

Two charities benefit from fashion show



RAISING MONEY: Sue Carter and Pauline Donnelly of Image Salon, Ipswich with a cake made by members of 4YP, Zoe Sparkes and leanne Ankers. More than £10,000 has been raised for two Ipswich charities in memory of Kyle. Picture: LUCY TAYLOR

IPSWICH: Two town-based charities have received a massive financial boost

More than £10,000 was raised at a charity fashion show and auction held last month.

Organised by Sue Carter, owner of Image Salon, and Pauline Donnelly, the event was held in honour of Kyle Donnelly, who died earlier this year.

Hundreds of people flocked to attend the event – sponsored by The Evening Star and held at Wherstead Park Hall – which raised £4,000 for St Elizabeth Hospice and £6,500 for the Suffolk Young People's Health Project, also known as 4YP.

Ms Carter, of the beauty salon in Old Foundry Road, said she had been delighted by the generosity of her friends and family.

"I am so pleased with how successful the event was," she said. "I was completely elated by how much money was raised."

Search is launched for a new trust chairman

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IPSWICH: The search is on to find a new chairman of the town's hospital trust after Mike Brookes announced he will retire at the end of this year.

Mr Brookes has chaired the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust for five and a half years and before taking up the role he was chairman of the Essex Strategic Health Authority, South Essex Health Authority and Southend Hospital NHS Trust.

Andrew Reed, chief executive of the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, said: "I would like to thank Mike for all that he has done for Ipswich Hospital, particularly overseeing us achieve Dr Foster Hospital of the Year status and developing an impressive record around patient safety and quality standards."

Mr Brookes said that he had always felt proud to be chairman of the trust. "It has been a privilege and a



SET TO RETIRE: Chairman of Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust Mike Brookes

pleasure to work with staff and volunteers throughout the hospital, and in the past year with our Shadow Council of Governors," he said. "I wish Ipswich Hospital every success for the future."

Mr Brookes joined the hospital on July 1, 2006. Before joining the NHS, he pursued a general management career for 32 years with Ford motor company.

During his 15 years in the NHS, Mr Brookes has taken a keen interest in all aspects of the organisation and particularly focused on championing good examples of team work.

Siobhan Jordan, director of nursing and quality said: "He truly champions and expects our patients to receive excellent care. I will really miss Mike".

The Appointments Commission will now begin the search for a successor.

An interim chair will be appointed until this recruitment process is complete.

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A delightful evening of memorable songs

The Regent was nearly full for the return of Bill Wyman and his band, who have been going for about 12 years now.

Bill started the evening by introducing the members of the Rhythm Kings to the audience and telling a couple of stories to get everyone in the mood.

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BILL WYMAN AND THE RHYTHM KINGS
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A feature of the whole concert was the two-man horn section, which blew up

a storm at every opportunity. The second track was Jitterbug Boogie that featured the skills of Albert Lee on guitar.

The band hit their stride with vocalist Beverly Skeet belting out the Etta James hit Tell Mama for the third song of the night.

As we neared the end of

the evening, we got the obligatory Rolling Stones song; Bill Wyman on the vocals and the crowd singing along to Honky Tonk Woman. We all felt we had had great value and I'm hoping they are back in 2012.

MARK WESTALL

County's focus on healthy lives

SUFFOLK: The county is to play a leading international role in developing new ways of keeping people active, healthy and happy as they grow older.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) has been awarded £310,000 from the European Union to spearhead

a group of European organisations which will improve the understanding of the best ways to keep 45 to 65-year-olds in good health.

The programme will develop innovative approaches to healthy ageing. The initiative will include six Suffolk organisations.

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'Tis the season to win your full Christmas shop at Asda Stowmarket.

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