

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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Annual Meeting 2012

The Centre held its Annual Meeting at the Victoria Gallery and Museum on campus on **14th May 2012**. Over 170 attendees from all cancer research groups on campus and stakeholder partners made the day a great success. The invited guest speakers, Alberto Bardelli (Turin), Richard Marias (Paterson Institute, Manchester), and Grant Stewart (Birmingham) gave entertaining and novel talks; Alberto Bardelli was able to share work about to be published in *Nature*. Liverpool's research was highlighted with talks from Syed Hussain, Andrea Varro and Steve Royle.

Short Talks were given by Andrew Schache, Tanzeela Khalid, Dean Hammond, and Ryan Baron. A poster competition was held with 46 posters submitted into the competition. The winners were presented their certificates by Richard Marias with prizes going to **Fiona Hood**, and **Neville Cobbe**. Each receives a £300 Conference Travel Award.

Thanks to all attendees and helpers that made this such a great event for the Centre.



Liverpool Dances for Cancer Research

Over 60 researchers and support staff got together in March to make a film to help the Centre raise awareness of our work. Our novel approach resulted in [Liverpool Dances for Cancer Research](#), now available to view on YouTube.

Please watch it, and forward the link to your contacts.

With many thanks to all staff who took part, Nikki and Lee from Toxteth TV, Debbie Green from Merralls Dance School and of course to local band the Wombats, for allowing us to use their music.



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Professor John Neoptolemos was made an honorary member of the German Society of Surgery at a ceremony in Berlin on April 24th.



Merseyside & Cheshire Year of Action on Cancer

Mersey Fire and Rescue Service are supporting the Year of Action on Cancer, by painting one of their working fire engines pink! The vehicle, renamed **Lilly the Pink**, was the idea of Fire Officer Paul Hitchen, who saw a similar project run in America. Paul lost his father to oral cancer 20 years ago and was keen to try the idea here in Merseyside.

The fire engine has been painted pink and branded with cancer awareness messages and will be fully operational, answering emergency calls in the region. Lilly will also attend community events and will make her first public appearance at Race for Life Aintree on 24th June, and she will also attend Race for Life events at Wirral, Sefton Park and Knowsley and she'll be at Liverpool Pride in August.

Liverpool Model and Cancer Research UK supporter Amanda Harrington, Deputy Chief Fire Officer Phil Garrigan, and Andy Hull of Liverpool PCT attended a press launch and photo shoot at Kensington Fire Station to officially "launch" Lilly.

Lilly's launch was featured in a BBC North-West Tonight bulletin and in the [Liverpool Echo](#)



Congratulations to Prof Andy Pettitt who was recently appointed Chair of NCRI Haem-Onc CSG.

Congratulations to Andrea Varro *et al* who have had their paper, [Release of TGFβig-h3 by gastric myofibroblasts slows tumor growth and is decreased with cancer progression](#), published in Carcinogenesis on May 18th

Local Engagement

Tesco Lab Tour

Staff from Tesco visited the Centre in May, hearing from Paul Sutton about his research into colorectal cancer. The group also enjoyed meeting Nav Upile who showed them around the laboratories and spoke about his work in head and neck cancer.

Tesco are a fundraising partner of Cancer Research UK and it sounds like the staff went away enthused by the visit. *"I feel energised to drive fundraising..we really need to come up with some new ways to raise money for CRUK..such a worthwhile 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.

Summer 2012

June

- 06 LFC for Health session
- 12-13 Cancer Awareness Roadshow at Asda Utting Avenue
- 20-22 Cancer Awareness Roadshow at Lime Street
- 21 Liverpool Carer's Day
- 24 Aintree Race for Life
- 28 CRUK Friends Lab Tour

July

- 08 Sefton Park Race for Life
- 11 Knowsley Race for Life
- 15 Wirral Race for Life
- 20 Princes Trust Lab Tour
- 20 Guest Speaker - [Professor Christian Ottensmeier, University of Southampton](#)

August

- 04 Liverpool Pride

An auction of LFC Memorabilia held in memory of Gary Ablett raised £12,000 for the Christie Hospital in Manchester. Physiotherapist Chris Morgan who organised the auction said, "The auction went down a storm and I had some last minute high bidders fighting for the Gerrard shirt. It was quite exciting to see the bids increase as I know what a difference the funds raised will make to the Christie." [More](#)

