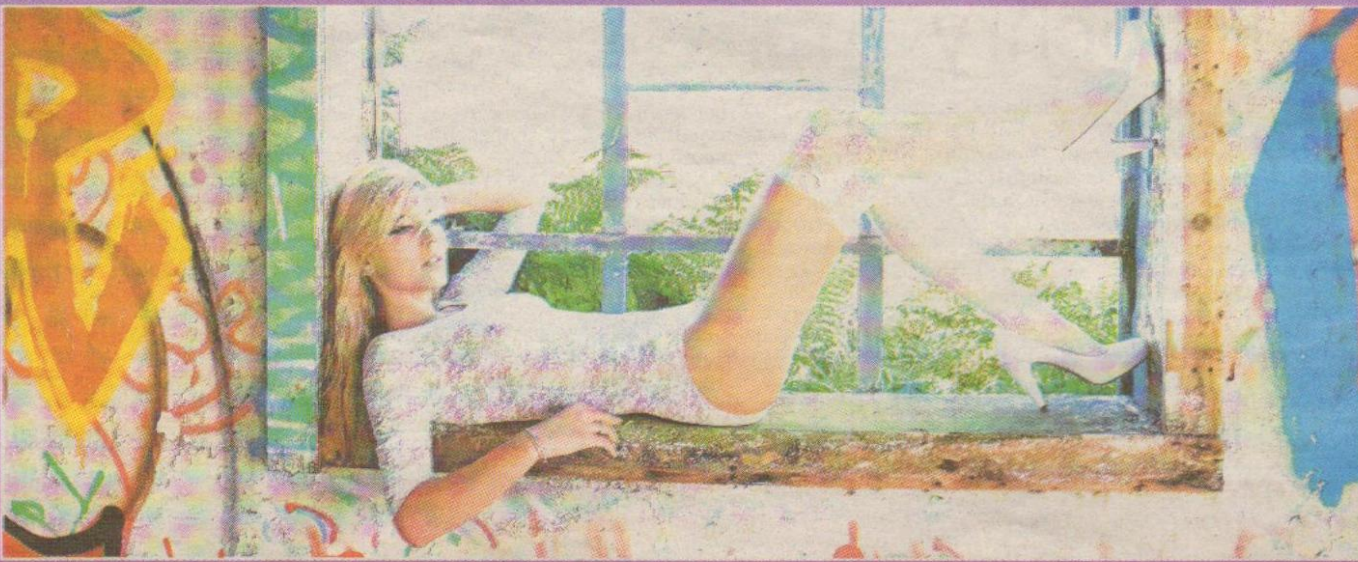


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Model boosts campaign for cancer charity

By **Andrew Welsh**

A FIVE-MONTH fund-raising campaign in Highland Perthshire has yielded a £9000 boost for cancer research.

A string of charitable activities over autumn and winter at Mains of Taymouth country estate culminated in a cheque being handed over to Roz Martin from Macmillan Cancer Support at the Kenmore venue.

Irena Menzies, from Mains of Taymouth, said she was delighted to hand over the cheque to Macmillan – and praised her daughter, who is a model, for helping to inspire efforts.

The estate raised more than £1600 for Macmillan through its part in the charity's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' last September, then added to its tally with an end-of-season concert by local 'indie' band The Vespas the following month.

The band generously donated all proceeds to the cause, before the fund was topped off in style with the now annual Highland Perthshire Prize Draw in Kenmore's Courtyard Restaurant on Hogmanay.

"It has been a really worthwhile exercise to take on this fund-raising," Irena declared.

"We adopted Macmillan as our



CHEQUE IN: Irena Menzies (left) and Roz Martin from Macmillan Cancer Care with the Taymouth cheque.

chosen charity for 2010 and having enjoyed the World's Biggest Coffee Morning we decided to continue raising even more money.

"I was selling raffle tickets for the draw right up to the last minute – even on Hogmanay itself – and we pulled out all the stops with a fantastic selection of prizes donated from many local companies and individuals.

"Our sincere thanks must go out to them once again.

"My daughter Danni is a model and has modelled for Macmillan before.

"We wanted to do Danni proud and I don't think we have let her down."

Dundee-based Ms Martin described the Mains of Taymouth effort as "the perfect example of a community coming together".

She added: "We are absolutely delighted with their efforts, it's a great total," she said.

"Irena's enthusiasm and commitment has been boundless. This area of Highland Perthshire should be very proud of itself."