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Welcome



to 17th. Christie's Week is our chance to raise even more awareness about our charity and engage with even more people about the excellent and ground-breaking work The Christie does. Find out in pages 4 to 6 which celebrities are throwing their weight behind our week, what fantastic events are planned and how you can get involved.

As many of you will be aware we received the welcome news in June that our strategic health authority, NHS North West, would be giving us the £6.5 million lost in the Icelandic banking collapse. This was the best outcome we could have hoped for and I am in no doubt that your overwhelming support for the Cash Back For Christie campaign had a real impact so I want to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in our campaign and signed the petition.

Throughout the year your fantastic fundraising efforts and generous donations enable us to continue to deliver additional services and vital cancer research and without your help this would not be possible.

In this edition of Successes you can read about our first ever Christie's Week which is happening from October 10th

events taking place and the fun continues into the autumn with our unique Night of Neon, a 5km jog and 10km walk around an illuminated Salford Quays, on Saturday, October 24th.

Events like these help to support our ongoing work and really do make a huge difference to cancer patients and you can continue to do so with your superb fundraising.

Thank you for your support. With very best wishes.

Toni Leden,
Appeals Director

This summer has seen a host of community and sporting fundraising

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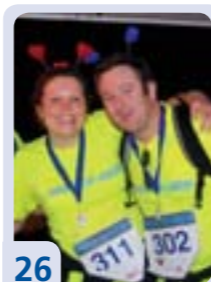
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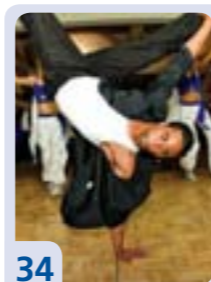
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Inspirational Fundraisers



Janice Moss (right) with sister Christine who flew in from Atlanta to take part (second from left) with other walkers

Janice Moss, 64, has been fundraising for our charity, as part of the Altrincham and Sale Fundraising Group, for more than 10 years. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996 and treated at The Christie.

Determined to make every day count, the retired secretary is part of the team who organise the annual Morecambe Bay Walk – an eight mile challenge described as one of the

world's most wonderful journeys. Over the years, the group have raised more than £70,000 through the walk alone and are now focusing their efforts on supporting the new patient treatment centre.

This year 85 walkers braved the elements led by the Queen's official guide to the sands, Cedric Robinson MBE.

Janice, who also works as a volunteer at The Christie, said; "Morecambe Bay is renowned for its dangerous sea current and notorious quicksand, but that didn't stop anyone from taking part to raise money for such a vital cause – my sister, Christine, even came over from Atlanta to take part.

"The Christie saved my life. If it wasn't for the expert care and treatment I received I wouldn't have seen my two sons get married and give me four wonderful grandchildren. Being diagnosed with cancer means that you truly appreciate what's important in life and you don't take anything or any day for granted."

Just over ten years ago 38 year old Debbie Worthington, from Bolton, was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. After six months of chemotherapy at The Christie she later went into remission. Debbie then began organising an annual sponsored walk around Rivington Pike every August and to date has raised £124,200.

When Debbie was diagnosed with cancer there was no time to freeze her eggs before she had chemotherapy, which, she was told, would make it highly unlikely she would ever be able to conceive. During her third sponsored walk Debbie started having serious stomach pains and feared her cancer had returned. However she was delighted to find out she was actually seven months pregnant and in November 2002 Debbie gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Dylan, now six.

She said; "If it wasn't for The Christie I wouldn't be here today."

Professor John Radford, who treated Debbie, said; "I can't believe it's been 10 years now since Debbie was a patient here. The amount of money she's raised since then to help others is truly amazing. Debbie's story shows that people are surviving cancer and going on to lead normal, healthy lives."



Debbie Worthington with husband Andrew, son Dylan and Prof Radford

If you have been inspired to organise your own fundraising event contact the community fundraising team on 0161 918 7398



A little of your time will help a lot of lives



Everyone's invited to give a little of their time

The Christie works hard every day to give time back to cancer patients and their families. We all understand that time is precious so that's why we want you to give some time to help us raise money during Christie's Week.

A little of your time will help a lot of lives

The first ever Christie's Week runs from October 10th to 17th 2009 and we want everyone to get involved and organise a fundraising event for The Christie.

It's that simple. It doesn't matter how big or small your event is, you can bake cakes, wash cars, sit in a bath of beans

or even organise a sponsored eye-watering chest wax – we don't mind as long as you take part in Christie's Week to raise money and make a difference.

We can offer you advice, inspiration and lots of useful ideas about how to organise and promote your event. So gather your family, friends, colleagues or neighbours and please join in Christie's Week.



Here's what a few of them had to say...

Celebrities from the world of film, television and radio have thrown their weight behind the first ever Christie's Week.

Comedian, actor, writer and star of Phoenix Nights, Dead Man Weds and former team captain on Eight Out of Ten Cats, Dave Spikey said;

"As I have such a special bond with The Christie I am delighted to support the first ever Christie's Week.

"I am encouraging everyone to get behind Christie's Week and organise a fundraising event to raise money for the charity – perhaps even a comedy night!

"Staff work tirelessly every day to give precious time back to cancer patients and their families. And I know first hand just how important that is.

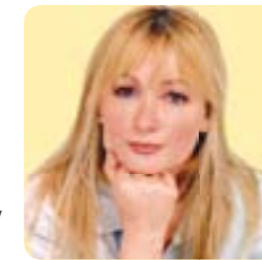
"My brother Peter was 21-years-old when he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and The Christie gave him an extra 20 years of life. Peter sadly died in 2008 when his cancer returned, but without their outstanding care he wouldn't have been able to go on to have his precious family and live life to the full for two good decades.

"Please do everything you can to support this wonderful cancer centre and this important week."



Writer, comedian, actress and star of the Royle family Caroline Aherne said;

"I am well aware of the trauma that cancer causes and also the fantastic work that The Christie does. I know that Christie's Week will be a great success and that it will help people realise how important the work done by The Christie is in helping unfortunate cancer sufferers."



Resident doctor on ITV's This Morning and Manchester GP, Dr Chris Steele, said;

"As a doctor I know from personal experience the vital work The Christie does for cancer patients in helping to save lives and so I am urging everyone to play their part in supporting the first ever Christie's Week.

"This is a great opportunity to get involved, have fun and raise money to help pay for extra patient services and vital cancer research.

"It is a sad statistic that one in three of us will be affected by cancer. The charity relies on fundraising and during Christie's Week you can help cancer patients now and in the future by giving a little of your time to this worthwhile week."



Former Doctor Who actor and star of new film, G.I. Joe, Christopher Eccleston said;

"As a local man from Salford growing up and living in the area I know just how important The Christie is and the life-saving work it does.

"I have been a supporter of The Christie for a number of years and I want to encourage everyone to support the first ever Christie's Week to help raise money for such a worthwhile and vital cause.

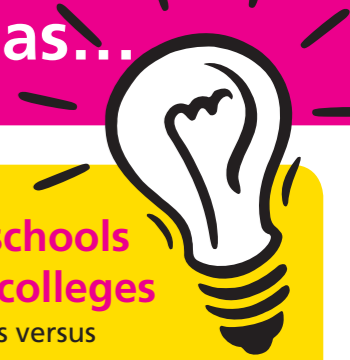
"A little bit of time from everyone could mean a lot of time for cancer patients and their families. And that's one of the greatest gifts we can help them give."



Register for a FREE fundraising pack bursting with ideas to get you started

Our FREE Christie's Week fundraising packs are full of lots of useful hints and tips, a sponsor form, invites as well as stickers and posters to promote your event. Register online at www.christiesweek.org or telephone 0161 918 7398.

Check out our favourite fundraising ideas...



For schools and colleges

- Pupils versus teachers competitions
- No uniform day
- Sponsored spelling or silence
- Concert
- Fashion show

At work

- Dress down day
- Cake sale
- Staff versus management competition
- Loud tie day
- Karaoke competition

With friends

- Ladies lunch
- Quiz night
- 5-a-side tournament
- Film night
- Pampering pyjama party



Actress Gemma Atkinson



How about organising a ChrisTEA Party?

Invite your friends and family to pop round for a cup of tea. Ask them to bake their favourite cakes and charge everyone a donation for their cuppa.

Or organising a ChrisTEE Off?

Each golfer gets a round of golf and the opportunity to win a few prizes in return for a charity donation. Why not put on a dinner and prize giving ceremony afterwards?



