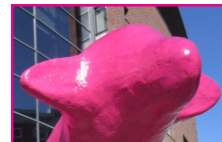


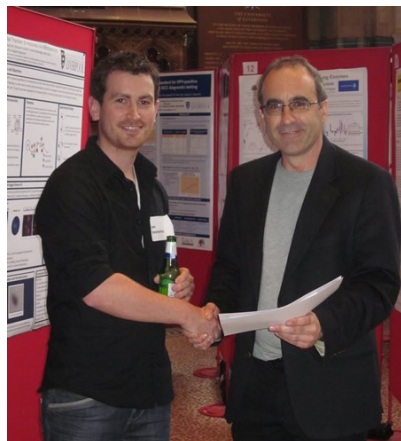
*Welcome* to the latest edition of the Cancer Community Update from

the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. This update is designed to keep you informed of research news, engagement activities and news from the cancer community in Merseyside and Cheshire. Please contact Local Engagement and Development Manager Emma Squibb to contribute or comment. [emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk](mailto:emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk) 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185



### *Annual Meeting 25 May 2011*

Around 180 scientists, doctors and researchers attended the Centre's first Annual Meeting at the University's Victoria Gallery and Museum. Steve Jackson (Gurdon Institute Cambridge), Gareth Thomas (University of Southampton) and Dario Alessi (University of Dundee) gave thoroughly interesting and novel talks which all complemented the work at Liverpool. Liverpool's research was highlighted with talks from Terry Jones and Richard Shaw, Andy Pettitt, Ulrike Gruneberg and Michael Clague. Liam Cheeseman won the prize for the best short talk, and Victoria Shaw won the poster competition.



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## Cancer

news in Mersey-side and Cheshire

Liverpool

The Respiratory Team for NHS Sefton have teamed up with the British Lung Foundation to create a Breathe Easy group for Sefton North residents. The purpose of the group is for patients with a respiratory condition, their carers and family members to come together. For further information contact: Carole Carlisle (Northwest Development Officer for the British Lung Foundation) – 0151 224 7778 / 07929042506 Jacqueline Bolton (Respiratory Assistant for NHS Sefton) – 0151 475 4010

[more](#)

*Welcome Dr. Syed Hussain* Syed recently joined us from Birmingham and is a clinical senior lecturer in medical oncology.

His major areas of interest include genitourinary oncology, translational oncology, early drug development, and clinical trials. He has been an investigator on various national studies including the pivotal bladder study BC2001 which is the largest randomised trial in muscle invasive bladder cancer



comparing radiotherapy to chemo radiotherapy. His research and clinical interest will build on the success of the Liverpool Pancreas BRU.



### All About Me Afternoon Tea

Sunday 12th June 2011, 2:00 – 4:30pm  
Leverhulme Hotel, Port Sunlight, Wirral. 'All About Me Afternoon Tea' is an opportunity for ladies to indulge in the finer things and browse stands focused on lifestyle and beauty. Estee Lauder, Andrew Collier Photography and the Olive Tree floral design are just a few of the establishments that will be amongst the high class stall holders attending this event. Guests will also be treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea accompanied by fashion shows from Mooch and Nula's Boutique. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a ticket to the

exclusive raffle which includes a special prize from Boodles. This afternoon is about style, indulgence and fun and tickets cost £25 per person. If you would like to reserve your place call Laura Irving on 0151 343 4300 or email [laura.irving@clatterbridge.org](mailto:laura.irving@clatterbridge.org)

### Liverpool included in new Trials Network

Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research is investing £2.3 million in a national network of clinical trial centres, in an effort to improve the poor survival rates seen with many forms of leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. The network will link 13 leading hospitals in Southampton, London, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Belfast, Glasgow, **Liverpool**, Cardiff, Oxford and Nottingham, with a hub at the University of Birmingham.

Blood cancers are the most common cause of cancer deaths in the under 35s, with new figures from Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research showing that more than 12,000 people still die of these conditions in the UK each year. [more](#)



## Local People

### Pool of Life Dragon Boating

In Canada in 1996, Dr. Don McKenzie formed the first breast cancer survivors' dragon boat team ([Abreast in a Boat](#)) to test the effect of strenuous upper body exercise on lymphoedema and general well-being.

