

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



Beauty and the boffins

Model and Echo Columnist Amanda Harrington came to visit the Centre on 26th July. Amanda took part in the Knowsley Race for Life on 6th July and came along to the Centre to find out more about how the money raised at Race for Life is spent in Liverpool.

Amanda was shown the labs by Ryan Baron and also met with Dr Seema Chauhan and Prof Neoptolemos.

Amanda says, "Thank you for inviting me, I feel like

I've learned so much. Taking part in Race for Life was such fun, and the money raised is funding vital research to help future generations."

[Echo Coverage](#) / [Amanda's Column](#)



Liverpool welcomes Lorraine



Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre is delighted to welcome **Lorraine Turner**, Senior Research Nurse into post. Lorraine, who previously worked at the Christie says, "I'm privileged to have been given the opportunity to work at both an academic level within the University of Liverpool, as well as within the NHS and local communities in Liverpool, Merseyside and Cheshire. Collaborating with world-class researchers, scientists, specialist cancer doctors, nurses, patients and the public. Throughout my nursing career and postgraduate studies, I have always been passionate about research. I started my Research Nurse career back in 2000 at The University Hospital of South Manchester which I thoroughly enjoyed for 8 years before training to be a Nurse Clinician. This post is a huge challenge and one which I'm really looking forward to taking up. Cancer is responsible for more than one in three deaths in Merseyside and can cause profound emotional as well as physical effects not only for patients but for family, friends and carers. It is paramount for the future of cancer research to maintain high quality standards and to promoting awareness and recruitment to clinical trials amongst healthcare professionals, patients and the public."

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A new PET CT Scanner at the Royal was officially opened on 28 June by CEO Tony Bell and Chair Judith Greensmith (pictured).

The £1.8m static scanner is the only one in Merseyside and Cheshire and provides the latest technology to diagnose cancer and other diseases.

Congratulations

to Sarah Coupland, who has been awarded a Personal Chair.

Take five, save lives 2011 is the Year of Radiotherapy, and CRUK are helping to give this vital treatment the attention it deserves. Radiotherapy helps cure more cancers than chemotherapy, and around 120,000 cancer patients in the UK benefit from it every year. But due to staff and equipment shortages, some people are missing out. It takes a matter of minutes to campaign with us and call for an action plan in England that makes sure everyone has access to the best radiotherapy treatments. Please sign our petition today; join the 15,000 other Voices for Radiotherapy [more](#)



Register now for the annual Royal Liverpool 200 ft abseil from the roof of the hospital, which this year will take place on 1st and 2nd October.

To register please contact info@yourcentre.org or 0151 706 3153

Westminster Reception

Cancer Research UK held a special 'Regional Reception' at Westminster on 12th July 2011. The event brought together Cancer Research UK-funded researchers, campaigners, fundraisers and patient representatives from all the regions of the UK to highlight Cancer Research UK's local roots to parliamentarians. MPs were asked to back the charity's bid to make their local region, and the UK, a thriving environment for medical research. As well as finding out more about the cutting edge research carried out in their region, MPs heard that Cancer Research UK receives no Government funding and relies on the generosity of supporters to fund its life-saving work. Cancer Research UK is calling on the Government to work in partnership with the scientific community to ensure that pioneering new research can be transferred from the lab bench to the patient's bedside as quickly as possible.

Guests heard speeches from host Penny Mordaunt MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Life Sciences, Harpal Kumar, Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK, Anne Milton MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and former nurse, and Tony Selman, a patient voice, fundraiser and Cancer Campaigns Ambassador.

Liverpool CRUK Centre was represented by Prof Neoptolemos and Dr. Sylvie Urbé, pictured with Louise Ellman, MP for Riverside.



Local Engagement

Prof Andrea Varro and Claire Hutchinson visited staff at **DLA Piper** in their **Liverpool** City Centre offices in July. Staff at the firm invited us to their offices following a lab tour earlier this year. Andrea and Claire were able to speak to the group about how funds raised locally are spent on research in Liverpool.

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.

August

04 LFC for Health Men's health session
06 Liverpool Pride



Dr Seema Chauhan attended a Mad Hatters Tea Party at **Cherry Tree Children's Centre** in **Halewood** to collect a cheque for CRUK. The group had raised £150 earlier in the year. With thanks to volunteer Julie Arrowsmith for her continued support.

Amro Ebbiary represented the Centre at a Race for Life Concert organised by CRUK supporters in **Ainsdale**.



Ten students and two teachers from **Calderstones School** in **South Liverpool** enjoyed a tour of the Centre on 13th July. The girls had all volunteered at Sefton Park Race for Life. The tour started with a chat with Ryan Baron, followed by a visit to Sylve Urbé's lab where the girls found out more about cell imaging.

A short walk over the road took the group to meet Lead Cancer Nurse Gill Hamblin at the Linda McCartney Centre where the girls heard about cancer treatment and visited the Chemotherapy Unit. Finally the girls enjoyed a strawberry DNA experiment with Neville Cobbe. Calderstones is a specialist science school and the Centre is very much looking forward to further developing links with students. *"It was really interesting meeting the different people and learning about their jobs and lifestyles. The strawberry DNA experiment was fun. I have realised that I should do more, and that we need to work together to beat cancer."* *"I have learned cancer can affect anyone—I won't be using sun beds."*



Local People

Liverpool based researcher Ryan Baron will be running the Liverpool Marathon on 9 October. You can sponsor Ryan [here](#).



