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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 Local Engagement and Development Manager Emma Squibb to contribute or comment. emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185



It's looking like a beautiful day

Wednesday 8th February 2012 was a momentous day for Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre, with over 160 guests attending a special event at Liverpool Town Hall to celebrate the presentation of our Scroll of Admission to the City's Freedom Roll of Associations and Institutions.

The evening began with a buffet reception; guests were welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Professor and Mrs. Neoptolemos and Dr. Harpal Kumar, Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK.

Guests included doctors, nurses and scientists from the Centre, civic dignitaries, representatives of Liverpool and Everton Football clubs, cancer survivors, and supporters.



The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Frank Prendergast presided over the ceremony, which took place in the Council Chamber. Testimonies were given by Dr. Kumar, Prof Sir Howard Newby (University of Liverpool) Andrew Cannell (Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology), Derek Campbell (NHS Merseyside), Jon Hayes (Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Network), Tony Bell (Royal Liverpool Hospital), patient representatives Dennis Helsby and Bernie Singleton, and Profs Dan Palmer and Paula Ghaneh spoke about the future plans for the Centre.

Following presentation of the Freedom Scroll and the signing of the register, Professor Neoptolemos presented the Centre's Pledge to the City, to fight cancer through research, training cancer professionals of the future, and through working with local people to help them understand, avoid and overcome cancer.

A choir of cancer survivors from Sunflowers Cancer Support Centre on Aigburth Road sang, "Here Comes the Sun". The award attracted local radio and television coverage, professor Robert Sutton being interviewed by North West Tonight. BBC Report [here](#).
More photos overleaf.

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Model, Echo Columnist, friend of the Centre and Cancer Research UK supporter Amanda Harrington.



CRUK's Cancer Awareness Roadshow



Cancer news

Congratulations to Professor Sarah Coupland who has been awarded a Silver Fellowship of the "Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology" (ARVO). ARVO is the largest international conference in basic and clinical science in Ophthalmology, and takes place each year in USA with approx. 10-15,000 attendees. Prof Coupland was awarded the Fellowship in recognition of her long-term commitment to ARVO, reviewing papers for its associated Journal, "Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science" (IOVS) ; as well as being involved in various conference committees including the Anatomy-Pathology Programme Committee. [More](#)

Mayoral Visit

As part of our Freedom of the City events, Councillor Frank Prendergast, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool visited the Centre on 23rd January.

During his first visit to the Centre in October 2011, the Lord Mayor met some of our basic scientists. On this occasion a tour was arranged of the Clinical Research Facility at the Royal Liverpool Hospital.

The Lord Mayor met with Prof Neoptolemos, Prof Sutton, Prof Palmer, Dr Hussain and Senior Research Nurse Lorraine Turner to discuss our clinical trials work.

The visit ended with a chat with Mr. Tony Bell, Chief Executive of the Royal Liverpool Hospital.



The FP7 CURELUNG Partners two day meeting was held at the Centre on 1st and 2nd of February.

The photograph shows the Dr Manel Estella (Spanish National Cancer Center (CNIO Madrid, PI of CURELUNG)) and Prof John Field, with other Partners from Italy, Spain, Germany, Netherlands, Poland and Germany. Dr M Davies, Dr T Liloglou and Dr R Hyde attended as part of the Liverpool research team.



Cancer News

Many thanks to Jimmy, the staff and regulars at the **Vernon Pub** in Dale Street who collect for Cancer Research UK every year in memory of their friend Brian Lathom. This year the cheque for £1120 was collected by Sarah, Alan, Fiona Hood, Charlotte and Sam.



Wirral Fashion Festival

'Clatterbridge your cancer centre' invite you to join the fashion glitterati at Wirral Fashion Festival at Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa on Friday 23 March. This glamorous event, organised in association with Lifestyle Monthly and Liverpool Fashion Week, will feature 8 catwalk shows, a sumptuous four-course dinner and entertainment provided by the Michael Buble Tribute Band.

As well as receiving a fantastic £5 from every ticket sold, 'Clatterbridge your cancer centre' will also be holding a handbag swap on the night. Guests are invited to bring along their unwanted handbags to swap with other guest's bags, in return for making a small donation to the charity. So if you fancy a new handbag and making a real difference to the lives of Clatterbridge cancer patients and their families this is the perfect event for you! Tickets to Wirral Fashion Festival cost £60 and are available from www.lifestylemonthly.co.uk.



Vietnam to Cambodia Cycle Challenge 6 – 17 October 2012

Do something amazing in 2012 for and take part in this fantastic cycling adventure. Starting in Vietnamese Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City, you will cycle along the rice paddies and waterways of the beautiful Mekong Delta into Cambodia and onto one of the most impressive sights in Southeast Asia; the Royal Temples of Angkor Wat.



Our Events Team will be on hand to help with your fundraising and training, including organising training days if you like to train as a group. More info call 0151 482 7948.

Happy Birthday Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK was formed 10 years ago following the merger of the Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Our birthday message is "10 years of Cancer Research UK, and over 100 years of pioneering research"



The first national 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign launched in January in England to encourage people with key symptoms of bowel cancer to go and see their GP. This is the first nationwide campaign in a programme of National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI) funded work to tackle the problem of public awareness of cancer symptoms and to overcome barriers that stop people from going to see their GP.



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It's that time again...

The weather of late has not been the best for those with New Year Resolutions to get fit, so if a little extra incentive is needed, why not consider signing up now to a Race for Life event in the summer. Registration is now open and the dates for our local events are shown below. (gentlemen—why not sign up the lady in your life—she'd love it!)



I will also be organising speakers to attend each of these events and teams of researchers to attend the larger Races. If you would like to volunteer with me, please get in touch.

Charitable donations are down, and all charities are facing challenging times during the economic down turn. Race for Life is one of Cancer Research UK's main fundraising streams and any support you can give helps us raise vital funds for research in Liverpool. Enter your local event [here](#)

Southport - Sunday 13 May 10 am Victoria Park
Wigan—Sunday 25 May 11 am Haigh Hall
Rhyl—Sunday 10 June 11 am Arena
Haydock - Sunday 17 June 11 am Racecourse
Preston—Sunday 17 June 11 am Moor Park
Aintree—Sunday 24 June 11 am and 2pm Racecourse
Chester—Sunday 24 June 9 am Racecourse
Warrington—Sunday 1 July 11 am Arley Hall
Liverpool— Sunday 8 July 11 am Sefton Park
Knowsley – Wednesday 11 July 7.30pm Knowsley Hall
Wirral - Sunday 15 July 11am Birkenhead Park

This year Cancer Research UK has a new concept called **Race at Your Place** where schools can register to put on their own Race for Life event. We will send everything you need including fundraising ideas, rosettes, back signs and finishing tape.

Not only will this give schools the flexibility to build the event into their term calendar, it also means that **boys can take part** and the school can choose a longer or shorter distance to suit pupils. If you have children at school please help us to promote Race at Your Place. To find out more visit www.schools.raceforlife.org from Wednesday 8th February or contact the schools project team now at schools.raceforlife@cancer.org.uk

Contribute

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