The positive results of his research sparked the start of the breast cancer survivors' dragon boat racing movement.



Pool of Life is the first dragon boat team for breast cancer survivors in the UK and is based in Liverpool. The team was set up to help raise breast cancer awareness and demonstrate that women and men living with breast cancer can lead full and active lives. While participating in the sport of dragon boat racing we endeavour to:

- Demonstrate the benefits of an active lifestyle through the sport of dragon boat-

ing.

- Raise awareness about breast cancer and encourage on-going research.
- Provide support and fellowship to team members.
- Offer support to the family and friends of our members.
- Have fun.

The team will be at Race for Life events at Sefton Park (5 June) and Knowsley (6 July) if you'd like to come, meet the ladies and find out more.



Join us:

Sunday mornings, Liverpool Watersports Centre, Queen's Dock, L3 4DG (safety gear, paddle and training provided).

Pool of Life are having a special introductory paddle for new paddlers on the 12<sup>th</sup> June at Queen's Dock, start time 10am (be there from 09.30 for issue of safety gear) – taking in a scenic tour of Albert Dock and a stop off for coffee.

[website](#) email: [polbcs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:polbcs@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Local Engagement

### Schools Visit

The Centre welcomed 27 Year 10 students from Shorefields

School in Dingle and Aberconwy School, North Wales on 23rd May.



John Allen gave a presentation, after which the groups visited the labs. The students from North Wales visited the Pancreas lab with Eithne Costello's group and the Liverpool students were shown around the Drosophila lab by Daimark Bennett and his group.

*"I really enjoyed looking at the flies under the microscope and identifying the different parts of the ovary. I understand research better now, and would like to help raise money for the charity."*

## 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.

### June

2nd LFC for Health Event

5th Race for Life Sefton Park 

5th Race for Life Rhyl

7 & 8th CRUK Focus Groups

11th Southport & Ormskirk Hospital

Open Day 

12th Race for Life Wigan 

14th Sarcoma Support Group Meeting

17th Liverpool Carer's Day

17th Race for Life Concert, Ainsdale

19th Race for Life Chester 

23th Lab Tour

25th CRUK Ambassador Event

26th Race for Life Aintree (x2) 



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# Race for Life

All volunteers are welcome to help out at **Sefton Park Race for Life** on June 5th. Duties include speaking to supporters, handing out medals and having your photo taken. Contact [Emma](#) if you are coming along.

Marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe urges new mums to sign up for Race for Life [more](#)



Volunteers in Ainsdale will be holding a fundraising Race for Life Concert on 17th June at Ainsdale Methodist Church.

## Charlotte Runs Two...eight to go

Well done to Charlotte Rawcliffe for completing the first 2 events of [Charlotte Runs Ten](#). Charlotte took part in the Southport Race for Life on 15th May (with Laura Marsh) and in Wrexham (with Sarah Jones) on 22nd. The next race in the series is Wigan on 12th June followed by Chester on 19th and Aintree (two races) on 26th. Charlotte Runs Ten continues into July. There's still time to sponsor Charlotte to help her achieve her £1000 target, and if you can, come along to cheer her (and the flamingo) on.



Rebecca Eccles, Monica Faronato and Claire Heride from Michael Clague's Lab will be running Race for Life in Sefton Park on 5th June. You can sponsor them [here](#)

Neville Cobbe spoke to around 1700 ladies who braved the weather to take part in Southport's first ever Race for Life. The event raised around £100,000 for Cancer Research UK. [Video](#)



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## Local News

### *Model supports Race for Life*

Model and Echo columnist Amanda Harrington is supporting Race for Life this year, helping to promote the events with a stunning dress made of medicine bottle tops. [More](#) Thanks to Amanda for her support, including a mention in her [Echo column](#) on 25 May and several on Twitter. Amanda will be taking part in the Knowsley Race on 6th July alongside a group of researchers from the Centre. The Knowsley event will be the last in the Charlotte Runs Ten series.



