



IN THE PINK: One of the drivers. Picture: SONYA BROWN

Women-only run for cancer appeal

FIFTY women tractor drivers got into the pink on Sunday to raise cash for vital breast cancer research.

Driving tractors gaily decorated with balloons, the women travelled to South Norfolk from across East Anglia to take part in an 18-mile "ladies only" road run for Cancer Research UK.

Annie Chapman, of the Suffolk and Norfolk branch of the David Brown Tractor Club, decided to organise the event after witnessing several of her friends tackle breast cancer.

The experience made her realise that research is the main tool in the battle against a "horrible disease" which is the focus of the Breast Cancer Appeal run by the Mercury's sister paper the EDP.

She said: "I am thrilled by

the response. Loads of these ladies had never driven a tractor before, but they have borrowed them from collectors or local farmers, and have been given lessons.

"They wanted to do it because it is for a breast cancer charity.

"Everyone knows somebody who has got it, has died from it, or is recovering from it."

The cavalcade formed up at South Green, Pulham St Mary, then set off at a leisurely pace for Syleham Hall, across the county border in Suffolk, where they joined their families for lunch, before the return journey.

Some of the women taking part were breast cancer victims, and it is hoped the event will raise in the region of £5000.