

Breakthrough Breast Cancer

For 15 years now Avon Cosmetics has been supporting Breakthrough Breast Cancer, so when Avon asked us to hold 'Pink Pamper Parties' throughout October to raise money for Breakthrough, it gave me an idea. I suggested to Lorna Churn and Jean Poole that one of our Tea Afternoons in October could be held to raise money for Breakthrough. They were enthusiastic too, and volunteered to share the baking that day. We asked everyone to come wearing something pink, and we baked cakes and decorated them with pink icing. Breakthrough provided pink balloons and collecting boxes and Lorna laid the table with a pink cloth and pink serviettes. As a result we raised £36.45 at the tea afternoon and made £9 selling pins and pens bought from the Cancer Research shop. On the following Sunday £8.30 was collected.

When I told Maggie Bannister of our plans, she was keen to hold a similar event at lunch club. We again asked everyone to come wearing something pink (even the kitchen staff followed suit) and Maggie planned a 'pink menu' – beetroot soup ; tuna and pasta bake with pink salads; beetroot , yoghurt and raspberry; egg mayonnaise with thousand island dressing; coleslaw and pink salad (basically green salad). Even pink puddings were served; jammy rice pudding or gingerbread with pink custard. (Our custard-Queen, Ann Pollard, made pink custard for the first time!) Again the pink and white balloons were provided with pink collecting boxes. As with the tea afternoon we laid the tables with pink tablecloths and pink serviettes. As a result we raised £15.75 at lunch club, and £8 selling Breakthrough pins and trolley-coin key rings bought from Avon.

At both events, everyone entered into the swing of things enthusiastically, (although some would not divulge where they were wearing pink) and a good time was had by all. Maybe another themed event can be planned at a later date.

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Our lunch club in the pink