Lasswade's 'Dobbies' takes part in Macmillan's Coffee Morning

Dobbies Garden Centres is raising vital funds for Macmillan's Coffee Morning this week, by hosting its own 'Raise a Cup' event in the Lasswade store.

'Raise a Cup' will run from now to Sunday 27 September in Dobbies' restaurants across the UK, from 10:30 each day, with customers able to enjoy a hot drink and a cake for £5.99. There will be opportunities to make donations at the till and throughout the restaurant, plus a chance to win a cake bundle by guessing the weight of the bundle*. A winner will be selected from every store.

Macmillan is encouraging the public to do 'whatever it takes' to get involved in the annual Coffee Morning fundraiser which turns 30 this year. People can show their support in a series of different ways; whether that's by hosting a safe and socially distanced stall on their doorstep – adhering to coronavirus guidelines, organising a virtual get-together, taking on a fitness challenge or by donating and Raising a Mug for a selfie online.

The official Coffee Morning takes place on Friday 25 September, with Dobbies hosting a special Facebook Live with coffee specialists, Matthew Algie from 13:00 to 13:45. Gosia Lendzioszek, who is a Coffee Excellence Manager, will chat through fun facts and myth busters about coffee, host demonstrations, invite questions, as well as encouraging people to donate online.

Dobbies will also be encouraging customers to show off their best home-baking on social media with a competition to win an Afternoon Tea for two.

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Graeme Jenkins, CEO at Dobbies, said: "Macmillan Cancer Support deliver amazing work and we hope that our 'Raise a Cup' event contributes to the fantastic fundraising efforts taking place across the UK.

"We encourage everyone to make their coffee count during this week and visit Dobbies Lasswade to raise a cup for this worthwhile cause."

Dobbies will give the full donation from the sale of cupcakes, collections at the tills and buckets located in the restaurants, from guess the weight of the cake bundle as well as online during the Facebook Live event.

The safety of customers and team members is Dobbies' number one priority and a number of social distancing and safety measures are in place in the restaurants. To ensure customers feel safe and have a relaxed and enjoyable time, there will be a reduced capacity to ensure social distancing is adhered to, with tables and chairs laid out to so there is a safe distance between diners.

Macmillan Cancer Support offers essential care and advice for those affected by cancer; from initial diagnosis through to treatment and aftercare, as well as supporting family members and carers. The funds raised from Macmillan's Coffee Morning allow the charity to continue to provide emotional, clinical and financial support for people living with cancer, who need the charity now more than ever before.

For more information visit <u>dobbies.com</u>.