

Press Release

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CBN 1st Anniversary Party – 1st September – 2-4pm

The Internet-based charity, Cancer Buddies Network (CBN) celebrated its 1st anniversary by holding a friendly gathering at Selsdon Centre in South Croydon, Surrey. People came from all over and as far afield as Spain and Worcestershire to join in the celebrations. They enjoyed tea, homemade cakes, speeches, a glass of fizzy and a specially designed birthday cake !

The top prize at the raffle was dinner for two at the local five-star Selsdon Park Hotel, and there were 17 other prizes donated by local businesses and friends. Many warm messages came from those who had found the support and friendship as members of CBN had been invaluable to them in their cancer journeys. Member Hazi Tester said 'when my life was at its lowest point CBN gave me friendship, hope and a place to find comfort.'

The Grand Finale of the afternoon was the launch of scores of red balloons, dedicated to loved ones, from the steps outside the Centre.

CBN, whose motto is 'Cancer need never be a lonely experience' was launched in 2006 and already has over 500 members. Jan Rutter says that after having had cancer herself in 2001 and sharing the whole experience with her own buddy, she wanted everyone else to have the same benefit as she did. CBN's mission is to link individuals with each other for the purpose of support and friendship on a one to one basis from the comfort of their own homes via the Internet. Jan says, 'it is so important to be able to share the ups and downs, laughter and tears along the way with someone who has been there too and understands how it feels.'

Jan's vision and message for the future is: 'We want CBN to become a household name so that anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends, now or in the future, will know exactly where to come to find all the help and support they need on what could be the most important journey of their lives'.

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