

## Myriad of items up for grabs at sixth Annual Charity Ball

- 15<sup>th</sup> October, The Grand Hotel, Torquay

The sixth Annual Black Tie Charity Ball, organised by Wood's Estate Agents & Auctioneers, **team** agent with six local Devon offices, takes place at The Grand Hotel on Torquay's seafront on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Help for Heroes.



At £39 per head or £380 for a table of 10, the spectacular evening begins at 6:30pm and includes an arrival drink, a three course dinner and entertainment including a chocolate fountain, a casino and music by Chudleigh-based band, Loose Cannons performing original tracks as well as Soul, Rock, Pop, Funk, Blues and Big Band covers by a wide range of highly-acclaimed artists from Frank Sinatra, James Brown and Aretha Franklin to The Specials, Feeder, Snow Patrol, Take That and local girl, Joss Stone. An additional option introduced this year is tickets for the post-dinner entertainment, from 8:30pm, at only £15 each.

An exciting auction, silent auction and prize draw will raise more funds for the charities with a myriad of popular, rare and even bizarre items to be won including cinema and theatre tickets; hotel breaks, dinner and afternoon tea at fine establishments locally and in London, including a visit to the House of Commons for Prime Minister's Questions with a tour and afternoon tea in the Peer's Dining Room. Added to these are spa, leisure and gift experiences, vouchers and tickets to local attractions including guided tours of Plymouth Gin, Tuckers Maltings and the Dartington Glass Factory and a train footplate experience as well as chocolates and wine and cosmetics and bath products including a skincare/ makeup consultation for two at Champneys. And just announced is the prize of two tickets for the best seats at Wembley Arena to see Olly Murs along with a night at the Victoria Plaza Hotel.



Also on offer are sporting prizes including signed memorabilia, rounds of golf, tickets to Twickenham for the Help for Heroes Challenge Match on 3rd December as well as The Heroes, along with celebrity and miscellaneous items such as a collection of signed celebrity photographs, a boxed pen from No.10 Downing Street, audience tickets for Countdown, a lady's watch, dressing table donated by Charisma, decorative household items, miniature three drawer chest for trinkets

and jewellery – unique and handmade to scale donated by Brights of Nettlebed, a toy Olga the Dog as seen on Paul O’Grady’s ITV show and two bizarre prizes – a nucleus of Bees and a pair of jeans with certificate, worn by actor Andrew Whyment while playing Kirk Sutherland in Coronation Street, ideal for fans of the iconic show.



Wood’s has organised annual charity balls since 2006 and over the last five events, each has raised an average of nearly £8,000. In 2009, Help for Heroes became a beneficiary alongside Macmillan Cancer Support and all funds raised in 2011 will also be split equally between the two charities.

In 2007, cancer caused about 13% of all human deaths worldwide and in 2008 around 309,500 people in the UK were diagnosed with the disease. From its early beginnings, founded in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan, Macmillan Cancer Support has grown to become the largest cancer care and support charity in the UK. Macmillan funds nurses and other specialist health care professionals and operates a number of cancer care centres as a source of support, helping with all the things that people affected by cancer want and need as well as providing help for carers, families and communities, guiding people through the process and giving so much more than medical help, supporting them every step of the way.

Help for Heroes was founded in 2007 and raises money to support members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded in the service of their country. The charity is strictly non political and non critical; it simply wants to help, believing that anyone who serves at war, knowing that they may risk all, is a hero; ordinary people doing extraordinary things and some of them live with the consequences of their service for life. The charity states: “We may not be able to prevent our soldiers from being wounded, but together we can help them get better”.

Sarah Thomas, charity co-ordinator at Woods’ Estate Agents, said: “The two charities carry out vitally important work and we’re pleased to do something to help. Our annual Charity Balls are always huge sell-out successes; we have lots of fun while raising funds so everyone’s a winner.”

The Grand Hotel provides plenty of space for parking and is offering a special discount for guests’ accommodation. For further information or to buy tickets, visit [www.woodscharityball.co.uk](http://www.woodscharityball.co.uk) or call Sarah at the Newton Abbot office on 01626 336633.

For information about buying, selling or letting a home with Wood’s, pop into any of the Wood’s offices, in Kingsteignton, Ashburton, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, Kingskerswell and Totnes or visit [www.teamprop.co.uk](http://www.teamprop.co.uk) or [www.woodshomes.co.uk](http://www.woodshomes.co.uk).

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**In the photographs:**

Sarah Thomas and Joyce Sharpe, organisers of the Charity Ball at the event in 2010

The dressing table donated by Charisma

The miniature, handmade three drawer chest donated by Brights of Nettlebed

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**Notes to editors:**

Westcountry **team** is part of **team** Association, the largest organisation for independent estate agents in the UK, with hundreds of members. Westcountry **team** covers Cornwall, Devon and West Dorset, and consists of 59 members at this time, all of which work together to sell property for clients, and are actively committed to their nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. **team**'s 'blue sky' image, with transparent team logo on a blue sky background reflects the association's and each individual agent's commitment to providing a clear, transparent service to their clients and conducting business in a straightforward, honest and professional way.

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