"The Christie gave me time"



Richard Jackson was first diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 2003. He was treated and given the all clear but unfortunately developed secondary complications in 2006 and was referred to The Christie.

Richard underwent a gruelling regime of treatment. His condition has not been cured but the treatment keeps his symptoms under control and in the last 12 months he has been able to return to his normal life, work and the tennis court! Since this time, Richard and his wife, Judith, 6 year old son, Archie, and 3 year old daughter, Mabel, have been going from strength to strength.

The dedicated fundraisers held their Skin4Life Ball at the MacDonald Craxton Wood Hotel in Chester and raised £20,300 for melanoma research. Judith's friend, Clare Smith (former Miss United Kingdom and now head presenter on Sky Travel) hosted the evening and BBC North West Tonight presenter Gordon Burns attended and gave a speech.

Richard said; "This October we'll be supporting Christie's Week by organising a Salsa Night at our son's school. We urge everyone to get involved in Christie's Week and give a little bit of their time to help The Christie continue its lifesaving work."

How your help is MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Focus on treatment centre

Building work on our new £35 million patient treatment centre on Oak Road is progressing well.

Ground works are now complete with construction of the structural steelwork underway, starting at the memorial garden end of the site and working towards Oak Road.

Barry Stacey, Works Supervisor for the

project, said: "We are very pleased with how the work is progressing, in fact we are ahead of schedule and every effort is being made to continue this successful start to what is a very challenging and ambitious programme."

There are two time lapse webcams taking videos of the progress until the centre opens. You can see exactly how the work is developing via the webcam

by visiting www.christiewebcams.co.uk/index.asp

The new treatment centre will enable us to expand our chemotherapy service and double the number of patients offered clinical trial treatments - giving us the largest early clinical trials unit in the world. With your help, a large part of the project is being funded through the charity.



Here is a taster of some of the many events already planned during Christie's Week

OCT 10 **Charity Ball**
The Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford

OCT 11 **Danceathon**
Middlewich

OCT 11 **Sponsored 'Walk of life'**
from The Christie to Oswaldtwistle

OCT 11 **'Songs for Christie's'**
singing and collecting in the Manchester city centre

OCT 12 **Tea party**
at The Christie

OCT 17 **Mega Raid Collection**
In the centre of Manchester, towns throughout the North West and Manchester United

OCT 17 **Sponsored climb event**
at The Printworks

OCT 17 **Soul Night**
Radcliffe Civic Centre, Bury

Don't have time? You can still support Christie's Week by making a donation at www.christiesweek.org

Check out all the latest Christie's Week news at www.twitter.com/christiesweek or on our Christie's Week Fan Page on Facebook.



Clinical trials success story



Stan Parker (second from left) with friends

70-year-old Stan Parker was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus in 2004. He had an operation to remove it, but unfortunately, the cancer spread. After a course of chemotherapy, Stan took part in a clinical trial run by Professor Robert Hawkins at The Christie. Professor Hawkins specialises in testing immunotherapy treatments for a whole range of cancers. As a result of this innovative new

treatment, Stan's condition has been stable for two years, and he feels healthy and positive.

Stan said; "The clinical trials programme at The Christie is amazing. I am living proof. I don't like to think what might have happened without it."

Professor Malcolm Ranson, Head of the Clinical Trials Unit, said; "This new unit will make us a global leader in cancer research. Most importantly it will bring substantial benefit to local people because they will be among the first in the world to access the latest and most innovative treatments for cancer as they become available, giving them the best possible chance of survival."

We need your support - from funding whole rooms to labs, or individual pieces of equipment. There are lots of opportunities to support this exciting new development. Contact the Appeals Office on 0161 446 3988.

Radiotherapy machines delivered to Oldham



network of Christie radiotherapy centres where local patients will be able to access first class radiotherapy treatments from our experts, but much closer to home.

Project manager Phil Turner said: "We are delighted that at this important stage of the project we are on schedule. We have taken delivery of the machines and are starting to install them exactly when we planned."

Progress at The Christie's new radiotherapy centre in Oldham has taken a huge step forward as the two £1.3 million radiotherapy machines have now been delivered.

The seven tonne machines will be housed in treatment rooms specially designed with concrete walls up to two metres thick.

Based at the Royal Oldham Hospital, the development is the first in a unique



Left to right: Peter Mitchell, Maureen Mitchell, Christie staff nurse Shani Dawson, divisional nurse Lisa Grant, staff nurse Sally Parkinson and Linda Gallimore from Asda.

Tele-happy

74 year old Maureen Mitchell from Blackrod in Bolton donated four flat screen televisions and £250 to Ward 10 at The Christie as a way of saying thank you for the care her husband of 51 years, Peter, received while he was treated for kidney cancer.

Maureen and her colleagues at the ASDA supermarket in Middlebrook raised the money through sponsored walks and a donation from the firm's head office.

We need your continued support to make these vital developments happen

Their future is in our hands... our future is in yours!



Last year over 200 of our supporters left a gift in their will to The Christie which amounted to over a third of our charitable income. The progress that we make now and in the future is only possible thanks to their foresight and generosity.

Thanks to the amazing help of our supporters we have made great

strides in the battle against cancer. Year by year, we are improving cancer survival rates at The Christie, but we desperately want to achieve even more.

A gift in your will - whatever the size - will help us continue working towards a time where future generations can live without the shadow of cancer.

Will power - To find out more about legacies and how you can play your part please contact us in confidence by calling John Bremend, legacy officer on **0161 918 7424** or email: john.bremend@christie.nhs.uk

Makeover for Young Oncology Unit



Left to right front row: Patient Kevin Grimshaw and former patient Nikki Whitty, chief executive Caroline Shaw, Deborah Drinkall, Robert Broude's parents and brother Helena, Peter and Mark. Left to right back row: Richard Shaw, Professor Tim Eden, Mike Hymanson, chairman Jim Martin and Peter Stoll.

Teenage cancer patients at The Christie are now benefiting from an extended day case unit thanks to generous charity donations.

Inspiration for the new state-of-the-art day case unit came from former patient Robert Broude, of Prestwich, who sadly died in 2004, aged 19, from a very rare form of cancer. His vision was met thanks to a £250,000 donation, raised with the help of charity Childrens Aid. Peter Broude, Robert's dad, said; "My son had very definite opinions about how things could be improved here at The Christie and I'm thrilled that with the help of Childrens Aid, we've

achieved something he would've been proud of."

As cancer treatments improve, more patients are being treated on a day case basis, which means they do not have to stay in hospital overnight. The award winning teenage cancer unit at The Christie is one of only ten dedicated cancer units in the country providing specialist care and facilities for young people between 16 and 24 years of age.

Professor Tim Eden, international teenage cancer specialist, who has overseen the extension project said;

"All of these areas are aimed to provide a better quality of life for our young patients during their often very intensive treatment. To acquire such life threatening illnesses at a crucial age in their development presents a huge challenge to patients and their parents and we as a team endeavour to help them through it all."

A £500,000 donation from the Teenage Cancer Trust provided a new suite consisting of music and chill-out rooms containing a juke box, Nintendo Wii consoles, pool tables, musical instruments and sound mixing and recording equipment.



Guests see how the extended day case unit will allow patients to receive care in a more spacious and comfortable environment.

How you are helping to fund vital research...

Radiopharmacy opens

A new state-of-the-art unit has opened at The Christie thanks to generous contributions from Dan Tynan, The Morgan Foundation, Seamus and Katherine Nugent, The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust, The Berkeley Group, The Zochonis Charitable Trust, The Women's Trust Fund Committees and Lady Joan Smith, who made a contribution in memory of her late husband Professor Sir Roland Smith, as well as numerous other fundraising groups and individuals.

The new radiopharmacy unit will undertake research into a pioneering cancer treatment, which could replace chemotherapy for some cancer patients and save lives across the world.

Katherine Nugent, who attended the official opening, said; "We chose to support The Christie because of its exciting Magic Bullet therapy which will revolutionise cancer treatment. It's fantastic now that the radiopharmacy unit is a reality."

As well as being highly effective in destroying cancer, the revolutionary treatment which is called radioimmunotherapy or 'Magic Bullet'

is a quicker and easier treatment for patients.

Christie experts are leading internationally in the treatment and have recently undertaken the first Magic Bullet trial in Europe with patients with lymphoma cancers and leukaemia, and found remarkable results.

