

Liverpool

Cancer Community Update



September 2012

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 cancer community in Merseyside and Cheshire. Please contact LEAD Manager Emma Squibb to contribute or comment.
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Congratulations to Sarah Lake: CRUK PostDoc of the Year 2012

Dr Sarah Lake, from the [Ocular Oncology Group](#), has been named CRUK PostDoctoral Researcher of the Year 2012. Sarah was awarded the prize at CRUK's inaugural [Postdoctoral Career Development Day](#) in London on July 11th.

Sarah was commended by the judges for her individual career ambition, CV and research outputs.

Along with the title, Sarah has won a travel bursary to a conference of her choosing and will be featured on the Cancer Research UK website.



Lilly The Pink

Lilly the Pink Fire Engine made a visit to the Centre in July. Six fire officers from Kensington Fire Station, where Lilly is based came to visit the labs. Several of our researchers, some supporters and patients also came along for the afternoon, and free cupcakes were provided by Laura's Little Bakery.

Lilly is a working fire engine painted pink to help promote 2012 Year of Action on Cancer in Merseyside and Cheshire. Lilly went along to 4 local Race for Life events this summer and we are also planning further fundraising and cancer awareness work with Mersey Fire & Rescue Service.



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Pedal for Petrov

Members of staff from Haematology were out in force to meet the Pedal for Petrov team at Goodison Park. The team of masseurs from Aston Villa Football Club is raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, following the news of Aston Villa Team Captain Stiliyan Petrov being diagnosed with leukaemia. [More](http://www.justgiving.com/pedalforpetrov) <http://www.justgiving.com/pedalforpetrov>

JAMA Publication Success

Professor John Neoptolemos *et al* have had research from the ESPAC-3 trial, Effect of Adjuvant Chemotherapy With Fluorouracil Plus Folinic Acid or Gemcitabine vs Observation on Survival in Patients With Resected Periapillary Adenocarcinoma published in the July 11th edition of *JAMA* showing that receiving chemotherapy following surgical removal of type of cancer near pancreas may improve survival.

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1216477>

Former Liverpool architect Liam Ryan was diagnosed with “one of the worst cases” of head and neck cancer ever seen at Aintree University Hospital in 2002. But with world-class medical expertise and the support of his friends and family, he managed to beat the illness – and now he’s written a book about it. Liam, 50, who studied in the city and worked there for eight years, will donate some of the proceeds from the sale of “Cancer 4; Me 5 (after extra time)” to the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree, which is the busiest unit in the country.

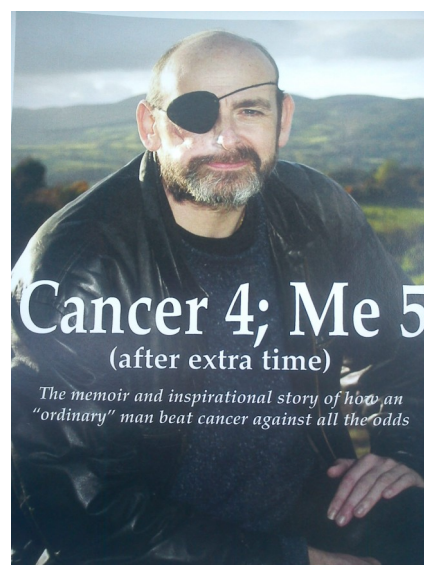
Liam said: “I am so grateful to the team at Aintree and want to do as much as I can to help fund their continued research and treatment of head and neck cancers, which is why I’ve written the book. I also hope it will help others who find themselves battling this illness.”

Professor Simon Rogers, Clinical Director for the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree, said: “Liam’s case is one of the most exceptional I have seen in my career and I’m sure it will make for an inspirational and thought provoking read. I’m delighted that he has chosen to donate some of the proceeds to the Head and Neck research programme at Aintree.”

Liam will be signing copies of “Cancer 4; Me 5 (after extra time)”, priced at £15, at News from Nowhere on Bold Street on Thursday 20th September from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Donations to the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree University Hospital can also be made at

www.justgiving.com/LiamRyan-Cancer4Me5



Local Engagement



Liverpool Pride 2012

On August 4, researchers from the Centre braved the worst weather this summer had to throw at us, to take part in the Liverpool Pride March. The theme of the day was Nautical but Nice and our researchers took that on board with sailors, pirates and even an octopus braving the elements. Over 4000 people took part in the parade, and over 40,000 attended to watch.

We gave out over 2000 healthy living leaflets and our costumes were such a success that FACT Cinema included them in an Exhibition for the three weeks following the event.



Race for Life

So the weather wasn't the greatest this summer, and caused some of our local races to be rescheduled, but researchers from the Centre turned out to support events at: Haydock, Warrington, Knowsley, Aintree, Sefton Park and Wirral.

Many thanks to all who took part.



Princes Trust

The Centre has been working with Liverpool Football Club for some time on their Action for health scheme, delivering cancer awareness sessions and lab tours to community groups across Merseyside.

In July a group from the Princes Trust Scheme run by Mersey Fire and Rescue Authority came for tour of Daimark Bennett's Lab. The event featured on the Liverpool FC website. [more](#)



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Stand Up To Cancer

Cancer Research UK is joining forces with Channel 4 to launch a brand new fundraising campaign: Stand Up To Cancer. Established in the US, Stand Up To Cancer uses the entertainment industry to create awareness and build public support for cancer research. Cancer Research UK and Channel 4 are bringing the campaign to the UK, to raise funds for clinical trials that will bring new treatments to patients faster.



This October, Channel 4 will air a week of factual entertainment and health programming focusing on cancer -building up to a night of live television on Friday 19th October that invites viewers to watch, laugh and raise funds to accelerate groundbreaking research. Scientists like you are leading the fight against cancer - so help us fundraise, tell everyone you know, and join us on Facebook and Twitter.

www.facebook.com/standuptocancerUK
@StandUp2C

In Liverpool, to support Stand Up to Cancer, we will be holding a Scouse Raffle, prizes kindly donated by local business include:

- **A Superlambanana**
- **Stand Up To Cancer T Shirt**
- **A Year's Free membership of FACT Cinema**
- **£160 Craft Creative Vouchers**
- **Manicure / Pedicure Voucher for Urban Calm Spa**
- **Rebel Soul T Shirt and Freebies**
- **Free breakfast or lunch for 2 at Onion**

If you would like to buy tickets, or sell some to help raise funds, please get in touch with Emma.

On September 18th the Centre will host the Merseyside & Cheshire Cancer Summit, an event bringing together over 70 representatives of Health and Well-being Boards across Merseyside & Cheshire. The event, being organised by CRUK and Merseyside & Cheshire Cancer Network, is a key event in the Action on Cancer Calendar. Make your Pledge to take Action on Cancer [here](#).



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