

Lord Provost opens the Biggest Coffee Morning at M&S The Gyle



The Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, The Rt Hon Donald Wilson, joined forces with M&S to help launch a special World's Biggest Coffee Morning event for Macmillan Cancer Support at the M&S Café at Gyle Shopping Centre this morning.

The activities included:-

Jazz music by Edinburgh based, Banyuls Saxophone Quartet
Award-winning children's entertainment, magician, 'Alexander the Great'

Face painting for the whole family to get involved in

Staff were dressed up as mad hatters from Alice & Wonderland and there was a special performance by the Linlithgow Rugby Club Male Voice Choir



MSP for Edinburgh West, Colin Keir, also attended the event which is within his constituency.

Over 5 million people across the UK are expected to take part in the coffee morning today. Macmillan is aiming to raise over £15million to help ensure that no one faces cancer alone. The drive comes as over 15,000 people in Edinburgh are now living with cancer, with an additional 2,400 people diagnosed every year.

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning calls on people across the country to gather with friends and family to hold a

coffee morning.

In addition, customers at M&S can also support the cause by going to over 300 M&S Cafés nationwide and buying:

- 14 select items sold in M&S Cafés. 5p of the retail selling value of these items will be donated to Macmillan;
- A Victoria Sponge cake from M&S Food halls. 20p of the retail selling value of this popular dessert will be donated to Macmillan;
- A cup of coffee – M&S will donate a further 50p for every coffee sold tomorrow;
- Specially-commissioned pin badges or Macmillan's 'Little Book of Treats', which features recipes from supporters and celebrities.