Paul Forrester (above right) will also be running the Liverpool Marathon in October 2011, for Liverpool NIHR Pancreas Biomedical Research Unit. Paul was treated by Prof Sutton and Prof Neoptolemos in 2001 and 2003, and in return he wishes to raise money towards research into treatments of pancreatitis undertaken by the team at the Liverpool NIHR Pancreas Biomedical Research Unit. To donate to Paul please click [here](#) for the Linda McCartney fundraising pages: For further information on the work of the Liverpool NIHR Pancreas Biomedical Research Unit, please go to their [website](#): or please feel free to phone Becky (PBRU) on 0151 706 4877

Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award Professor John Field has received the Joseph W Cullen Award from the [International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer](#) (IASLC). He was presented the award at the World Conference on Lung Cancer in Amsterdam, which is given to an IASLC scientist for lifetime scientific achievement in prevention research of thoracic malignancies. Professor Field leads the UK Lung Cancer Screening Trial and, as Chair of the IASLC CT Screening Task Force, has developed recommendations as to how future CT screening should be undertaken in association with integrated smoking cessation.



Charlotte Ran Ten Congratulations and well done to Deputy Operational Director of Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit, Charlotte Rawcliffe on achieving her goal of completing ten Race for Life events this summer. Charlotte and Dr. Seema Chauhan ran three legged at Preston on 3rd July, and Charlotte's final event was at Knowsley on 6th July, where she was accompanied (in pyjamas) by Zaira Yunis, Laura Marsh, Sarah Jones, Gemma Simpson, Kathryn, Marley, Sarah Cottle and Emma Squibb. You can still donate to help Charlotte raise £1000 [Click here](#)



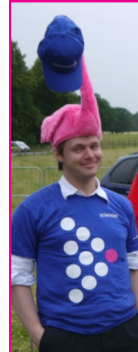
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Race for Life 2011

Many thanks to Fiona McDonald and Syed Hussain for supporting the **Wirral** Race for Life in Birkenhead park on 10th July. The event was attended by over 5000 people including the unstoppable Bernie Bucket. Thanks also to Richard Shaw, who gave a speech in torrential rain at **Warrington** on 17th July and finally to Lorraine Turner, who spoke to around 2500 participants at the last event of the 2011 season, **Haydock**.



Knowsley Around 1800 women, including a team from Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre took part in the Race for Life on 6th July at Knowsley Hall. Liverpool model Amanda Harrington was there to start the race and also took part with her daughter Savannah. Sadly it decided to rain all evening, but spirits were high, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who came along to take part or to support the event.



Thank You to all staff at Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre who have supported Race for Life this year. With your help we have attended 15 events, spoken to over 30,000 people and have earned an unprecedented amount of local press coverage.

Sign up to race for Life 2012 before 30th September—early birds pay just £10: visit www.Raceforlife.org/earlybird or call 0871 641 1111 mentioning "I want to be an early bird."

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Local news

Congratulations to **Bernie Singleton** who hosted her third annual charity fundraiser for CRUK on 22 July at Leasowe Castle. The event was completely sold out and raised over £9,000 for CRUK.

Clatterbridge Charity Golf Tournament—29 September 2011, Caldy Valley Golf Course. Call Kate Pacey on 0151 3434300 for information or booking form.

Press Announcement

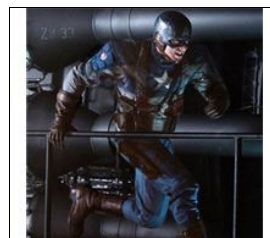
More than 70 per cent of the British public have the opportunity to learn about Cancer Research UK thanks to our work with the media. Our coverage spans across TV, radio, newspapers and magazines and it is a vital way of telling our supporters that their money is leading to important advances in beating cancer. If your work has been funded by the charity and you have a manuscript that has been accepted by or submitted to a journal, please contact the Cancer Research UK press office on press.office@cancer.org.uk or 020 3469 8300.

Scientists who work with the press team can receive media training and advice before a media interview to ensure that they feel comfortable speaking to the media and that the key messages are communicated. The press office will ensure that the maximum coverage is obtained for stories. If Cancer Research UK funded scientists are approached independently by the media to talk about their research they must first contact the press office before agreeing to an interview.

More News:

A group of research nurses from the Royal will be undertaking the Sandstone Trail in September to raise funds for CRUK. A group from LCTU is also planning to organise a Three Peaks Challenge in 2012. Contact [Emma](#) for further details of either event.

Over 300 people, including Liverpool based celebrities attended the premiere of the new Captain America film (much of which was filmed in Liverpool.) The event raised funds for **North West Cancer Research Fund**. [more](#)



Want to know about Bioinformatics?

We will be holding a Bioinformatics Workshop on **Friday, 21st October** from **11am-3pm** in the CRUK Centre. There is a wealth of Bioinformatics support in the Centre and this workshop will highlight the cancer bioinformatics expertise available. Please contact [Claire Hutchinson](#) before **23rd September** if you would like further details.

Contribute

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of this update, please contact Emma on emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185

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