

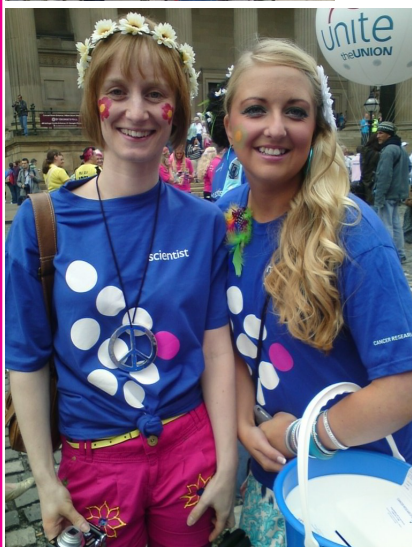
Welcome to the latest edition of the Cancer Community Update from the Liverpool Cancer Research

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

Researchers Support Liverpool Pride

On 6th August researchers from the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre (with friends and family) supported the second annual Liverpool Pride event, taking part in the march from St. George's Hall to the Pier Head. We received cheers, and donations from the assembled crowd and were able to give out a large number of cancer awareness leaflets and freebies.

It is estimated that around 35,000 people attended the event, including friend of the Centre Stephen Twigg MP. Thanks to Charlotte and mum, Fiona, Tom, Sarah, Gemma, Alan, Claire, Karen and Mike.



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Thanks to local boy Jack Porter for raising funds for CRUK by taking part in the 60 mile Manchester to Blackpool bike ride.

Professor John Ellershaw has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate at Edge Hill University in recognition of his contribution to medicine. The citation delivered by the Dean of the Faculty of Health highlighted Professor Ellershaw's contribution to improving care of the dying and his impact on the Medical Undergraduate Curriculum at Liverpool University. The Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute at the University of Liverpool has ongoing collaborations with Edge Hill University, contributing to the Palliative Care Education in Nursing and collaborative research with Professor Barbara Jack who is Head of Research and Scholarship.

Professor John Ellershaw said, "I'm both honoured and delighted to have received this award which has been made possible through the support of many professional colleagues and the wider political and societal realisation that end of life care is everybody's business."



Lung Cancer screening pilot begins in Liverpool

Doctors hope a project at Liverpool University could significantly cut deaths caused by lung cancer. Researchers are approaching more than 85,000 participants from Merseyside and other parts of the UK to take part. The pilot project will investigate whether a national lung cancer screening programme could be started up.

People aged between 50 and 75, chosen at random, from Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley, will get letters asking them to take part in the trial and to respond to a questionnaire. Those selected will be invited to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, where they will be randomly selected to receive, or not receive, a CT-Scan. They will then be monitored for early signs of lung cancer.

Professor John Field, Chief Investigator of UK Lung Screening (UKLS), said: "Although the number of deaths from lung cancer is falling, it still kills more than 35,000 people each year in the UK, which is more than any other cancer." The success of CT screening trials could potentially lead to the implementation of a national lung cancer screening programme, which could have an enormous impact on the future of all lung cancer treatment strategies.

"We could see significant changes in managing the disease, similar to the impact of breast screening over the last 15 years."

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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](#)

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Local Engagement

Any volunteers? Public engagement events would not be possible without the co-operation and support of researchers based at Liverpool CRUK Centre. Please get in touch if you'd like to help with any of the following:

Black History

Month—The Henrietta Lacks Story, looking for researchers to meet with guests to answer questions about research. 4th Oct 3-5pm



LFC For Health Events—these are health and cancer awareness sessions for men. If you would like to come and speak at any of these sessions, please let Emma know.

Liverpool Children's University Day—12th Nov (11 am—3pm)

Looking for a number of researchers to help out with what we hope will be a very busy day. Tasks will include strawberry DNA demonstration, talking to young people about careers in science, supervising microscopes, and I'd be interested to hear from anyone with a new idea for a practical science demonstration.

