

Event

The Bond Ball

The evening of February 7th saw Chartwell sparkle as 224 glamorous guests attended The Bond Ball. Organised by Karen Graham, Annabel Newell, Emma Patel and Sarah Allen, the ball was a luxury fundraising event in aid of two local charities; Shumbashaba and Friends of Diepsloot.



Shumbashaba provides therapeutic horse riding for disabled and disadvantaged children, many of whom live in Diepsloot, allowing them to strengthen muscles, improve confidence and experience mobility. Friends of Diepsloot supports three projects; Thokozani pre-school, with 200 children, Philisa Isizwe Foundation that cares for 480 children, and Project Dignity, which provides eco-friendly, reusable sanitary wear, and sexual education to teenagers.

Women looking elegant in their dresses, and men sharp in their tailored suits, walked a red carpet into a room sparkling with diamonds, martini glasses, and all things James Bond.

Guests enjoyed a delicious three-course meal alongside a selection of fundraising activities, including a fabulous auction and a casino hosted by Flush Royale. Prizes for the evening were generously donated by The Safari Guys, Piajeh, Katundu, Silver Ribbon and Mowana Spa.

One of the prizes was a catered dinner for 14 people, cooked and served by the Dainfern Men's Cooking Club, a group of Dainfern gentlemen who are heads of industry, but who have a passion for food. This was so popular it was auctioned twice, raising thousands of much needed rands for Friends of Diepsloot and Shumbashaba.

South Africa's U18 Colour Festival and Karma World Tour DJ Competition Winners, DeeOne, provided the music for the evening. They had people up and dancing until the early hours of the morning.

Jacky Du Plessis from Shumbashaba said: "We are bowled over by the efforts, energy, outstanding skills and generosity of spirit of Karen, Annabel, Emma and Sarah."

The evening was a huge success and the total amount raised on the night reached almost R300,000 which will be shared between Friends of Diepsloot and Shumbashaba. ■



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