

The Pink Ball

The Shipton Ball Committee linked up with the Witney and District Fund-raising Team of the national charity *Against Breast Cancer* based at Harwell, to organise a glittering event on November 26th 2005, which raised nearly £4,000 for the charity.

Pretty in Pink

The New Beaconsfield Hall looked a picture in pink with tables

decorated with lovely flower arrangements, pink covers and balloons. About 140 guests enjoyed a bubbly reception, three-course meal with wines and port and dancing to the Shipton-based band, Ragged Edge. Thanks also to the Shipton Ladies who provided a delicious array of home made puddings. Mervyn Cawley once again played the piano during the meal, raising more money from sponsorship of the songs he played.

The Witney ABC team, with help from the ball committee, had amassed a fantastic array of auction and raffle prizes including weekend breaks, Christmas hampers, signed books and perfumes which alone raised more than £2,000.

The toast was proposed by Anita Hollingdale and the reply was given by Jeanne Chattoe, chairman of ABC Witney, who spoke of her own brush

with the disease and her fund-raising efforts following the death of her sister Delia from breast cancer.



Denise Barkley, Sue Mullis & Sandy Bradshaw

Funding Research

ABC is doing ground-breaking research into the effect that diet

and lifestyle has on survival and the Witney Fundraising Team are committed to raising the money needed to fund the research. Since the beginning of October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the team have raised an amazing £15,000 - a large chunk of this coming from the Pink Ball.

It was hard work, but thoroughly worthwhile; we are so very grateful to the Shipton Ball committee and all the guests who came along and supported us. It was a really fabulous night.

**Denise Barkley
Secretary of the Witney
Fund-raising Team**

Dr Sandy Scott's Retirement Party

**Friday April 7th, 7:00pm onwards at the
New Beaconsfield Hall**

You are all welcome!