Chief executive at The Christie, Caroline Shaw said; "Work that is carried out here has an impact not only locally for patients here in Manchester, but world wide. I know that this new unit will be home to even more research successes which wouldn't be possible without the support of these generous people."



Chairman of The Christie charity Lord Keith Bradley, Christie chief executive Caroline Shaw and Katherine Nugent



Hairdresser Philip Halliwell, 63, from Mariebonne in Wigan, organised a concert featuring Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra and raised £3,300 for Professor Robert Hawkins' research team.

Three years ago, the grandfather of six was diagnosed with kidney cancer and had a kidney removed. Secondary tumours were found in his lung and he had lymph nodes in his chest removed.

Under the care of Professor Hawkins, an international leader in the treatment of kidney cancer, Philip underwent intensive treatment using a drug called interleukin-2 at The Christie, which is the leading UK centre offering this type of immunotherapy. The treatment is not suitable for all, but in carefully selected patients it can be very effective.

Philip said; "I am still here because of The Christie. Professor Hawkins, his

team and all the nursing staff were fantastic and I wanted to do something to say thank you."

Professor Hawkins said; "The concert, which my wife and I were pleased to attend, was a great success and thank you to Philip for donating the money to my research team which will benefit many more patients."

Fundraising for melanoma research

Many thanks to the Factor 50 Fundraising Group who organised the glitzy His and Hers Ball at the Lowry Hotel in Manchester.

The black tie event, which was attended by members of the Professional Footballers' Association, accountants, solicitors, Oldham Athletic's Chris Taylor and The Christie's Dr Paul Lorigan, raised £9,570 for the Malignant Melanoma Research Fund. Guests were treated to top class entertainment and raffle prizes up for grabs included his and hers Tag Heuer watches, a holiday to South Africa and a beach break to Barbados.



Group chair Gill Nuttall with daughter Elizabeth.



Oldham Athletic's Chris Taylor.

If you are interested in fundraising for a particular area of research contact the Appeals Office on 0161 446 3988

Community news

Fundraisers' Day

We would like you to join with all our Christie fundraisers in a day of innovation to find the ultimate fundraising idea.

Throughout the day you will get the chance to hear some inspirational stories from fellow fundraisers, share your event ideas and ask our expert panel about

anything and everything to do with fundraising.

Fundraisers' Day is free to attend and refreshments will be available. Places are limited so we encourage you to book early. Please register via our website on www.christies.org or call 0161 918 7398.

A day of innovation to find the ultimate fundraising idea
Saturday 10th October
 9.30am to 3.30pm
 Lancashire County Cricket Club

Cheers!

A massive thank you to all our fundraisers who raised a toast to The Christie on the annual Saddleworth Beer Walk. Despite the wind and rain, walkers donned fancy dress and covered over 11 miles around Greenfield, Uppermill, Dobcross, Delph and Diggle. The walk is organised by Saddleworth Round Table. Community fundraising officer, Jacky Plant, said: "It was a brilliant day, apart from the rain, and I want to say a big thank you to Terry Dean (Oldham and Rochdale Fundraising Group) who helped out on the day. I could not have done it without him."



Tommy Coopers



Jacky Plant (left) with the Charlie Chaplins

Going once... going twice

A rubber duck, a jar of homemade marmalade and an apartment in Nice for a week were just some of the auction items up for grabs at an annual fundraising evening held at the Swan Inn in Kettleshulme.

Phil Watson and his co-organiser Matthew Barnes from Chapel-en-le-Frith hosted the event which raised over £3,800 for our

Haematology and Transplant Unit where Phil's wife Sheila Anne was treated before she died in December 2005.

Phil said; "I would like to thank everyone who helped organise the event and most importantly all those who attended and spent their money in hard financial times."



Left to right: Phil Watson with landlord at the Swan Inn Robert Cloughley, auctioneer Richard Hayley and Matthew Barnes.

Mum on a mission

A mum of three from Stockport who beat breast cancer raised £4,600 for our charity by organising a fundraising night at Manchester Rugby Club with a live band and auction. Jackie Smith, 49, was diagnosed in 2002 and underwent radiotherapy at The Christie.

Her daughter Katie, 22, also completed a sponsored skydive and Jackie's employer, the Royal Bank of Scotland, made an additional donation of £1,500 from its Community Cashback Award scheme.

Jackie said; "I'm living proof that you can beat the disease. I want to raise as much money as possible so that other people are granted with the same happy outcome that I've had."

Left to right: Jackie Smith with colleague Debbie Brown, Jackie's daughter Katie and community fundraising officer Toni Kennedy.



Friends' family fun day

Weddings are typically tear-jerking but when Jane Spruce, from Davenham, Cheshire walked down the aisle, the day was particularly emotional.

Her best friend, 39 year old Christie patient Sharon Kennerley, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and sadly re-diagnosed last year, was determined to be her bridesmaid.

Jane, 38, said; "She was my bridesmaid, just as I was hers when she married Simon 18 years ago. The care

Sharon has received at The Christie has been unbelievable. We have spent a lot of time there over the past year and every step of the way the staff have been fantastic."

The friends organised a family fun day at The Bulls Head in Davenham, which raised £4,000, and included a 10 mile sponsored walk, bouncy castle, buckaroo, face painting, lucky dips, penalty competitions, fortune tellers and tombolas.



Jane Spruce (right) with best friend Sharon Kennerley at the Family Fun Day.



The organising committee and Christie representatives with compere for the night Austin Powers, aka John Barry. Left to right: Frances Beck, Appeals Director Toni Leden, Christine Davies, Claire Adams, Sarah Burke, Rosie Lee, Carrie Ford, Claire Dickinson and Gillian Heap

Oscar glitz for The Christie

Folly Farm Committee organised a glittering summer ball to mark their 10th fundraising year.

The glitz, glamour and pizzazz of Hollywood were shining at the 'Night at the Oscars' themed extravaganza at The Cheshire Polo Club near Tarporley.

Over the past decade the committee have raised more than £70,000 to help cancer patients by hosting annual summer balls and this year's event was just as spectacular.

The 'Oscars' theme was carried throughout the night with red carpet decor and movie star look-a-likes. Nearly 200 guests attended and were treated to a Champagne reception, canapés, dinner, live band, disco and casino.

Chair of the organising committee, Sarah Burke said; "As this event was our 10th anniversary we wanted to make it a big celebration. It was a huge success and we managed to raise almost £13,000 – a fantastic achievement, especially given the current economic situation."

In bloom at Tatton



The 'closer to home' bronze winning garden



Chris Cyprus with his wife Dionne and baby Drew

courtyard at the radiotherapy centre.

Materials to build the garden were provided by construction firm Vinci Construction UK Ltd who are building the centre.

38 year old Chris Cyprus, a recognised landscape artist and cancer survivor from Mossley, captured each stage of the garden construction on canvas.

Chris was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2001 and after beating it was devastated to discover a second, more aggressive, unrelated tumour in 2003. After receiving radiotherapy at The Christie, Chris finally got the all clear in 2004.

Before beginning treatment, Chris decided to freeze his sperm to give him the chance to have a child and after undergoing IVF treatment, Chris and his wife Dionne are now the proud parents of baby Drew.

This year's charity garden at the RHS Tatton Flower Show, inspired by the new Christie radiotherapy centre currently being built in Oldham, secured a bronze medal.

The garden, exhibited in the 'back to back' category, was designed exclusively for The Christie by Bolton-based award-winning designer Andy Walker. The theme was 'closer to home' and based on the tranquil garden that will feature in the

Guests show their cheeky side at wig party

Mum of two Sam Vickerman, 37, threw a 'Cheeky Chumbawumba Wig Party' to celebrate the end of her cancer treatment, and raised over £10,000 for our charity.

Despite a last minute change of venue, over 200 guests donned wigs and partied the night away at The City of Manchester Stadium.

Sam, who is married and lives in Audenshaw, was diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2008. She underwent chemotherapy and radiotherapy at The Christie and is currently

still being treated with Herceptin.

She said; "The party was absolutely fantastic and I want to say a big thank you to Manchester City who put on the event at such short notice. It was great to have fun, see everyone who has been so supportive throughout my treatment and to show people that I am still here."



From left to right: Sarah Johnson (Sam's sister), Joanne Wilkinson, Becky Cluff, Sam Vickerman, Karen Tighe and Joanne Smith.

