

Marie and Sharons Tombola and Raffle Story

Marie Gilmartin and Sharon Thompson's father Brian unfortunately was diagnosed with mesothelioma in October last year, immediately they knew they would like to raise awareness about this disease and raise money and do something positive for their father. They contacted Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust and having sent out our fundraising pack and e-mailed them lots of ideas taken of our website and after a lot of soul searching they decided they would hold a cake stall at work and might have a stall at the local summer fete. This turned into fruition and this is there story.

On Saturday 12th June 2010 we held a Tombola and Raffle stall at our local village feast day in Waterbeach, Cambridge. We had planned to do a Tombola but due to the amount of valuable prizes we received we decided to hold a Raffle and Tombola. As our Father, Brian Sidney Langley, has been an electrician for over 50 years we thought it would be appropriate and quite fitting to ask all the electrical and building suppliers if they would donate gifts. We also approached the local beauty salon and some football clubs. From the prizes they donated we used them for the Raffle.

On the day we had a lot of people helping and we had sunshine all day. We are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of **£955.49** for Mesothelioma UK. This certainly exceeded our expectations.

The day was a great success in raising money but also in raising awareness. Everyone seems to know what asbestos is and the dangers of it but few know the diseases that are related to it. The sad reality is that people only tend to recognise the word Mesothelioma if you have the disease or a loved one has it. This is how we are aware of the disease. Sadly our Father was diagnosed with Mesothelioma in October 2009. However, rather than retreat from the world, our Dad with his family behind him are wanting to raise awareness and the much needed funds to keep Mesothelioma UK going. We have always known our Dad to be a brave, strong, courageous man but we have never felt as proud of him as we do now. We are equally as proud of our Mum who continues to be the ever caring Wife, Mother and Grandmother.

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all those people that donated prizes, sold tickets, bought tickets and helped the night before and on the day.

From

Marie Gilmartin (nee Langley) and Sharon Thompson (nee Langley)



Left to right (Sharon Thompson, Doreen and Brian Langley, Marie Gilmartin)