


Liverpool

Cancer Community Update



September 2010

Welcome

 **Welcome** to the third 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.



My name is Emma Squibb and I am the Local Engagement Manager for the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. As much of the work of the Centre relies on the generosity of the public, communicating different aspects of our research portfolio to our varied supporters is very important.

I am responsible for co-ordinating public engagement opportunities for the Centre and seeking to raise the profile of our work in Liverpool, Merseyside and Cheshire. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information about my role, forthcoming engagement opportunities, or to contribute to the next edition of this update. emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185

Isle of Man Relay for Life

The first Relay for Life on the Isle of Man took place at the National Sports Centre at Douglas, on Sunday 29 and Monday 30 August 2010.

Liverpool based researcher Amro Ebbiary helped start the event and ran the first lap with survivors.



The event was organised by the Isle of Man Relay Committee chaired by Gaynor Haxby. Luckily the sun shone for the event, which raised over £20,000 for Cancer Research UK.



my projects

My projects at Cancer Research UK is an online donation programme which lets supporters choose which research project their money will go to. Currently **myprojects** features 11 different projects including Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Professor Andy Pettitt) and Pancreatic Cancer (Professor John Neoptolemos) [Find out more](#)



Happy Holidays?

Half of Brits got sunburnt this year and many would do it again.

A new survey released on 1 September reveals almost half of Brits (46%) got sunburnt this year. Of those who got burnt, a third (32%) admitted their motivation was to get a tan. And half of those who burnt whilst trying to get a tan would risk burning again next year. The research, commissioned by Cancer Research UK and Superdrug, as part of their joint campaign to encourage people to enjoy the sun safely in the summer, highlights the worrying lengths sun seeking Brits are prepared to go in search of a tan.

[Read more](#)

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With Help from My Friends

*Variety Show of Up and Coming
Merseyside Talent*

**Friday 15th and Saturday 16th
October 2010**

Showing at:

**The Actors' Studio Seel Street,
Liverpool L1 4BE
Doors open 7pm - 7.30 Start**

Hosted by - Chris Jones

**Directed by - London Theatre Director -
Linda Withers**

Ticket Price only - £10

Money raised will go directly to Cancer
Research UK

Tickets can be purchased by calling -
0151 606 9295

Together we will beat cancer

Clatterbridge Cancer Research Charity Golf Day

Thursday 23rd September 2010, Caldy Golf Course

The opportunity to play on a fabulous golf course, along with the chance to network and some great evening entertainment makes this an event not to miss.

Teams consist of 4 players and cost £360, or £90 per person to enter. This fee includes a soup and sandwich lunch to start the day and a celebration prize giving dinner, complete with a charity raffle to round the day off. Tee times are between 11.30 and 2 pm. Non playing guests are also welcome to attend this event, tickets priced at £25.00

Call Natalie Childs— Fielding on 0151 343 4300 for further information

Cat woman raises money for Cancer Research UK

Wirral based volunteer fundraisers Bernie Singleton, Keith Singleton and Chris Jones were raising funds for Cancer Research UK at Birkenhead's Pyramids Centre on Saturday 28th August.

Bernie, who is aiming to raise in the region of £25,000 for Cancer Research UK this year is a breast cancer survivor and a committed supporter of the charity. She spends many weekends collecting and bag packing in supermarkets and at local events. Bernie is also helping to organise the Variety Show in October.

Tickets are selling fast so order yours now.

Well done Bernie!



Huyton

The Cancer Research UK shop in Huyton is run by manager Mal Walker and staffed by a team of over 20 volunteers.

Mal previously worked at the shop as a volunteer and then applied for the post as manager when a vacancy arose. "I love working here, it's really different from my last job working for a bank. Every day is different."

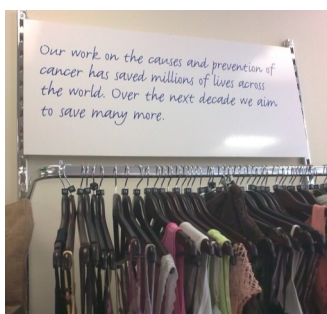


Tony Schofield, from Halewood, is a volunteer at the Huyton shop. "I came here for a volunteer placement for 13 weeks, and liked it so much I decided to stay on. The volunteers are a great crowd. It's good to know the money we raise here gets spent on research in Liverpool."



The shop recently relocated to a new unit and underwent a bit of a make over. We will be hosting a Meet the Scientist Day at the Huyton shop on 18th September.

This will be an opportunity for shoppers and volunteers to meet some of the scientists from the Liverpool Centre and a chance for our researchers to let people know about their work.



To volunteer for this or future Meet the Scientist events, [click here](#)

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.

September 2010

- 04 Run 10K Promotion Southport 🖐
- 08 Lab Tour Southport Shop
- 14 Cheque Presentation
- 18 Meet the Scientist Huyton 🖐
- 23 CCR Golf Day
- 25 NWCRF Butterfly Ball
- tbc Lab Tour Ormskirk Shop
- tbc Meet the Scientist Southport 🖐

October 2010

- 15 CRUK Supporter Conference 🖐
- 15& 16th Variety Show (see p 2)
- 19 Formby Fashion Show 🖐
- 17 Run 10K Southport 🖐

November 2010

- NCRI Conference
- Mouth Cancer Awareness Week
- Visit by Stephen Twigg MP

Supporter Conference

The Centre will be hosting a conference for up to 80 Cancer Research UK Supporters on October 15th 2010 between 11 am and 3.15pm.