Chris said; "Having cancer helped me to prioritise the important things in life. When Dionne announced she was pregnant, I could not have been happier and I am so grateful to The Christie for the treatment and care they gave me."



The Christie is a star in Paul's eyes

Former 'Stars in their Eyes' winner, Paul Sutton from Horwich in Bolton was so touched by the care his mum received at The Christie, he organised a tribute night raising over £1,000.

Ronan Keating tribute artist, Paul Sutton was only 15 when his mum Barbara died of cancer aged 39, and he has been fundraising ever since.

Paul said; "It was extremely difficult for my sister, Wendy, and I to lose our mum at such a young age, but we can't fault the care she received during her illness. Christie staff were fantastic and hugely supportive to not only mum, but to our whole family."



Paul and his sister Wendy with Christie representative Carl Sharpe.

Christie Car Booty

Give the credit crunch the boot with The Christie Car Booty on Saturday, November 1st, 2009 at Bowlers Exhibition Centre, Trafford Park.

Clear out your attics, empty your garages and bring all your goodies to sell 'car boot' style in aid of our charity. Pitches cost £15 per car and there is a minimum donation of £185 to The Christie. Register online at www.christies.org/carbooty or call 0161 918 7397.

Showcase hits right note

More than 1,000 people enjoyed musical extravaganza 'Showcase for The Christie' at The Lowry in Salford Quays featuring seven of Manchester's premier operatic societies. They were treated to show-stopping numbers from popular musicals including Mary Poppins, Jesus Christ Superstar and Mamma Mia.

Compere for the evening was Mike Sammon and BBC North West Tonight presenter and long-time Christie supporter Gordon Burns was guest of honour.

Chairman of 'Showcase', Dave Bamford, who lives in Worsley, said: "It was a brilliant night and, looking at the audience, I think it was the biggest 'Showcase' concert to date. The Christie is such an emotional and worthy cause, almost everyone knows somebody who has been treated there."



Friends Fair

The sun shone on the Christie Friends Summer Fair which featured a choir, led by Jeff Borradaile from the Blackburn Peoples Choir with The Ordsall Acapella Singers and The Manchester Lesbian and Gay Chorus. They sang near our Oak Road entrance and in the gardens which meant patients unable to attend could hear the songs.

Soap stars on song

Stars of the small screen showed off their hidden talents at a special cocktail party and raised over £2,000 for The Christie's new patient treatment centre.

Scott Wright, best known for his two year stay in Coronation Street playing Sam Kingston, along with Lee Otway who played Bombhead in Hollyoaks and starred in ITV's 'Love Island' and Luke Bailey from BBC's Waterloo Road performed their versions of classic songs at the Pitcher and Piano bar in Didsbury, Manchester.



Left to right: Dave Bamford, Showcase chairman and president of Eccles-based All Saints Musical Productions, community fundraising officer Howard Newhall, members of Sale and Altrincham Musical Theatre with Gordon Burns and Showcase treasurer and charity co-ordinator, Helen Litherland.

Rat Pack Revival

Christie patient Peter Langan, from Hale Barns, charmed the audience at a concert in Chorlton which raised £1,800.

67 year old Peter, who is currently being treated for leukaemia, performed the timeless duet, 'Me and My Shadow' with his son Mark Langan who is a member of the Didsbury-based tribute group Rat Pack Revival.

It was the group's fifth charity concert and the talented bunch sang a variety of popular classics made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davies Jnr.

Mark Langan said; "I was thrilled and so proud of my dad getting up on stage with me - he's a real trouper especially considering what he's going through. It's wonderful that we can raise money for a worthy cause like The Christie and have such a fantastic time doing it."



Mark and Peter Langan

Pet project

39 year old Paul Nichols, who owns Wilmslow Pets and Aquatics at Strikes Wilmslow Garden Centre with his dad Doug, marked the businesses' 21st birthday by raising £580 for our charity with a raffle. Paul was diagnosed with skin cancer in 2004 and after treatment at Salford Royal and The Christie is now in the clear.



Graeme Souness and Blake Norton

Sports stars unite for golfing tournament

Stars from the sporting world gathered for the Norton Barrie Classic golf tournament in memory of the prestigious businessman who was treated at The Christie.

Barrie Norton, founder and owner of the designer menswear store Norton Barrie, died aged 61 after a battle with cancer.

TV pundit Graeme Souness, a host of other former Manchester City and United players, including Andy Cole

and Sir Matt Busby's son, Sandy Busby, battled it out at Northenden Golf Club in South Manchester, along with around 160 other golfers.

Mr Norton's son Blake, who organised the event, said; "When I decided to do the Norton Barrie golf day I knew I had to make it exactly like my dad - all singing and all dancing - but it turned out even better than that. It was a fantastic and fun day and most of all we raised money for The Christie."

Fancy dress football

Regulars at the Freemasons Arms in Wilmslow donned fancy dress for a 5-a-side football tournament, held in memory of 50 year old former financial advisor Rick Adderley who died in January last year after suffering bowel cancer. Landlord, Andy Boxford, said; "The tournament was a brilliant success and we managed to raise over £3,560.

"Rick was a fantastic friend and I know he will have been looking down laughing at how silly we all looked.

"He received outstanding care while he was at The Christie, so we now want to raise as much money as possible for a centre that treated him so well."



Pub regulars from the Freemasons Arms celebrate with community fundraising officer Toni Kennedy.

Star schools

Cooking up a storm

Talented student chefs from the Aspire Restaurant at Trafford College in Altrincham served up a treat for The Christie and raised £1,150. Star prize in the European Extravaganza charity night auction - four students plus the chef tutor preparing and serving a meal in the winners' house - raised £400 alone.



Carlos Toledo and Sarah Higgins, Barry Jones, students Ashley Curtis, Carys Richards and Tom Turton with Tutors Martina Frost, Nigel Gaskell, Team Leader Margaret Swift and Restaurant Receptionist Dorothy Randall.

Student fundraisers

Budding nurses at Salford City College's Worsley Centre raised £957 in just two months for The Christie. The Health Cadet students held a sponsored fancy dress walk, raffle, cake sales and made and sold hand-crafted cards.



Front row, left to right: Jane Tattersall, Abigail Wesley, Emma Smith and Rehanara Begum; back row, left to right: Julie Martin (Curriculum Manager), Ste Anderson (Community Fundraising Officer), Barbara Douglass (Clinical Educator) and Donna Bradley (Health and Social Care Tutor).

Pupils Keon Raked and Georgina Bell with Christie Bear.



Top of the class

Generous staff and children at Whirley Primary School chose The Christie as their charity of the year and held sponsored spells, a harvest festival and a Christmas production. They raised £1,819 which will go towards the new patient treatment centre. Whirley deputy head, Christine Whitehead, said; "Our school council chose to raise money for The Christie, as everyone here, both staff and pupils, know someone who's been treated there. I'm incredibly proud of all our pupils for raising such a large amount of money for such a worthy cause."



Pupils pick The Christie

Headteacher Lee Sanders presents cheque to Howard Newhall and Christie Bear

Brabyns Preparatory School in Marple chose The Christie to be their charity of the year and raised £7,652 from different fundraising events including coffee mornings, World Book Day, sponsored toddle waddles, summer balls and carol concerts. The money will go towards the Young Oncology Unit Activity Fund.

Brabyns headteacher Lee Sanders said: "The whole school should be immensely proud of this donation. Everyone from the nursery upwards, staff and especially parents have all contributed to this amazing amount. Normally we only choose a charity for a year, but such was the overwhelming support for The Christie that we extended it."

Group & Club NEWS



Left to right: Saddleworth Ladies Fundraising Committee members Louise Holt, Lucy Plevin, community fundraising officer Jacky Plant, Jane Cooksey and Lisa Stead.

Caribbean Fun

A big thank you to Saddleworth Ladies Fundraising Committee who brought a taste of the Caribbean to Denshaw and raised £2,400 for the new Christie radiotherapy centre in Oldham. Guests donned flower garlands and Hawaiian-style shirts and even tried their luck limbo dancing before tucking into traditional dishes including jerk chicken. Music from a ten-piece steel band provided the perfect musical accompaniment.

Fancy a cuppa?

Stand Unitarian Chapel in Whitefield have made it their mission to raise money for The Christie and their 53rd annual coffee morning raised £3,200. The money will go towards the fittings and furnishing of an en-suite room in the new patient treatment centre.



Community fundraising officer Jacky Plant with Stand Unitarian congregation.

