

Landmark Year for Joyce's High Scoring Charity Campaign



Staunch BPS member Joyce Rothschild, has launched her 20th annual charity-boosting drive for Macmillan Cancer Support after winning her own fight to beat breast cancer. On-going efforts to provide care for cancer victims and their families have so far raised a stunning £121,000. All the money has come from Joyce's Quiz, a brain-teasing challenge she devised to meet a vital health need. Entry fees and donations pour in from many parts of the UK and several overseas countries.

It began with a small toe-in-the water step Joyce took to show gratitude for help she received to recover from an aggressive form of cancer 20 years ago. The first modest proceeds were used to buy crucial equipment for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she was treated and since then, more than £111,000 has been given to Macmillan Cancer Support to help ensure a buoyant measure of funding for the charity's renowned record of service. A high-level of interest in the Quiz is kept alive by Joyce and her husband, Mark. They set the 100 questions for the challenge contestants face, each with its own designated theme.

Joyce received a British Citizens Award to acknowledge her mammoth achievement and shares with her loyal band of supporters the enormous credit they receive from Macmillan Cancer Support. This gratitude was warmly conveyed by Cheryl Attwood, a Macmillan volunteer worker, at the launch of Joyce's 20th annual Quiz held at her home in Solihull. It was attended by a number of the people who regularly add their weight to the fund-raising campaign and have helped to increase its wide-reaching appeal. One Quiz alone attracted more than 2000 entries.

Cheryl, who has also had cancer, praised the enormous result of efforts that enabled the charity to continue to provide valuable help for cancer patients and their carers.. "Without the amazing amounts you raise our work would be made much more difficult", she said.

Joyce, who is 60, is grateful to all those who remain firm followers of the Quiz including many members of the Jewish community. She gives special thanks to her long-time friend, Yasmi Roberts, for all her essential work to administer the fund-raising affairs of the competition. "This 20th year for the Quiz is a huge landmark for me", said Joyce. "I am lucky to have so many people who have maintained their long term interest. They make this generous effort not so much for the chance of winning the first prize of £35 but for the pleasure they say they get from taking part. They have become like a family willing to support a charity close to their hearts".

Joyce is the co-leader of the BPS choir and provides valuable support in other ways. Entries for this year's quiz need to be in by January 6th so there is still time to face the challenge. For a copy of the latest quiz visit <http://joycesquiz.weebly.com> or email Joyce at joyce10@me.com A £2 entry fee or donations can be sent by justgiving; Pay Pal or cheque. (details on the entry form)

There is an added treat for contestants this time. Everyone submitting a quiz form will be entered into a draw to win one of three £10 Marks and Spencer vouchers. | By Joe Seager

CHEDER'S MITZVAH DAY

The day before Mitzvah day Cheder set out to make rice crispy cakes for the Refugee tea party which was to be held at St Catherine's church.

A fantastic effort was made by all the children who divided themselves up into a human production line, making the cakes, checking the cakes (quality control!) and also counting the cakes.



Cheder managed to make 198 rice crispy cakes which were all donated to the tea party. We had a great time making them and contributing to Mitzvah day in our small way. | By Dela Kobic