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CBN CELEBRATES ITS 2ND ANNIVERSARY!

The charity-run website, Cancer Buddies Network (CBN), celebrated its 2nd Anniversary by throwing a fabulous party on Saturday 30 August in Croydon, Surrey.

“I was knocked out that members came from as far and wide as Spain, Scotland, Sunderland and the south coast in order to attend and help celebrate the amazing milestone of having reached over 1,000 members in July this year,” says CEO and Founder, Jan Rutter. Members and friends enjoyed a fish and chip lunch washed down by a glass of bubbly, followed by speeches, toasts, hilarious games and a £100 raffle, then the special cake cutting and an inspiring CBN ceremony at the end for absent friends. “I’m so delighted that CBN has already been able to help so many people through their cancer journeys, and we intend to reach thousands more over the coming years,” says Jan.

Cancer Buddies Network has now become truly global thanks in a large part to Google who have taken CBN into their hearts and given them a grant in the form of free advertising since February this year. This has now spread to cover the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe with new members joining thick and fast.

“There’s no stopping us now,” says Jan. “With one in three people being diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives, it’s so important for us to be there to support not only the patients, but their family, friends and carers, too. At CBN members can search for a buddy to talk to on a one-to-one basis and also chat on the lively forum. There’s nothing like being able to share the ups and downs with others who understand how it feels because they’ve been there, too.”

CBN is supported by Macmillan Cancer Support, Millennium Grants UnLtd and Streets Ahead. Their Patron is the eminent oncologist Ian Smith, MD, FRCP, FRCPE, Professor of Cancer Medicine at the Royal Marsden Hospitals, London and Sutton.

Professor Smith says: “As an oncologist I see patients and their families who are frightened and worried about the impact that cancer will have on their lives and how it will affect them. From my personal experience, I have learnt that patients cope better when they are able to talk about what they’re going through and share their experiences with someone who understands. I wholeheartedly support CBN, an exciting concept in online Cancer Websites.”

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