Success for Stockport

A host of fundraising activities from bucket collections and car washes to stalls at local fetes and raffles has seen the Stockport Fundraising Committee make another donation of £7,000. The money will be used to buy three new specialised beds for our patient treatment centre.



Top row: Mary Flynn. Left to right: Lorna Hough, Pat Skipworth, Ann Lloyd, Adele Brennen, Monica Quick.

Trafford come up trumps



Ste Anderson and committee

Huge thanks to the Trafford branch of the Women's Trust Fund who made their annual donation to The Christie. This year they raised £7,500 for en-suite rooms in the new patient treatment centre.

Alderley Angels

An Entertaining Angels evening, which included floral demonstrations, music and poetry readings, raised over £1,000 for the teenage cancer unit, thanks to the ladies Thursday group at the Methodist Church in Alderley Edge.



Ladies Thursday group present their cheque to community fundraising officer Toni Kennedy

Posh picnic Brilliant Buffaloes

The great British summertime tradition of the picnic was given a unique twist in Nantwich. Instead of dressing down in flip flops and shorts, guests donned their finery at a 'Black Tie Summer Picnic' held in a marquee at the home of Roger and Sarah Mills in Burland.

Guests were treated to the talents of a string quartet, a live band and a grand auction. They were also asked to bring along their own picnic, share their culinary skills with fellow attendees and decorate their table in a specific theme.

Chair of the fundraising group Sarah Darlington, said; "It was fantastic to see 190 guests enjoying themselves so much and in the process raising over £9,000 for a cause very close to my heart. Both my father and husband wouldn't be here without The Christie, and as a group we just want to give other families more time with their loved ones."

The Nantwich Fundraising Group host a calendar of events every year to raise money for The Christie and since 1993 the 11 friends have raised over £150,000 for the clinical trials unit.



Left to right: Sophie Pickering, Sara Westenberg, Kaye Hollinshead, Sarah Darlington, Neil Tinsley, Sara Clough, Hayley Hutchings and Diane Jones

Congratulations to the Parkside Lodge branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB) who have raised over £2,000 already this year for The Christie, which means they are close to hitting their next milestone of £25,000.

Group secretary James Brown said; "Pretty much everyone in our group knows someone who's been treated at The Christie and what outstanding care they received. We're proud to raise money for such a great cause."

The money the group raise this year will go towards the new patient treatment centre.

Fleetwood on Form

Congratulations to the Fleetwood Cancer Research Committee on another successful fundraising year. Their latest donation of £14,000 will be used to help equip the new patient treatment centre.



Joan Bowes (right) from the group presents the cheque to head of community fundraising, Amanda Borg on the Esplanade in Fleetwood joined by fellow group members and community fundraising officer, Howard Newhall (second from left).

Tribute Funds



Announcing a Tribute Funds website

Today, a growing number of people are choosing to set up a tribute fund in memory of a loved one they have sadly lost – a fund with which they can raise money as a demonstration of their continuing love and to keep their memory alive.

A Hope Tribute Fund is a simple and effective way for friends and family to carry on honouring the memory of someone special while raising vital funds for The Christie.

We have very recently launched a new website to enable people to share memories and fundraise with friends and family around the world. It is very

easy to use and it allows you to:

- Upload photos and video clips
- Make diary entries
- Enter a timeline of memorable dates
- Collect sponsorship for your fundraising events
- Donate to the fund in place of wedding gifts or birthday presents
- See your virtual tree grow when visitors donate to the fund by buying a leaf.

We will be contacting all of our current tribute fund holders, with information about the site and how you can use it. The website address is www.christies.org/hopefunds

New growth for Tree of Hope

Since its launch in March we have had two new additions to our Tree of Hope. A huge thank you to the families of Andrew Jackson and Ruth A Goldberg whose extraordinary fundraising efforts have meant they too now have leaves engraved in their honour.

If you are interested in opening a tribute fund please contact Georgina Wilson, Tribute Funds Officer on 0161 918 7426 or by email at georgina.wilson@christie.nhs.uk

Tom Buckley - the lasting legacy of an inspirational fundraiser



Tom receiving his award from Ryan Giggs

His story touched the heart of the country and inspired many to follow in his footsteps. 24 year old cancer patient and fundraiser Tom Buckley died in May this year after raising over £112,000 for our charity.

Despite being terminally ill and knowing he only had months to live, Tom embarked on an arduous coast to coast walk across the Pennines in December last year, battling freezing blizzards and snow to raise money for other cancer patients.

He sadly lost his battle on May 13th, after being named Mancunian of the Year for his fundraising efforts and tributes poured in, including from Manchester United footballer Ryan Giggs.

Chief executive Caroline Shaw said; "I grew to know Tom as a friend and his modesty, courage and determination both humbled and moved me.

"Tom touched our hearts, and his bravery and generosity was a shining example of the greatness of the human spirit."

The Christie is winner in charity match of the day



The Steve Landells Memorial Fund received another boost when celebrities from the world of TV and sport teamed up to tackle a squad of Stockport businessmen in a star-studded football match.

Players from the All Star team, including Hollyoaks actor Jamie Lomas, who plays bad boy Warren Fox, and Danny Miller, Emmerdale's troubled teen Aaron Dingle, lined up against a team from the County Business Club (CBC) at Woodley Sports Football Club.

The All Stars won the match 4-1 and the event raised £6,105. Steve Landells taught at Werneth School in Romiley for more than 32 years and was treated at The Christie before he sadly passed away in August 2005 from bowel cancer.

Special guest player on the CBC side was former Stockport County manager Jim Gannon, who had travelled down from his new club Motherwell in Scotland especially for the match.

Gorton pensioner and grandfather Ronald Stringer, 76, was inspired to take part in the City of Manchester 10km run after reading about Tom's magnificent fundraising efforts.

Tom's home village of Comberbach in Cheshire donated the proceeds of their annual fete to the YOU in his memory.

In memory of Euan

When Euan Gabbutt was diagnosed with renal cancer in October 2007 he began passionately fundraising for The Christie, where he was treated, as a way of saying thank you.

Before he died, a fundraising evening 'Euan's Party' was held at the Dandy Cock Inn in Disley organised by his wife Marielle, their 14 year old son Calum and friends including Sue and David Unwin who run the pub.

Mariella said; "Euan passed away not long after the event, and I miss him so much. But I know he'll be pleased that all his friends and family will be continuing where he left with fundraising – I know that was his wish."



Fundraisers at the Dandy Cock Inn

A huge thank you to...

Fancy dress fun

Generous regulars at the Four Heatons in Stockport recently held a fundraising evening and fancy dress pub crawl, organised by Angela Parker, which raised £1,124 for The Christie.



Back row left to right: Angela Parker, Tricia Daniels, John Elwell, Joanne Bell, Demi Daniels. Front row: left to right community fundraising officer Toni Kennedy, Four Heatons landlady Lorraine Horner, Kate Puc (Francis House)

Glynis Bakewell, who owns card shop CJ Cardcraft in Stockport, has been organising weekly card making classes and collecting donations for The Christie for the last five years.

Castleton School of Dance for purchasing a dry ice machine for the laboratory in the new Patient Treatment Centre.

Anthony Taylor whose solo row across the Atlantic 'One Man in a Bumpy Boat' experience raised £1,242.

Tender Loving Care Ladies Committee for their kind donation of £3,000. The committee also raised £630 from Slattery's Afternoon Tea and Talk and donations were received in memory of Hyam Bennett who is sadly missed.

Dave Sweetmore and friends for raising £1,150 in memory of Julie Hart.

Charlotte Moseley and the Young Federation of Farmers who donated £2,651.

Laurence Brodrick for his generous donation of £1,000 for the Genito Urinary Research Fund.

Brick Croft Social Club for raising £1,650 from a charity night and raffle.

Bolton School Music Association who held a charity sing day and raised £750 for the Young Oncology Unit (YOU).

Lazy Aces Scooter Club and The Oddies who raised £1,000.

Nadine Ashton for raising £2,900 from her dinner and cabaret evening at Hilltops Social Club in Bolton.

Whittles for raising £812 from a rock weekend.

Junction Pub on Manchester Road in Castleton who raised £1,069 from a charity evening for the new Christie Radiotherapy Centre in Oldham.

Barbara and Walter Whitfield who celebrated their Golden Wedding and kindly donated £700.

Saddleworth Whit Friday Procession of Witness who raised over £728 from a collection at the united service in Uppermill.

