



Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group



Meetings in 2024

Our face to face meetings will continue to take place on the following dates:

The ARK
6pm-8pm

24th September
Dr Remer—Oncologist

22nd October
DTC Nurses

19th November
Mrs Rosie Stanton
Consultant Surgeon

17th December
Christmas Party



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Hello Ladies.

AUGUST GROUP MEETING

Our meeting on **27th August at 7pm** was held at **Loddon Vale IBC**. Our **Annual Skittles Evening** was enormous fun. There were 41 bowlers who took part and the winning male bowler was Jack Seymour, Sue's husband. If my memory serves me well, the female winner was Tanya Yevdokymova, my Ukrainian guest And the last place prize went to Kathy who after a tiebreak with three others managed to win back her own raffle prize! The buffet was up to its usual standard and everyone seemed to have a lovely time.

VYNE HOUSE VISIT

The visit to Vyne house on **13th September** was attended by four of our members who enjoyed a leisurely walk around the house with tour guides giving lots of very interesting information about the various rooms, the history of the house, its occupants (including Royalty) and its grounds over the years. The four then went on to enjoy a light lunch in their delightful restaurant before heading home.

On **September 14th and 15th** I was back at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowls Club for their **Macmillan Coffee morning**. I really appreciated the help from those of you in our group who brought cake and spent some money on a cuppa and cake. No-one tried out bowls for free but the club had a very successful open weekend signing up twenty six new members. Overall we made £160.00 in donations for Macmillan coffee morning both from in person and online contributions. Thank you for playing your part.

REGULAR MEETINGS

28th September, is the **last Saturday** of the month and once again time for **5K Your Way**, our 5k walk/run/mixture (**who meet at Simply Tennis by 8:30am**). Some of us will be at Gabardine's afterwards. They are prepared for us to have our usual cuppa and catchup meetings afterwards in the snug area at 10:30 on the same day. Please note you do not have to do the 5k in order to come for a cuppa later! You can just turn up at 10:30 to Gabardine's.

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Angela recently met with a pathologist from the hospital, called Lucinda Streeter, and will be our guest

speaker in April next year. She is the manager of Point of Care Testing in Pathology. She comes highly recommended and will be joined by colleagues from Haematology and Histology. The talk will inform us of how blood, urine and/or tissue samples are analysed.

Mr Harris has recommended a senior breast cancer nurse practitioner called Jo Fields to be a guest speaker next February. Angela is trying to find a radiologist as our guest speaker at some future date. We will hear how radiologists interpret CT and MRI scans, as well as mammogram, X-ray and ultrasound images. Our regular attendees, Mr Harris, Dr Remer, DTC nurses, and Mrs Stanton means we have all our speakers for 2025 already.

24th September 6:00pm at the Arc

Guest speaker: Dr Remer- Oncologist at BNHH, He will be talking about chemotherapy in general, as well as the side effects of new treatments specifically

22nd October 6:00pm at the Arc

Guest Speakers: DTC Nurses

19th November 6:00pm at the Arc

Guest speaker: Mrs Stanton, Consultant Breast surgeon She will speak to us about the latest techniques and innovations in breast surgery.

AND FINALLY:

We are always open to for **suggestions** for outings and trips or regular events you'd like to do. If there is anything in particular that anyone would like to do, please email, text, WhatsApp or phone one of the three of us (Myself, Maggie or Jane A) with your thoughts. Alterna-



tively if anyone would like to run an organized trip or event, just let us know so that we can give you help and support to put it together.

Essential Contacts Breast Care Nurses

Senior Breast CNS – Clare Clayden-Lewis Carley Donovan	01256 313126
Breast CNS – Sam Taylor Claire Lethaby Lianne Hankins Leah Roblett	01256 313126
Cancer Support Workers – Tracy Gosden Tracy Murphy Zahra Talebian	01256 313123
Secondary Breast CNS	07827 896883
Winchester CNS Team	01962 824592

Information and support



Breast Cancer Now

Breast Cancer Care's vision is that everyone affected by breast cancer will receive the highest standards of treatment, support and care.

www.breastcancercare.org.uk

Lavender Trust

The Lavender Trust at Breast Cancer Care raises money specifically to fund information and support for younger women with breast cancer

www.lavendertrust.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support

Call our free support line – 0808 808 00 00 open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm
Improves the lives of people affected by cancer. Practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care.

www.macmillan.org.uk

Health Information Point, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital

Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, for help and information on all aspects of cancer, as well as other conditions, treatments, support groups and healthy lifestyles. Leaflet stock available 24/7.

Telephone: [01256 313969](tel:01256313969);

email: health.info@hhft.nhs.uk

www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk

Penny Brohn Cancer Care (formerly Bristol Cancer Centre)

We support and empower people affected by cancer through a client centred and integrated approach. As the UK's leading charity in complementary cancer care, the vision of Penny Brohn Cancer Care formerly Bristol Cancer Help Centre) is to enable world-wide access to complementary care and support through the Bristol Approach.

www.pennybrohn.org.uk

Against Breast Cancer

Against Breast Cancer is a registered charity which funds unique research into breast cancer. Our aim is to find vital information to increase survival after diagnosis and ultimately to discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk

Hypnotherapy Directory

An online directory of UK Hypnotherapists with information listed on the areas of Hypnotherapy covered fees, training and qualifications. The service is free, confidential and easy to use.

www.hypnotherapy-directory.org.uk

Counselling Directory

Provides the UK with a huge counselling support network, enabling those in distress to find a counsellor close to them and ap-

propriate for their needs. This is a free, confidential service that will hopefully encourage those in distress to seek help.
www.counselling-directory.org.uk

Therapy Directory

Promotes the benefits of complementary therapy and aims to give visitors all the information they need to help them make an informed decision about whether therapy would be right for them. All the therapists listed are registered with a recognised professional body.

www.therapy-directory.org.uk

Headcovers Unlimited

An American company specialising in hats, turbans and other headwear for hair loss and cancer patients. They ship to the UK.

www.headcovers.com

Look Good Feel Better

Pamper evenings for ladies who have/had a cancer diagnosis. A group of volunteers come along to teach people a 12 step skincare and make-up regime. To book you must call [01256315050](tel:01256315050), in advance.—no booking—no place

www.lgfb.co.uk

North and Mid-Hants BSU

Breast Screening Unit. Telephone Number [01962 824841](tel:01962824841)

Hhft.breastscreening@nhs.net

Dates and Speakers for 2024

23rd January	AGM	Group Members
20th February	Tony Bamberg -President Basingstoke Lions	Group Members
26th March	General Meeting	Group Members
23rd April	Geoff Sharp -Secretary RSPB Basingstoke	Group Members
21st May	Kevin Harris—Consultant Breast Surgeon	Group Members
25th June	Lavinia Winch—Ambassador Yes, Yes, Yes! Intimate Products	Group Members
23rd July	General meeting	Group Members
27th August	Skittles Social Evening	Members & Guests
24th September	Dr Remer – Oncologist—to be confirmed	Group Members
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