

Picture: Andrew Higgins



GOOD CAUSE: Lisa Ponting, left, and Georgie Nock, the organisers of the Party in the Park to raise money for Women V Cancer, at Pittville Park

Friends throw party to raise cash for charity ride

CYCLING for nearly 249 miles in hot and humid conditions might not be everyone's idea of having fun.

But it's what Cheltenham friends Lisa Ponting and Georgie Nock plan to do in a bid to help the fight against women's cancer.

They will join a group of between 30 and 40 other British women bidding to raise money for the Women V Cancer initiative. The funds will be divided equally between three charities – Breast Cancer

Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.

But before Lisa and Georgie can head to the Caribbean island in October for eight days, they have to raise £3,000 each.

And that led to them holding a fundraising Party in the Park event yesterday in Cheltenham's Pittville Park.

Hundreds of people enjoyed a whole host of activities laid on by the two women and their helpers close to the

park's boating lake. Children hurtled up and down an obstacle course and youngsters and adults took it in turn to try to beat the goalie.

A BMX demonstration in the skate park, donkey rides, stalls, face painting and a Punch and Judy show were among other attractions.

Georgie, 37 and from Pittville, said her inspiration for doing the cycle ride was that a friend died from breast cancer nearly two years ago.

Lisa, from Prestbury, said: "We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us and turned up today."

The former off-road mountain bike rider said that when she turned 40 four years ago, she wanted a challenge and also had friends suffering from breast cancer.

Donations can be made at justgiving.com/georgie-nock or justgiving.com/lisa-ponting.



ENTERTAINMENT: The Music Man performs, and, right, Morgan, one, and Florence Evans, five, ride on Mike's Donkeys