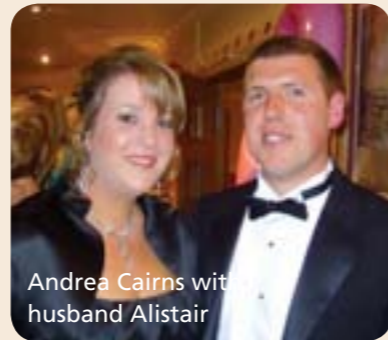
Springhead Liberal Club in Oldham for raising £500 from a pool league.

Have a ball!

A massive thank you to Andrea Cairns who organised a sophisticated black tie ball at The Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham, in support of her friend Heidi Osbourne, who is being treated at The Christie.

The night which raised over £2,782 was so successful Andrea has decided to host an even bigger, more glamorous 'Winter Wonderland' ball at The Britannia Country House Hotel on 21st November 2009. Andrea, who lives in Baguley, said; "The theme is 'white tie and tiaras' and this event will be even more spectacular than the last!"

For tickets please contact Andrea on 07859 899 192 or email andrealouise.cairns@ntlworld.com.



Andrea Cairns with husband Alistair

Smithy Bridge Pub in Rochdale and Governor for Rochdale, Doug Holbrook, for raising £700.

Oldham Metro Rotary Club for raising £2,500 for the new Radiotherapy Centre in Oldham. The money was presented to Pete Snow, deputy chairman of the Oldham, Rochdale and Middleton fundraising team.

Brenda Walker and friends for raising £964 from a charity 60s night at the Heywood Pub in Bury.

Richard Mills for completing his sponsored slim, shedding the pounds and raising £562.

Shevington High School in Wigan for their kind donation of £388.

Mrs Lilian Day for raising £731 from a charity concert with Adrian Read and the Big Band Sound at Trinity Methodist Church, Royton.

Saddleworth Mothers Club who raised £500 from a coffee morning for The Christie radiotherapy centre being built in Oldham.

Golfers who attended the recent **Manchester Publicity Association Golf Day** at Chorlton GC. The charity 13th hole competition raised £440.

Lyndene Hotel, Blackpool whose weekly residents' raffle in aid of The Christie, has raised £1,500 so far this year and £6,500 since 2006.

Ex-patient and regular Christie fundraiser **Steve Thorp** and all his fishing mates at the Builder's Arms Angling Club for their donation of £1,769 from their annual Fishathon.

Organiser **Trish Loughlin** and all the children, parents and staff at Windmill Lane Pre-school, Denton. They raised £3,081 for Pancreatic Cancer Research, from a sponsored nature trail walk in Reddish Vale in aid of teacher Kathy Fallows, a patient of Dr Valle.

June Mitchell and fellow members at Tintwistle Conservative Club whose 'Gangsters & Molls' night raised £800.

Christie patient **Maureen Daley** who recently held a garden party at her home in Urmston to say thank you and raised £362.

'Impressive' **Stan Wimpress** who decided to do something different to celebrate his 70th birthday and rowed 70 kilometres at his local Bodycheck Gym in Glossop and scooped up £1,220 in the process.

Alder Root Golf Club who chipped in again with a further donation of £512 from their charity golf day in July. Thanks to Eric Ashcroft and all his fellow members for their continued support.

Lynne Citrine whose Independence Day garden party raised £1,095. Christie patient, artist and former 'mile' athlete, **Don Grice**, who despite reaching his 86th birthday, shows no signs of slowing down his fundraising efforts, attending several events already this year and his 3 minute portraits have raised £1,800 to date.

Anne Needham who raised £600 for Dr Stewart's Breast Cancer Research Fund from a recent run in memory of her daughter Liz (Liz's Laughter For Life Appeal).

Chris Harrison who organised a hugely successful golf day at Ringway golf club which raised £6,053.

Student National Roleplay and Wargaming Championships held at **Manchester Metropolitan Student Union** raised over £3,644.

Roy Windelinckx who donated £350 after his family organised a surprise birthday party for his 65th.

Carol Bannister whose Clay Pigeon event in Bostock raised £250.

Wilmslow Golf Club raised £ 2,436 during their recent charity golf day.

Neville Hughes and the Cheadle buskers who are continuing to entertain shoppers in Cheadle and have raised £664 in the last 12 months.

May the Force be with you... **Sue Davies and the 99th Imperial Garrison** continue to attend weddings and functions in their Star Wars costumes and have raised £654 to date.

Vivienne Hallows for completing her sponsored slim and raising £855.

Mary Shields after her 1970s night at Barton Aerodrome raised £2,270.

Joe O'Reilly and Larry McDonald of Northenden Golf Club who donated £3,666 from a charity day and sponsored slim to fund research into prostate and other men's cancers at The Christie.

Members of Manchester City and Manchester United Ladies Football Clubs who played for the Alison Parry Memorial Cup in memory of Alison Parry and raised £1,000 in aid of melanoma research.

Dee Medina who donated £1,356 from a ladies night.

Yvonne Martin who organised a 'Rock Stock' event in Stockport and raised £1,555.

All staff at **Dane Bank Travel centre** in Crewe who organised a charity night and raised £773.

Amy Buchanan who gave up alcohol for 100 days and raised £225.

Members of Reddish Conservative Club who raised £3,384 through a charity auction and disco.

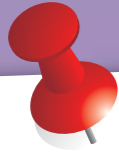
Bowling force for Christie

Members of Houldsworth Park Ladies' Bowling Club rolled up £1,200 for The Christie. The ladies of the Reddish-based club made their annual donation from fundraising activities throughout the year including a charity day with raffles and cake sales.



Audrey and fellow members hand over cheque to Pat Skipworth and Monica Quick from the Stockport Christie fundraising team.

EVENTS coming up...



SEPTEMBER

24th: Art Exhibition Crompton Shopping Centre Bolton. John Bradbury 07867 936 377

24th: Duncan Ashworth Memorial Golf Day, Mere Golf Club. Paul Johnson 07702 888 511

25th: Accoustic Music Evening, Saddleworth Museum. Mike Turner 0161 620 6005

25th: Charity Ball, McDonald Portal Hotel, Tarporley. Carinth Pritchard 07787 737 363

26th: Tombola, Rochdale Shopping Centre. Littleborough and Wardle Fundraising Group 01706 376145

27th: Reverse bungee jump Dr Joe Jaffe Hospital Support Charity. The Phoenix, Hazel Grove

27th: Soul Brothers Band, Envy Night Club, Oldham. Cartax Radio Cars 07973 922 757

OCTOBER

2nd: Fundraising evening, Manchester Rugby Club. Jackie Smith 07909 906659

3rd: Fundraising ball, Portal hotel and golf club, Tarporley. Sharon Roberts 07910364 447

9th: Mamma Mia evening, Dukinfield Town Hall. Monica & Mike Schofield. Sold out

9th: Sportsman's Dinner, Fundraising Group. Wibbersley & Thorne 0161 748 4276

9th: Meat & Potato Pie Supper, Hunters Lodge Hotel Crewe. Irene Edwards 07939 471 764

10th: Fundraiser's Day, Lancashire County Cricket Club. Appeals team 0161 918 7398

10th: Charity Ball, The Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford. Jackie Roddis / Debbie Lambert 01565 734 816

11th: 'Walk of Life' from The Christie to Oswaldtwistle, Nicola McMurray-Devenny 07717 882 370

11th: Singing Collection, Songs for Christie's, Manchester 07792 840 820

11th: Dancethon event, Cheshire. Diane Coleman 07729 964 761

17th: Soul Night, Radcliffe Civic. Jayne Malone 07799 347 607

31th: Halloween Party, Wibbersley & Thorne Fundraising Group 0161 748 4276

NOVEMBER

1st: Christie Car Booty. For a pitch call 0161 918 7397

13th: Star Studded Evening, North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club. Thomas Croston 01706 653079

14th: Flag Day, Nantwich town centre. Nantwich Group 01270 611 206

15th: Lyceum Theatre Show. Irene Edwards 07939 471 764

20th: Christmas Extravaganza Sale, Nantwich Group 01270 611 206

21st: Fundraising Ball, The Britannia Hotel, Didsbury. Andrea Cairns 07859 899 192

25th: Supporters Seminar, Christie Education Centre. Speaker: Professor Noel Clarke. 0161 918 7424

26th: Bucket Collection, Factor 50 Fundraising Group. Sainsbury's, Oldham 07930 375360

DECEMBER

5th: Christie Friends Christmas Fayre, Oak Road Reception, The Christie. 0161 446 3056

23rd: Organ Playing, Bury Market. Brenda Walker 01706 625 084

To advertise your event here call the Appeals Office on 0161 446 3988

News

Join us at The Christie Open Day Saturday 26th September 2009

Pop in anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm

The Open Day will give people the chance to glimpse behind the scenes at The Christie and hear how the leading cancer centre provides the highest quality care, is developing world class cancer research and trialling the very latest cancer treatments.

