

Mums take up Great challenge

“OVERWHELMING” – that was how two Ribble Valley mums described the turn out for a quiz night held to kick-start their fun -raising efforts.

The event, held at Bolton-by-Bowland Village Hall, raised £1,800 for the joint causes being supported, CLIC Sargent children’s cancer charity and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Helen Hoyle and Melissa O’Rourke, both mums-of-three, will also take on the challenge of the Great North Run on September 18th.

Helen said: “The quiz night was an amazing success. People just kept coming through the doors and we had to use the stage for extra seating. One local resident who has lived here for years said he had never seen the hall so full. We were panicking in case more people arrived as they would have had to be seated on the floor!”

The friends were bowled over by the generosity of many local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle and auction. They were particularly touched when a lady currently undergoing chemotherapy herself offered a two-hour ironing session for the promises auction.

Melissa continued: “I lost both my parents to cancer just a year apart and so the charities we’re supporting are very close to our hearts. We’re both busy mums and have definitely caught the running bug now – we’ve also just put our names into the ballot for the London Marathon!”

To donate to the either of the charities being supported, please contact Helen on 07502 323034.



IN THE RUNNING: Melissa O’Rourke and Helen Hoyle are ready to take on the Great North Run. (s)