And there's a party too: On October 29th the unstoppable Bernie Singleton will be holding another fundraising event for CRUK, this time, a Halloween Fancy Dress Party at Poulton Victoria. Tickets are selling fast, if you'd like to go, please contact Emma as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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

14— Cllr Jake Morrison Visit
22 - Men's Health Celebratory Event at Anfield

October

04 Black History Month—The Henrietta Lacks Story
09 Liverpool Marathon
11 LFC for Health Men's Health Event—Breckfield Road
12 Duncan Society Meeting
15 CRUK Supporter Conference
20 MCCN 10th Anniversary Event
27 LFC for Health Event—Armistead Centre
29 Bernie's Halloween Fancy Dress Fund-raiser

November

06—09 NCRI Conference
12 Liverpool Children's University Open Day

The CRUK shop in Old Swan is now selling good quality second hand furniture. If you have any items which you no longer need, excluding beds and large sofas, please contact: 0151 228 3055.



Local People



Liverpool swimming Olympian Stephen Parry braves Irish Sea to be charity splash hit

Liverpool Olympic swimmer Stephen Parry was among a team of celebrities making a splash in the chilly Irish Sea for charity. The Allerton-born Olympic bronze medallist took the plunge for a gruelling 56-mile relay from Holyhead to Dublin. He was joined in the water by members of the public and celebrities including singer Ronan Keating, former Atomic Kitten Jenny Frost and Strictly Come Dancing star Pamela Stephenson for the challenging swim, which aims to raise £1m for Cancer Research UK.

During their epic 40-hour crossing, the swimmers will face sharks, jellyfish and strong currents. Steve said: "My dad's had cancer, my sister-in-law died of cancer when she was 33 and I had testicular cancer myself 18 months ago, so this is a fantastic opportunity to do something for a great cause." [More](#)

Isle of Man Relay raises money for CRUK in Liverpool

430 people including about 27 cancer survivors took part in the island's second Relay for Life – to honour cancer survivors and celebrate life. The 24-hour relay started at midday on Saturday 27 August and saw at least one member of each of the 29 teams walking on the NSC track at all times. So far, about £21,000 has been raised for Cancer Research UK – where the money will go to the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. The event's chairman, Gaynor Haxby, said: 'It is similar to the amount we had raised by this time last year. We went on to raise £44,000 so hopefully we will get somewhere close to that in the next few weeks.' Liverpool based researcher Amro Ebbiary, who went to the first Relay last year, went along to support the event again this year. [more](#)



Many thanks to Nick, Lee and Vicky, who raised funds for CRUK with a sky dive on 7th August.



Together we will beat cancer

Local news

Liverpool PCT's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 27th September 2011**, commencing at 1.00 pm in Screen One, FACT Cinema, Wood Street, Liverpool. The event is open to everyone and will be an opportunity to hear about how the PCT has performed over the last year and ask questions. Copies of the Annual Report 2010/11 will also be available. Please contact the **Communications Team** on **0151 285 4608** if you have access requirements.

Come Dancing for Clatterbridge Cancer Research

Friday 28 October 2011, from 7:00pm, St. Georges Hall, Liverpool. Seven dancers - leaders in business, sport, politics and media in the North West - will be competing for the coveted crown of Come Dancing champions. Each competitor will undergo six months of gruelling training, coached by world class dancers from Headliners School of Dance, in preparation for the spectacular gala finale in front of a live audience at St. George's Hall. Contestants include Steve Rotherham, MP for Walton, make-up artist Liz Collinge and Judith Greensmith, Chair of the Royal. The event will be hosted by BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips and judged by a panel made up of LIPA's Mark Featherstone-Witty, Jane Clare executive editor from the Trinity Mirror News groups and Yvonne Dunn, former dancing world champion and principle instructor at Headliners School.

Tickets are £75 per person or £750 for a table of ten with corporate packages available. Tickets also include a three course meal after which guests have the opportunity to take to the floor themselves with a live band providing the music until the early hours.

For tickets or enquiries please call Laura Irving on 0151 343 4300 or email laura.irving@clatterbridge.org.



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North West Cancer Research Fund's annual Butterfly Ball is back and will be held on 24th September in Liverpool city centre. Lutyens Crypt at Metropolitan Cathedral will provide an autumnal backdrop to raise lots of money for invaluable research into the causes of cancer and how it spreads. Tickets £65

Please email butterfly@nwcrf.co.uk for information on how to purchase tickets.

Contribute

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