

*Welcome* to the latest edition of the Cancer Community Update from the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. This update is designed to keep you informed of local research news, engagement activities and news from the wider cancer community in Merseyside and Cheshire. Please contact LEAD-Manager Emma Squibb to contribute or comment.  
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### *Ocular Oncology Award Nomination*

The Liverpool Ocular Oncology Centre/Liverpool Ocular Oncology Research Group were exceedingly pleased to be one of three short-listed entrants for the Pfizer Excellence in Oncology: Oncology Team of the Year Award, 2011. The work of the team was commended by the judges, "A specialist team providing world-class care for people with malignant melanoma of the eye."

Members of the group attended the awards ceremony at the Liverpool Hilton on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November as part of the NCRI Cancer Conference, hosted by Nicholas Owen, himself a cancer survivor.

Pictured (L-R): Mr David Dunlop (Chair of the Excellence in Oncology Awards, 2011), Mrs Julie Sudlow, Dr Nihal Kenawy, Prof Heinrich Heimann, [Prof Sarah Coupland](#), [Prof Bertil Damato](#), [Dr Sarah Lake](#), [Dr Helen Kalirai](#), Sister Sam Kaye, Mr Nicholas Owen (BBC Newsreader and Host of the Pfizer Excellence in Oncology Awards) and Mr Robert Day (Head of Pfizer Oncology, UK).

The Oncology Team of the Year is described as recognizing outstanding teamwork in any area within oncology education, management and patient care. For more information about the awards click [here](#)



### *University recognition for cancer researchers*

Congratulations to newly appointed Professors Terry Jones, Paula Ghaneh and Sylvie Urbé and to Richard Shaw and Bill Greenhalf who become Readers.

### *Publication Success*

Congratulations to Dr Lugang Yu and his group who have had their paper *Serum Galectin-2, -4, and -8 Are Greatly Increased in Colon and Breast Cancer Patients and Promote Cancer Cell Adhesion to Blood Vascular Endothelium*, published in Clinical Cancer Research. The paper was selected as a highlighted article for the issue.

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## Cancer

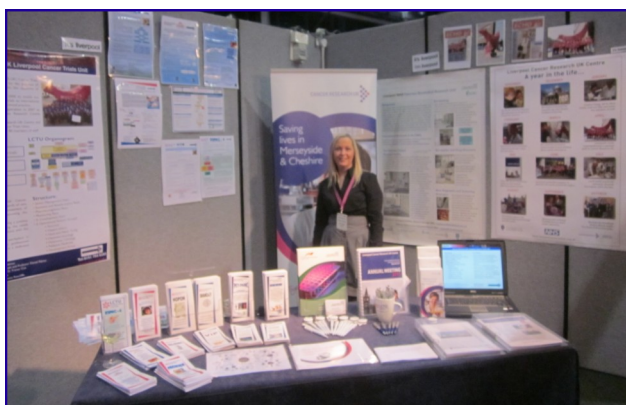
news in Mersey-  
side and Cheshire

*Congratulations* to Alder Hey's Mr Paul Farrelly on winning the prestigious Ronald Raven Prize at the British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO) Meeting held at The Royal College of Surgeons in November 2011.

The presentation was entitled - "Does Aggressive Surgical Resection Improve Survival for Stage III and IV Neuroblastoma? - A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis" - Authors - PJ Farrelly, D Mullassery and PD Losty. In July 2011 Dhanya Mullassery won the Peter Paul Rickham Prize at The British Association of Paediatric Surgeons International Congress.

## NCRI Conference comes back to Liverpool

November saw the return of the NCRI conference to the BT Convention Centre in Liverpool. The Centre was well represented again this year including, Prof Andy Pettitt in the Clinical Trials Showcase for the CLL206 Trial, Prof John Neoptolemos highlighting the ESPAC-3 trial in the proffered paper session, Prof John Ellershaw hosted a session on **Prognostication in advanced cancer: How and why?**, and Richard Shaw co-hosted a Head and Neck Cancer Research Workshop. In addition, there were numerous posters from research groups across the Institute. George Nikolaidis took part in the teenagers cancer workshop. The NCRI Conference will be held in Liverpool again in 2012, from Nov 4—7.



## Screening for shoppers in Bootle

As part of Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week, Professor Simon Rogers and the Head and Neck team from Aintree University Hospital screened more than 200 people for oral cancer at Bootle Strand shopping centre in November. The team were offering simple oral examinations which can detect symptoms of the disease which affects over 5,500 people each year. Professor Simon Rogers, Clinical Director for the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree University Hospital, said: "Mouth cancer is on the increase, especially in the 40 to 50 year age group, yet there is still a real lack of awareness around it."

Professor Rogers added: "Cutting out cigarettes and reducing alcohol intake can help reduce the chances of getting mouth cancer. Early detection is key and gives patients the best chance of effective treatment." Symptoms to look out for include a persistent mouth ulcer that lasts for more than three weeks, a white or red patch in your mouth that lasts for more than three weeks or oral swelling, such as painless lumps and bumps in the mouth or neck, that have been there for more than three weeks. For more information, visit

[www.headandneckcancer.co.uk](http://www.headandneckcancer.co.uk)





## Local Engagement

Staff at LCTU have been growing moustaches to support Movember, not all of them are real...