The day will include updates on the charity and a volunteer's experience of Cancer Research UK. We will also be showing supporters around the labs.

[Click here](#) if you would like to volunteer to help out.

Do you have an idea for an engagement activity? LEAD Manager [Emma Squibb](#) would like to hear from any researcher with an idea for a new practical engagement activity. We currently use Strawberry DNA Extraction and a Price is Right Quiz, but would like to extend our repertoire. Please get in touch if you have a fun way to demonstrate science and research to supporters.

Merseyside leukaemia fight boy's family speak of loss

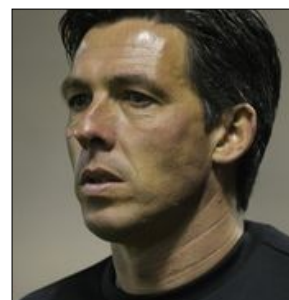
Ben Shirley, nine, from Knowsley, died at the end of July, despite his body reacting well to new bone marrow. His grandmother, Norma, said the family have only just been able to speak about his death now. "He touched so many lives, he was a wonderful boy" she said.

An appeal, organised by his family in April, saw hundreds of people sign up to the donor register at a clinic in Merseyside to see if they were a match. Karen Bonnell, regional donor recruitment manager from the Anthony Nolan Cancer Charity said: "It's such tragic news to hear about Ben's death and my heart goes out to his family. But through his campaign to recruit more people to Anthony Nolan's register, Ben will have saved many more lives."

Ben's funeral was held at St Chad's in Kirkby. The congregation wore purple, Ben's favourite colour, following a request from the family. His grandmother could not stress enough the importance of people signing up to the donor register. [Read more](#)

Ipswich Town Football Club has asked for coach **Gary Ablett** to be allowed privacy after he was diagnosed with a form of blood cancer. Ablett, originally from Liverpool, was taken ill at the club's training ground last week and is currently in a Suffolk hospital receiving treatment.

It emerged the former Everton and Liverpool defender has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. A statement on the club's official website read: "Everyone at the club is devastated by the sudden onset of such a serious illness. "Our thoughts are with Gary and his family and we would ask for the family to be given the privacy they require at this difficult time." [Read more](#)



Liverpool actor **Geoffrey Hughes**, best known for playing bin-man Eddie Yates in Coronation Street and Twiggy in the Royle Family, has recently been admitted to hospital for cancer treatment again.



Yates, originally from Kirkdale, now living on the Isle of Wight, was treated for prostate cancer some years ago, but was recently given the news it had returned. He is being treated in Portsmouth. [Read more](#)

Grace Sheppard, 75, widow of former Bishop of Liverpool David Sheppard and author of 'Living with Dying', is currently receiving treatment for cancer and undergoing tests in hospital. Her husband David died from cancer in 2005. She said she was prepared for the "next lap in life's journey". The talented writer, who has published three books, is perhaps most well-known for 'Living with Dying'.

Shortly after she wrote the book, she told the BBC: "I think what passed between David and me during his illness was very much a love story, a different kind of love story."

Grace, who lives in West Kirby, Wirral, was speaking in a debate about the taboos that surround talking about death which are the focus of a week-long NHS North West campaign called Dying Matters. She had cancer earlier on in their marriage, then for a second time and now she is facing her third battle. Despite this, she is being very positive: "If you can believe it I feel and look very well. I am at peace and am comfortable." [Read more](#)



*Useful links,
statements and
other local news*



Raise It Run It Beat It.....Run 10k Southport

*Are you a lady looking for a bigger challenge than Race for Life?
Are you a chap who thinks that Race for Life should be open to men?*

If you answer yes to either of these questions then you should consider signing up to Run 10k in Victoria Park, Southport on 17th October 2010.

Entry is £19.50 which covers the cost of the event and a t shirt to wear on the day. Entry is open to men and women aged 16 and over. [Sign up to run here](#)

If you don't fancy running perhaps you could volunteer to Help on the day.

Contact LEAD Manager [Emma Squibb](#) or [register online](#)

Local News

Lyndale, Knowlsey Cancer Support Centre, is a voluntary group and charity providing care and support for people affected by cancer, their families and friends. Founded 27 years ago, its volunteers offer practical help and guidance to aid people through and after their treatment. Mr. Chris Holcombe, clinical director of cancer services at RLBUHT visited the group on September 2nd.

August 15th marked the first anniversary of the death of Libby O'Brien, who died of a rare children's bone cancer called Ewing's sarcoma, aged two years. Parents Dave and Phillipa of Hoole, Chester helped organise the first annual Libby O'Brien Cup Golf Event at Ellesmere Port Golf Club, which raised £4300 for Claire House. [Read more](#)

Cyclists from Asda Breck Road Store and Breckfield and North Everton Neighbourhood Council Ltd did a 22 mile cycle ride from the Breckfield Centre to Halewood Visitor's Centre on Sunday 15th August in aid of Asda's Tickled Pink's Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

Isle of Man artist John Caley held painting classes on Saturday 28th August in aid of Cancer Research UK. The classes, Painting for Life, were planned as part of the Isle of Man's Relay for Life event. John, a Manx born artist who works as a photographer for Manx National Heritage hosted the event on behalf of Manx National Heritage Relay for Life Team. [Read more](#)

Useful Links

- [Cancer Research UK](#)
- [Cancer Research UK News and Resources](#)
- [Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre](#)

Contribute

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