

Winter Wonderland for 5th Annual Black Tie Charity Ball

The Bishop suite at The Palace Hotel on Babbacombe Road in Torquay will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland on Saturday 16th October for one of the region's premier events - the Annual Black Tie Charity Ball in support of Macmillan Cancer Support and Help for Heroes.

Organised by local award-winning fundraisers Joyce Sharpe and Sarah Thomas of Wood's Estate Agents and Auctioneer's in Newton Abbot, the 2010 event promises to be bigger and better than ever before with a Winter Wonderland theme, a choice of sponsorship packages for corporate guests and the option of an afternoon of relaxation before preparing for the glittering evening.



The ticket price of £38 includes a welcome drink on arrival, a three course meal prepared by the hotel's highly commended chefs followed by coffee and after dinner mints, an unlimited number of dips in a chocolate fountain, live entertainment and a lucky ticket with the chance to win a luxury night's stay for two at The Cavendish Hotel in London.

Everyone's favourite Pianist, Neil Reed will greet guests while a magician tricks and intrigues then a charming Frank Sinatra tribute singer takes to the stage during dinner. To finish the evening, guests will have the choice to take to the dance floor with live band, The Cadence or to buy chips for a visit to try their hand Black Jack, Poker or Roulette in the casino.



Guests will have the opportunity to take home a professional photograph of them looking glamorous against a wonderful backdrop in the Winter Wonderland, with flower decorations by Anne's Occasions and Susan's Florist, lighting by Torbay Displays and an ice sculpture by ICE 4 FX, which will take centre stage for the evening.

An auction, silent auction and prize draw promise to have guests on the edge of their seats in anticipation with prize items including:

- A four night break for two in the French Alps at the Hotel Auberge Camelia
- One of only 500 limited edition signed posters from the Red Arrows
- A footplate ride on a steam train with South Devon Railway
- A London package, including a luxury two-night stay at City Inns Westminster, Taste London membership and first class rail travel
- A three course buffet lunch and full use of the facilities for two at the Cedar Falls Health Spa
- Lunch for two at the Dart Marina
- A full day's hands on experience including flying at the Devon Bird of Prey Centre
- Christmas lunch for four at the Reed Hall, donated by event Exeter.com
- Tickets for the National Marine Aquarium, Babbacombe Theatre, The Big Sheep Park, Cobbaton Combat Collection, Crealy Adventure Park, Tor Abbey and Scott Cinemas
- Along with a Dr Hauschka Luxury Care Kit, a three-course meal at the Bay Brasserie, a £200 Brittany Ferries voucher and a range of other prizes donated by Fudge Kitchen, Holy Socks, Revitalise Massage, Fake Bake Tanning, Well Woman, JJS Music School, REN Skincare and The Aromatherapy Associates.

Guests will also take a goody bag home with them.

The Palace Hotel has limited rooms available for the night of the 16th October, at a special rate of £35 per person per night including breakfast.

For the first time, Joyce and Sarah have arranged some optional afternoon relaxation for guests. Pamper Sessions at The Palace Hotel with a manicure, pedicure, back, shoulder, head or foot massage along with a glass of champagne, strawberries and a small gift is a special price of £20, and guests can also take advantage of the hotel's pool and sauna to enhance their pampering experience.

For those who would prefer to get out on the green, an Afternoon 'Tee' Time nine-hole Texas Scramble Pitch and Putt golf tournament starts at midday with a small awards ceremony in the bar, and costs just £60 for a team of four, with small gift bags.

Another first are the Sponsorship Packages available for corporate guests. A choice of three packages starting at £150, give local businesses the opportunity to be involved to varying degrees.

The 5th Annual Black Tie Charity Ball is sponsored by Wood's and fellow team estate agents, Bryce Baker in Paignton, Teignbridge Estates in Chudleigh and Copus Woods Estates in Ashburton as well as Besley & Copp Print Solutions, supplier of print and design for Westcountry team and many of its agents.

All profits from all activities will be divided and donated equally between the two charities.

Sarah Thomas, organiser, said: “The pamper sessions and the golf tournament are proving extremely popular already. Many of our guests stay for a long or short weekend; this gives them something to do during the day and what better way to prepare for a glamorous evening than a pamper session or to blow the cobwebs away on the golf course? Tickets are selling well, and Joyce and I are both really excited about the ball, which will be our biggest and best ever event.”

Those unable to attend but would like to make a donation for the two charities, for a booking form or further information, contact Joyce or Sarah at Wood’s, team estate agents and auctioneers on 01626 336633 or email homes@woodshomes.co.uk.

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Notes to editors:

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