All members of the public are invited to join us any time between 10am and 4pm via our main Oak Road entrance. Our Annual Members' Meeting will be held at 2pm in the auditorium, education centre. Visitors will hear directly from our chairman Jim Martin, chief executive Caroline

Shaw and key staff. Throughout the day there will be a variety of short guided tours, displays, activities and a rolling programme of presentations, along with an update on our news and developments.

There is no need to book in advance - just put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there. Everybody is welcome.



Christmas cards

Christmas may seem like a long way off but now is a perfect time to support The Christie.

This year Christmas cards can be purchased over the telephone using the new dedicated telephone number 01948 831014 with a debit or credit card. Designs can be viewed on our website www.christies.org or on the special Christmas Card 2009 leaflet which should be enclosed with this magazine. Leaflets can also be obtained from the Appeals Office on Wilmslow Road.

Christmas cards will be available from selected local libraries including Macclesfield, Hale, Altrincham, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Great Moor and Stockport. Our fundraising groups will also be selling them at various events leading up to Christmas. A small supply of cards will be available for purchase from the Appeals Office.

You can also order from a range of over 80 designs of personalised cards at www.charitychristmascards.com



Please help us to give cancer patients the gift of a future without cancer this Christmas.

Support The Christie by becoming a member

It's free to you, to us it's worth a huge amount. As a supporter of our charity, your fundraising efforts go a long way in helping The Christie improve patient care and treatment and future developments.

Members have a say in how we develop our services and therefore play an important role in improving the lives of people who have been affected by cancer.

The commitment and support of our charity supporters gives The Christie the power to really make a difference, and it costs you nothing extra to help by joining us as members.

By becoming a member of The Christie, you are kept updated on how charity money is being used to develop Christie services, such as the local radiotherapy developments in Oldham and Salford, the patient treatment centre at the Withington site, or the variety of other areas that are important in maintaining The Christie as one of Europe's leading cancer centres.

If you are already a member, thank you for your help and support, and please do invite your friends and family to join too.

You can join online at www.christie.nhs.uk/ft/membership or for more information please call Jitendra Patel, membership services manager, at the membership office on 0161 446 8616.

Sporting events



Christie runners thanked at the emotional event – Chairman Jim Martin, Becca Farthing, Libby Humphris, chief executive Caroline Shaw, Emma Harrison, Simon Harrison and Stephen Seddon.

Christie runners thanked at emotional event

More than 60 people were special guests at our annual Runners Reception in July to celebrate the efforts of those who have helped raise thousands of pounds for The Christie.

Over the past year more than 1,300 people have taken part in a running event for The Christie, collectively raising over £500,000 and covering a distance of over 10,000 miles, the equivalent of running from Manchester to Melbourne!

Stephen Seddon, Director of the Seddon Group, official sponsor of our sporting events programme for 2009 and 2010, was on hand with chief

executive Caroline Shaw and chairman Jim Martin to hand out medals.

Stephen said; "We are proud of our continued association with The Christie. I was truly touched and inspired by all the runners who attended this event. The number of cancer survivors who are now taking part in all these great events just shows how much progress is being made, thanks to the excellent work carried out by experts here at The Christie."

Attending the bash was Emma Harrison, who along with her brothers Simon and James and other family and

friends took part in this year's Great Manchester Run in memory of their father David Harrison who lost his battle with cancer in November last year.

Emma said; "My dad spent several weeks at The Christie and we were so grateful to the staff on ward 12 for the wonderful round the clock care he received during his illness, it was second to none.

"We ran under the name of 'Team Bossman' – 'Bossman' was my dad's nickname. I know he would've been proud as we've managed to raise almost £7,000."

Great Manchester Run

A huge thank you to over 950 runners who didn't let the rain dampen their spirits as they pounded the streets in support of our charity for this year's Great Manchester Run.

Chief executive Caroline Shaw got out her trainers and once again ran for The Christie alongside veteran Christie runner Colin Pilkington and Miss Christie Bear aka fundraiser Neil Gray who travelled over from Jersey to join 'Team Christie' for the 5th year.

Thanks also to the family members, friends and supporters at our cheering point along the 10k route.



Chief executive Caroline Shaw with veteran Christie runner Colin Pilkington



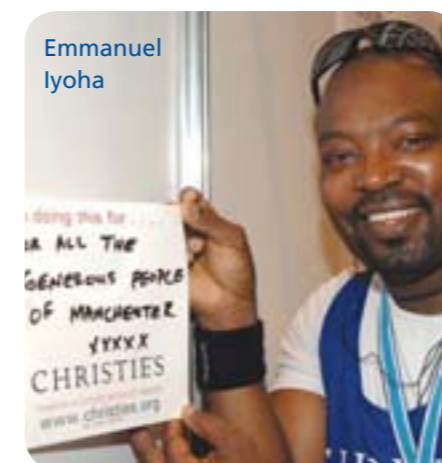
Ged and Phil Waddington, Janet Williams, Phil Winnington and John Weatherby



Bramhall Cricket Club



Chris Lansom



Emmanuel Iyoha



Miss Christie Bear aka Neil Gray



Chris Hassal, Jonny Berry, Lucy Woods and Dan Jones

London Marathon

Many congratulations to the 49 brave runners who ran their hearts out for The Christie in this year's London Marathon. Despite the hot weather and gruelling 26 mile course spirits remained high and our runners did us proud. Over £72,000 has been raised so far with more money still to come in so a massive THANK YOU for all your hard work.

Mum of three Shelly Newall ran the marathon poignantly on the first anniversary of her husband's death.

Matty, 35, died on April 27, last year, from pancreatic cancer. Since then Shelly has been tirelessly fundraising for The Christie and has raised over £80,000 for Dr Juan Valle's Colorectal and Hepatobiliary Research Fund set up by the doctor who gave her husband precious time to spend with his family.

Before the marathon Shelley said; "I told Matty when he was in the hospice before he died that I would run the marathon. At first he laughed, and when I asked him why, he said because he knew I would do it. I was shocked when I realised the marathon was on the anniversary of Matty's death but it somehow seems very right, and I can't think of a better way to spend the day."

She was joined on the day by running partner Mark Fryer and friend Mikey Wilde. Shelly and friends are donning their trainers once again to complete the Great North Run

– check out the next edition of Successes to keep track of their progress.

Jenny Howat, who attended our Runners Reception, raised over £8,500 by fulfilling a lifelong ambition to run the London Marathon. Jenny was 29 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 and following treatment she made a promise to herself to take part as soon as she was well enough.



Jenny Howat



Shelly Newall, Mark Fryer and Mike Wilde with proud family and friends



Tim Boddy with his proud son Charlie



Left to right Michael Irlam, Stewart Irlam, Dr Catherine McBain and Roy Barton



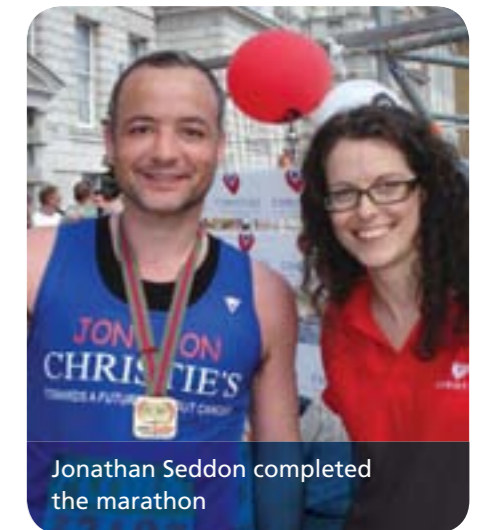
Chris Byrom - Christie Runner & Governor