Eight top Chinese cancer surgeons visited Liverpool specialists in a bid to help them cope with a surge of cases hitting their country. Experts at Aintree University Hospital invited their Chinese colleagues to join them to watch surgery and to take part in clinical discussions. The visit to Aintree University Hospital, on Thursday 24th May and Friday 25th May, was part of an educational programme in the UK aimed at helping treat the surge in colorectal cancers across China. All of the eight are Directors of Surgery in hospitals and cancer centres across China. [more](#)

Other news

Two Merseyside policemen will canoe 127 miles in five days to raise funds for pancreatic cancer. Phil Seddon and Chris Read are making their epic journey along the full length of the Leeds/Liverpool Canal to fundraise for **Royal Liverpool University Hospital's pancreatic cancer research**, the Walton Centre's Neuro Fund, and the Pituitary Foundation. They set off from Leeds on Tuesday, June 12, and will arrive back in Liverpool at the Salthouse Dock on Saturday, June 16. Training has been intense as both men will be spending up to eight hours paddling in their canoes each day. Follow their progress on twitter @paddlingpolice [more](#)

Cancer Research UK Plain Packaging Campaign

Want to do more to help protect children from tobacco marketing?

We're campaigning for plain packaging, because our research shows that this will help protect children from tobacco marketing. To find out more about the campaign, watch our video and sign our petition go to www.theanswerisplain.org.

We're taking this campaign to the heart of Westminster on 27 June with 100 of our passionate supporters – and you could be a part of it. Our [Cancer Campaigns Ambassadors](#) volunteer to help us influence politicians and rally their local communities to support our campaigns. You don't need to have any previous experience of political campaigning, we will give you the support you need to get your voice heard. So if you're passionate about beating cancer, and you want to do something a bit different, [find out more here](#).

Bernie Bucket's Summer Fundraiser

Since 2009 Bernie "Bucket" Singleton has raised over £63,000 for Cancer Research UK.

This year Bernie is organising her 3rd Annual summer fundraising event, on 20 July 2012, again at Leasowe Castle. The evening includes live music, raffle/ auction and an appearance from Chrissy Rock (Benidorm/ I'm a Celebrity). Tickets are available from Emma and all proceeds go to Cancer Research UK

In addition to the summer event Bernie is also organising supermarket collections in Asda and Morrisons, she'll be attending 3 Race for Life events and organising another fundraising event for Halloween.

Not content with organising events in the UK, Bernie will be putting on her second fundraising evening of entertainment in Tenerife where she and husband Keith take their annual holiday. Last year's event was a great success raising over 2000 Euros and Bernie has even more support on the Island for a bigger and better event this year. Keep going Bernie, you're amazing.



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Local People



New Face for Cancer Research UK

My name is Sarah Bailey and I am the new CR-UK Area Volunteer Manager for Liverpool, Warrington and Wigan. Seeing family and friends' cancer experiences first hand means that Cancer Research UK's work is very close to my heart. I'm a keen runner and completed the London Marathon in 2010 in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and ran the Berlin Marathon last year for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know Liverpool and the surrounding areas and can't wait to hit the ground running in supporting fundraising groups and individuals with their fundraising ideas and events. Not only am I a new face at Cancer Research UK and at the Liverpool Cancer Research Centre, but I'll soon be getting a new name (just to confuse everybody!). I'm getting married in August so will soon be using my married name...Sarah Peach!

If I can support you in your CR-UK fundraising activity please feel free to drop me a line on 07799 341297 or sarah.bailey@cancer.org.uk. Hope to meet you soon!

Justine carries the Olympic Torch

Cancer Research UK Ambassador and skin cancer campaigner Justine Shiels was chosen recently to carry the Olympic Torch on its journey into Liverpool.

Having been diagnosed with skin cancer in 2006, Justine became involved with Cancer Research UK in 2008 and since then has been raising skin cancer awareness and promoting the Sunsmart campaign.

As a Cancer Campaigns Ambassador, she attended a parliamentary reception to lobby politicians to introduce sunbed legislation. Justine also features in the advertising campaign for national TV, radio and posters. (Not to mention also appearing in or DVD)

She is a passionate and prolific Cancer Research UK Volunteer and has helped the charity in many ways including launching the Sunsmart campaign and appearing extensively in national and local media, achieving exceptional coverage. Justine is truly dedicated to raising awareness of one of the UK's most common cancers and changing people's attitudes towards sunbeds and their behaviour in the sun.



Contribute

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