### *Liverpool's Robotic Surgery features on Granada Reports*

The first surgical procedure carried out using a robot in a general hospital has been completed in Liverpool. The 'daVinci Si' is currently the most advanced robotic surgical system in the world. There are only seven other centres in the UK that have the system. It provides surgeons with superior visualisation, enhanced dexterity and greater precision which allows them to carry out minimally invasive, complex surgery. The equipment is being used to operate on patients with prostate cancer. [Video](#)

### *Liverpool PCT "On the Couch"*

Liverpool Primary Care Trust (PCT) has launched a new campaign to promote early awareness of the symptoms of lung, breast and bowel cancer. Over the next few months Liverpool PCT's sofa will visit key locations across the city, such as shopping centres and supermarkets, to provide residents with an opportunity to chat to a doctor or nurse about the symptoms they should look out for.

The tour is part of the wider Be Clear on Cancer campaign, which is designed to raise awareness of the signs of breast, bowel and lung cancer and encourage people to report their symptoms sooner. Together these three diseases cause nearly half of Liverpool's cancer deaths. Liverpool GP, Dr Steve Connolly said: "Cancer claims the lives of around 1,330 Liverpool residents every year, making it the city's biggest cause of death.



"We know earlier diagnosis is key to improving survival rates, and the idea behind the 'On the Couch' tour is to provide people with an opportunity to chat to a health professional about the signs they should be looking out for. We know some patients are reluctant to report their symptoms because they're concerned they will be wasting their GP's time, or feel embarrassed or scared. In most cases we won't find anything serious but if you're showing some key symptoms then it's always best to get them checked out. If you are found to have cancer then early diagnosis could greatly improve your survival rates. Catching the disease at its early stages makes it more treatable and could save your life."

Staff from Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre and the Royal Hospital have been invited to help man the couch as it tours Liverpool. If you can talk to members of the public about the early signs of lung, breast and bowel cancer, please contact [Emma](#).

## Other news

A new £1.8m PET-CT scanner is helping to save the lives of cancer patients at The Royal hospital. The scanner diagnoses certain types of cancer and other diseases. PET-CT scans provide more accurate and potentially earlier diagnosis, which can mean some patients do not need to have unnecessary surgery. [Read More](#)



PET -CT Scanner Open Day at Nuclear Medicine Dept, Royal Liverpool Hospital 28th June 2011. 11am—3pm Contact [elaine.noonan@rlbuht.nhs.uk](mailto:elaine.noonan@rlbuht.nhs.uk) for more info

## Public attitudes to science

Public Attitudes to Science (PAS) 2011 is the fourth in a series of studies looking at the UK public's attitudes to science, scientists and science policy, building on previous research in 2000, 2005 and 2008. Ipsos MORI, in association with the [British Science Association](#) (BSA), conducted this latest study on behalf of the [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#) (BIS).

The research provides further evidence that the UK public values science and is interested in finding out about it:

- Four-fifths (79%) agree that, "on the whole, science will make our lives easier" and over half (54%) agree that "the benefits of science are greater than any harmful effect".
- Four-fifths (82%) agree that "science is such a big part of our lives that we should all take an interest" and two-thirds (67%) think "it is important to know about science in my daily life".
- There is an appetite for hearing more about science, with half (51%) saying they hear and see too little information about science.

That is not to say people do not have concerns about science. Many are still concerned about what scientists choose to do "behind closed doors", and the extent to which they consider the consequences of their work. More generally, the speed of development in science and a sense of science going against nature still worry many people. The extent of these concerns is topic dependent, with the survey indicating that, among the various topics explored, GM crops, nuclear power and animal experimentation are particularly contentious.

The research also highlights the challenge of public engagement with science. Fewer people say they feel informed about science, and scientific research and developments (43%) than say they do not (56%). In addition, while many are keen for the public to be involved in decision-making on science issues, most do not want to be personally involved. [More](#)

## Contribute

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