

Relay For Life Aylesbury

Racing to help beat breast cancer



The participants are proudly presenting their magenta armsleeves.

From 5 to 6 July 2014 Relay for Life, the largest non-profit fundraising event to help beat breast cancer, took place in Aylesbury, UK. medi UK were approached by lymphoedema specialist Sue Lawrence, from Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury, to supply magenta mediven 550 armsleeves for the participants and patients from her service to wear during the run. The Group they were running for was the Breast Friends – Aylesbury's Breast Cancer Support Group.

The event was blessed by good weather eventually, great attendance and an inspiring community spirit. With everyone's help they were able to raise an amazing amount to support the vital work of Cancer Research UK, which will help them continue to save lives by preventing, controlling and curing all cancers. Cancer Research UK is fighting for a world where no one's life is cut short by cancer. And there is

real hope. Each year the Cancer Research UK scientists get closer to finding cures. Whether that is through targeted treatment or simply detecting cancers earlier. The event has helped to double the survival rates in just 40 years.

The History of Relay For Life

Relay For Life is the largest non-profit fundraising event in the world, and now takes place in more than 20 countries. It all started in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington USA, when a Surgeon, Dr Gordy Klatt, a keen runner, decided he wanted to make a difference and walked around a track for 24 hours. He raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. The following year he recruited a committee and 19 teams to join him on this unique overnight experience, and Relay For Life was

born. In the UK Relay For Life is under licence to Cancer Research UK and the events are led by volunteers.

Throughout the year, teams of 8 to 15 people get together and fundraise in their local communities to support the work of Cancer Research UK. Then everyone comes together in an inspiring overnight celebration and commemoration that the whole community can be part of. They have teams consisting of family members, work colleagues and friends. They range in age from a few months to very senior citizens, male and female.

On the day of Relay For Life Aylesbury you can expect a celebratory mix of music, games, entertainment, food, fundraising and perhaps a few surprises. Whilst the event is in full swing, members of each team will take turns to walk around the track for the duration of the Relay. All events are overnight as this marks the fact that cancer never sleeps.

Survivors' Lap of Honour

Relay For Life Aylesbury begins with the inspiring Survivors' Lap of Honour. Cancer survivors walk the first lap of the course, cheered and supported by the community. Together they celebrate life and the efforts they are all making to help beat cancer.

The closing ceremony

At the end of Relay For Life Aylesbury, everyone joins together for a final lap to celebrate their fundraising achievements and look back on an unforgettable experience.

If you would like more information about Relay for Life please visit www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org.



In front of the Aylesbury Relay for Life tent are the participants from Florence Nightingale Hospice Lisa Slater, Julie Perrottet and Paula Watson – happily wearing their magenta armsleeves.

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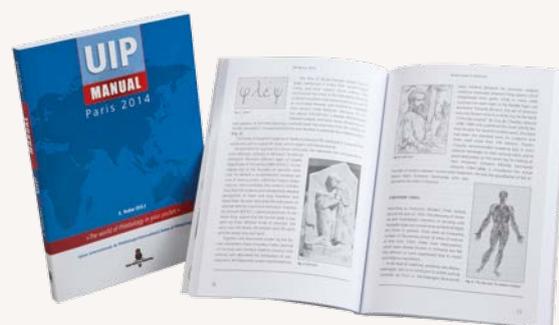
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