerChoices would like to thank all the staff and members of the Brown Trout Golf and Country Inn and all those who donated prizes for making this such a memorable day.

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# WALK the MALL

## GALA BALL

The CancerChoices 2010 Gala Ball was held in the Tullylagan Country House Hotel on Friday 15th October. The ball was a CancerChoices recognition event to reward all those who have supported the organisation throughout the six years it has been supporting people with cancer and to raise the profile of October being, *World Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. A packed Medieval Banqueting Hall acknowledged the contributions made by, *Alex McGuigan, Janis McCullough and Nicola Porter of NICAN, Catherine Tutton, Florence Foran, Genevieve Murphy, Heather Monteverdi, and Nick Pivot of Macmillan Cancer Support, Lynne Newell from Dungannon Citizens Advice Bureau, Margaret Hamilton, Noreen Boyd, Teresa Mullin, and Gerry Kelly*, all complimentary therapists with *CancerChoices*, *Mary Lou Coyle* a counsellor with *CancerChoices*. Special awards were made to *Mrs Sloan Consultant at Craigavon area Hospital* and to *Professor Spence Honorary President of CancerChoices*. Special awards were also made to *Cookstown District Council, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council* and to *Dungannon Enterprise Centre* for working with *CancerChoices* to help improve the services offered to patients, carers and the general public at our many out reach events throughout the Mid Ulster area and beyond.

Music was supplied by the Brian Mills band with a break at midnight to launch one hundred pink balloons into the night sky. A special thank you to every one involved for making this such a memorable occasion. We shall be up loading video on to our website.



The annual Walk the Mall, health promotion, information awareness and fund raising event was held on the Mall, Armagh City centre on Sunday 26th September. The walk which is now one of our major annual events was well supported with over 60 participants completing from one to 15 laps of the Mall.

The walk was officially started by Councillor Jim Speers, mayor of Armagh City & District Council. Health promotion and information packs were distributed on the day aimed at raising awareness of cancer in men. Participants and on lookers alike enjoyed the afternoon with walkers ranging in ages from 2 to 70. In an age of weight issues amongst children, it was particularly encouraging to see the number of young mothers walking with their children who all had pink balloons for releasing at the close of the event. Cancer Choices has already plans to make next years event even bigger and more popular than 2010.

## WINTER - SPRING PROGRAMME CALENDAR

CancerChoices has an extensive range of programmes that are currently under way or to start in the new year, examples of these are, *FEEL GOOD FRIDAY, The HEALING POWER of AYURVEDA, NEW YEAR NEW YOU, NEW PERSPECTIVES Programme, ANGEL HEALING COURSE, HOLISTIC HEALING MIND & BODY, CARERS SUPPORT Programme.*

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