

For Douglas Macmillan from Faye Johnson

Fashion

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A group of friends are encouraging people to strut their stuff on the catwalk in order to raise funds for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

The fashion show, which is due to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at Ipstones Memorial Hall in Stoke-on-Trent, is being organised by Nicola Edwards and a group of her friends. One of these is Jo Deaville, who will be providing dresses from her shop for the event. Men's Dinner Jackets are being donated by Chaplins Menswear.

The show's organisers have written to several other companies, including Kerrygold, to ask for refreshments like cheese and wine to be donated, so that they are able to give as much money as they can to the Hospice.

Nicola said: "Ten or twenty years ago, I didn't know anybody with cancer and now, I know too many people."

"I've always done the Midnight to Sunrise Walk and stuff like that, but I thought it would be nice to just give a bit more and have a bit of fun doing it as well."

The dresses featured in the show are designed by Gino Cerruti, and will be included in themed sections such as, 'Day At The Races', 'Party Collection', 'Prom Dresses', 'Bridal Wear' and 'Evening Wear'.

Local people, such as the District Nurses from Leek Health Centre and the Ipstones Village Firemen, have already put their names forward to model in the show. The organisers are also looking for members of the public to have a go at modelling: "We don't want perfect size models, we want all different sizes," Nicola said.

Dresses will be available for purchase at the event, prices will range from approximately £40 to £300. Ten percent of the profits from these sales will be donated to the Hospice, as well as proceeds from the ticket sales and raffle.

The fashion show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5. To book, call Nicola on: 07766 692740.