

News Release

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A Cut Above for Local Hospice

A Dersingham based unisex Hair & Beauty salon marked their 'Official Opening' on Tuesday by organising a prize draw and raffle and extending an open invitation for tea, coffee and nibbles whilst the draw took place. Hospice representative and volunteer Vanessa Blythe performed the prize draw. The first prize, a Valentine's Day treat consisting of a complete makeover by 'The Barn Hair & Beauty' and 2 tickets to the Valentine's Dinner Dance at Leziate Sailing and Country Club was won by Karen Williamson who was delighted and is looking forward to her Valentines Day treat.

Vicky Bennett, proprietor of 'The Barn' said, "We wanted to mark our opening with an extra special fundraising effort to a charity who we know makes a difference to people's lives. Supporting our local hospice, The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House was a popular choice as many of our customers are already familiar with the tremendous work that they do. Their fundraising team have been very supportive and helped us organise and promote the event. The salon team has enjoyed being involved and the publicity has definitely introduced new clients to our services, which is very important to a new business."

Zena Penty, Fundraising Administrator said "It has been great fun working with Vicky and her team. The staff and customers really got behind the effort and raised £237 from the prize draw and raffle on the day. We continually need to raise funds to continue to support our vital care services, which we provide for people coping with cancer and other life-limiting conditions such as Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis. It is important that we work hard to promote our events and continue to raise awareness. Not only have "The Barn" performed brilliantly in this fundraising event but they will continue to support us by displaying our events posters and having a collecting box on their counter, which is equally important."

"The Barn" is located adjacent to the new Carole Brown Health Centre in Dersingham, which was also opened officially last week by Her Majesty The Queen.

To arrange a photocall of the presentation of funds raised at the Salon with the team and a Hospice representative, please call Zena on **01485 542891**. Vicky Bennett can be contacted on 07967152891 for further details.

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The Norfolk Hospice - Tapping House

(Reg. Charity No. 1062800)

Since 1984, the Hospice has been providing palliative care to people with cancer, neurological and other life-limiting conditions, to enable them to live life to the full for whatever time is left.

Our services include: holistic day care, home hospice support, bereavement support for families, regular carer support groups, transport, equipment loan and an information service.

We care for over 200 people a month at the hospice and at home. Our care is provided without charge throughout Norfolk and the Fens and it costs £1 million a year to run our Hospice. We depend on the generosity of the community to survive: 85% our costs are paid for by the individuals, organisations and groups who give generously to support our vital care.

In life nothing is certain but, with your help, we can ensure that Norfolk and the Fens has the finest hospice care possible, now and in the future.

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