## Cancer Research UK Merseyside & Cheshire Events Calendar



= Researcher/ Scientist opportunity

Please contact Cancer Research UK Local Engagement Manager, [Emma Squibb](#) for details of how you can get involved.

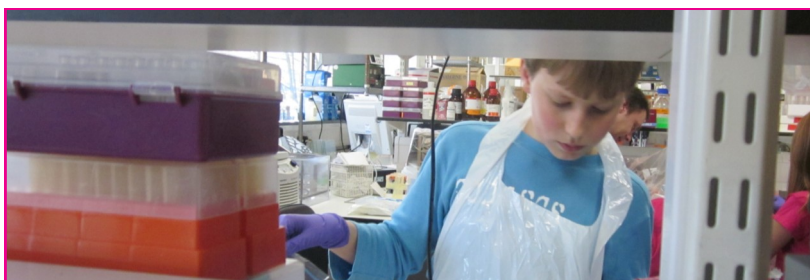
### December 2011

- 01 Ainsdale Fundraisers Lab Tour
- 01 Sahir House Vigil (World Aids Day)
- 02 Luciana Berger MP visit
- 04 Santa Dash
- 08 Where's Wallace?
- 16 Bernie Singleton Cheque Presentation

## Children's University Day

The Centre held it's first family open day in conjunction with Liverpool Children's University on 12th November. Local children and their parents visited our volunteering, cancer awareness and early diagnosis stalls, and had a go at strawberry DNA extraction with the scientists in the labs. Feedback from the children was very positive and our toy and book stall made £55 for CR-UK.

Many thanks to the team: Research Nurses—Pembe Yesildag, Laura Brown, Lorraine Turner and Helen Jeffrey, scientists Neville Cobbe, Joe Slupsky, Violaine See, Jemma Blocksidge, Mike Davies and Silviya Balabanova, and LCTU staff Tom Kearns, Kathryn Marley and Gemma Barnett.



## Local People

### PPI Steering Group

Members of the Centre's Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Steering Group held their first meeting on 14th November, hearing from Dr Seema Chauhan, Lorraine Turner, and Emma Squibb.

Those members who already attend committees shared their roles and experiences with others who were new to PPI, and highlighted the areas where involvement is possible. Former patient Dennis Helsby has been elected as the group's first Chair.



### Liverpool dedicate winning match to Luca Jones



Liverpool FC dedicated their Premier League 2-1 win over Chelsea to Goalkeeper Brad Jones and his family, following the tragic news that Brad's son Luca had passed away. Luca had been diagnosed with Leukaemia 18 months ago. Scot Charlie Adam, who set up the winning goal, was quick to send a personal message to his team-mate, "I'd like to dedicate the match to Brad Jones, that's for you big man. We're thinking of him." [more](#)

### Remembering George Harrison



29th November 2011 marks the tenth anniversary

of George Harrison's death from lung cancer. The City is holding a number of commemorative events including a service at Liverpool Cathedral and a free concert in St. George's Hall.

## Christmas is coming...

**Cancer Research UK** has a large selection of Christmas gifts, cards and wrapping paper available [online](#) and in our shops.



**Clatterbridge Cancer Research** would like to invite you to join them for an evening of Christmas carols and festive readings at their annual Christmas carol concert in **Liverpool Cathedral, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Liverpool-born opera singer Kathryn Rudge will open the evening with a solo performance of O Holy Night and two local choirs; Stanfield, Merchant Taylors' Junior Girls' School Choir and West Kirby Light Opera Society will also be performing. Tickets are on sale now at £10 for adults and £5 for children. For tickets call 0151 343 4300 or email [nicola.moule@clatterbridge.org](mailto:nicola.moule@clatterbridge.org).

**North West Cancer Research Fund** invite you to Christmas with the Castle Singers and The Castle Brass, 14th December, Heswall Hall. Tickets £7 [More](#)



**Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology** Christmas Appeal, includes Card Free Christmas and the Christmas Bauble Appeal. [Click here](#).

### Santa Dash for Cancer

A small team of Liverpool based researchers will be running this year's Santa Dash to help raise funds for Liverpool Unite and CR-UK. Sponsor them [here](#).



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## Other news

### Where's Wallace

CR-UK supporter Matt Wallace has given up his flat and his job to undertake a mammoth trek around the county. Matt is walking from John O'Groats to Land's End, visiting Cancer Research UK's Centres of Excellence and raising funds en route. Matt will be arriving in **Liverpool** on 8th December, when he will be touring the Centre and meeting key staff. [website](#)

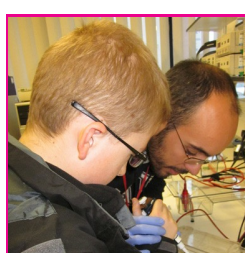


*Do you know a little star?* CR-UK has launched its Little Star Awards for 2011-12, in partnership with TK Maxx, to celebrate the courage of children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Parents, friends and relatives from across the UK can put forward the name of a Little Star who is dear to them, for special recognition. All nominees will receive a Little Star trophy, a t-shirt and bear, and a certificate signed by celebrities. The first 300 children nominated will also receive a £50 voucher for TK Maxx. Learn more about how to nominate a Little Star [here](#)



**A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Centre's many engagement activities in 2011. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

**Emma**



### Contribute

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