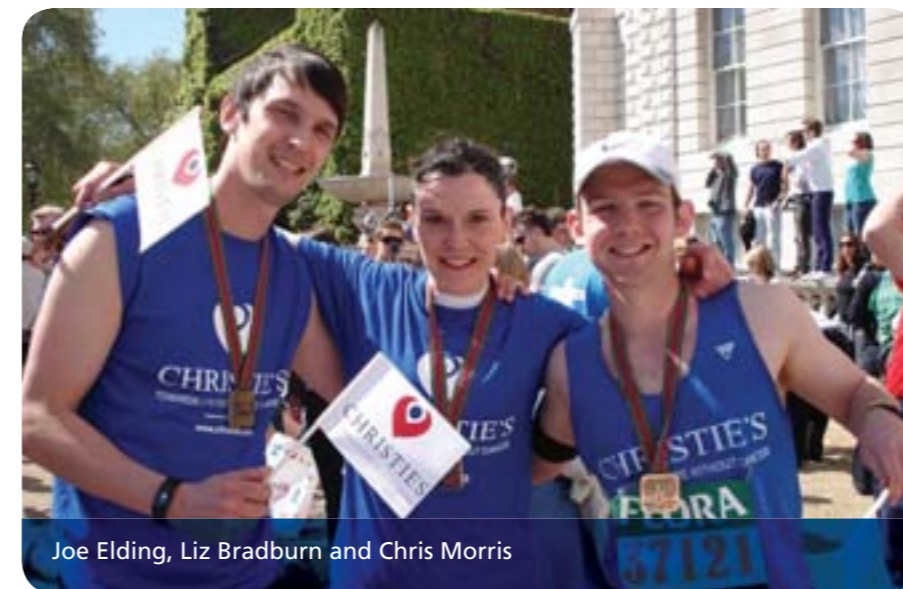
Regular Christie runner Ian McIlwee completed in a personal best



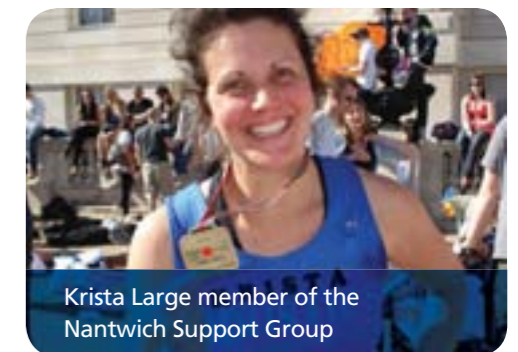
Rob Goodall running in memory of his father Peter



Jonathan Seddon completed the marathon



Joe Elding, Liz Bradburn and Chris Morris



Krista Large member of the Nantwich Support Group

If you have been lucky enough to secure your own place in the 2010 London Marathon we'd love to hear from you... Contact the events team on 0161 446 3400.



Michael Le Vell, Coronation Street's Kevin Webster arrives in Blackpool

Pedal power

Manchester to Blackpool bike ride

Huge congratulations to everyone who pedaled for The Christie in the annual Manchester to Blackpool bike ride. Cyclists set off from the home of the Premier League champions Manchester United and rode 60 miles to the finish line at Blackpool's South Promenade. This year cyclists were joined by Michael Le Vell, Coronation Street's Kevin Webster, Olympic gold medal winning cyclist, Paul Manning and editor of the Manchester Evening News, Paul Horrocks.

Actor Michael Le Vell who plays Kevin in the soap decided to take on the challenge to raise money for our charity.

He said; "The Christie is one of the biggest cancer hospitals around and

it needs all the support it can get. I'm proud that it's here in Manchester on our door step and pleased I can do my bit.

"My parents had cancer and they were both treated at The Christie – they had top care."

A team of riders from Seddons, took part and Director of the Seddon Group, Stephen Seddon said; "It was really great to participate in such a huge event alongside my colleagues. The teamwork and camaraderie was fabulous on the day and helps cement relationships throughout the Group for the future."

They were joined by other corporate supporters of The Christie including a



Michael Martin

130-strong team from **NXP Semi-Conductors**, representing nearly 30 per cent of their workforce, teams from **Vinci Construction**, the company behind The Christie's new radiotherapy centre in Oldham, the **Harris Partnership** and seven teams associated with our charity partnership with **Lancashire County Cricket Club**.



Zafar Anwar, Lee Walker, Christie Bear, Pete Curran and Dickie Ben



The Vinci Construction team



Stephen McDonnell



Seddons Bike Team

Diary date

Manchester United Santa Run Sunday 6th December

Contact the events team for more information
0161 446 3400 email events@christies.org

NIGHT OF NEON

Saturday 24th October

Light up your night with a neon extravaganza!



Our spectacular Night of Neon takes place on Saturday 24th October, when Salford Quays will be transformed into a glowing wonderland creating a truly unique atmosphere.

Starting at the Lowry Plaza the evening will kick off at 5pm with a 5km jog around the quays or, for those wishing to go at a more relaxed pace, a 10km walk taking in the area's stunning scenery and architecture.

Joggers and walkers, kitted out in neon to bring the night to life, will be entertained by local dance troops around the course and the carnival-like atmosphere will be in full swing when

people reach the finish line as Inspiral Carpets frontman and Xfm Manchester radio presenter Clint Boon will be getting the neon party started.

Racheline Garston, Charity Governor at The Christie and founder of the event said: "I am delighted we are able to hold a second Night of Neon event this year. The last was a huge success with an amazing buzz around the whole evening and I have no doubt that this year will be no exception.

"Now is an important time for The Christie, with three major new developments currently under construction and events like the Night

of Neon are vital for raising funds. It is expected this year's night will sell out really quickly so I would urge anyone wanting to get involved to do so now."

This unique event, around the illuminated setting of Salford Quays, will light up your night. The evening begins at 5pm, with the 10km walk setting off later and will be full of entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

Everyone taking part in the 2009 Night of Neon will receive a free neon t-shirt to help illuminate the course. For more information or to sign up visit www.nightofneon.org or contact the events team on 0161 446 3400.

Sporting Thanks

Over the last few months hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised for The Christie in sponsorship through sporting events. A massive thank you to everyone who continues to raise money.

A huge thanks to those who took part in the City of Manchester 10km run in aid of our charity.



Paul Hughes

Well done to 70 year old disabled pensioner Paul Hughes who took part in the 40 mile Manchester to Liverpool bike ride. The 70 year old from Morecambe wanted to thank us for the care his carer received when she successfully received treatment for breast cancer in 1991.

Congratulations to Paul Wilkinson who completed 14 gruelling events in four months. Paul decided to take on this challenge for The Christie in memory of Irene Watson, who was treated here for over three years but sadly passed away in March 2008.

Thanks to Professor Louis Kushnick for organising a Virtual 10k run at Virgin Active Gym, Parris Wood, to help raise further funds in memory of his daughter Alex Hall.



Team Jogman

Congratulations to Team Jogman who cycled more than 520 miles on a six day bike ride from John O'Groats to The Christie. Ged Copple, Adam Lord, Chris Graham and brothers Rik and Sam Baynes battled blustering winds, pouring rains and Scotland's midgets but were greeted by family and

friends as they arrived at our Appeals Office. The team are already planning their next fundraising extravaganza, but Ged said; "We're not exactly sure what it will be but it definitely won't be another bike ride. This trip has proved to me I'm not a cyclist so I've already put this bike onto eBay!"

Michelle Hunt pictured with husband Stuart



Michelle Hunt smashed her fundraising target by raising almost £2,500 with a sky dive. Nicknamed 'the mission' by her dad, Michelle's original quest was to reach £1,000, but thanks to the generosity of family, friends and work colleagues she has more than doubled her target.

Michelle said; "The jump itself was fantastic as it was something I've always wanted to do but never thought I would." Michelle decided to raise the "much needed and well deserved" funds to thank The Christie for the treatment her husband Stuart was receiving. Unfortunately Stuart passed away after the jump and he will be sadly missed.

Will you go the extra mile for The Christie in 2010?

Dates for the 2010 sporting events calendar are still to be confirmed but we hope that you will continue to challenge yourselves to help support the vital work of The Christie. Sign up to our e-newsletter at www.christies.org to make

sure you are kept up to date on registration information or contact the events team on 0161 446 3400 or email events@christies.org to discuss how you can go the extra mile in 2010.

Corporate news



Steven Mullaney with Christie Bear

Batting for success with Lancashire County Cricket Club

The Christie's partnership with Lancashire County Cricket Club (LCCC) got off to a wonderful start at the Lancashire versus Surrey match in July when generous cricket fans donated £600 with a further £2,900 from ticket sales.

LCCC Captain Glen Chapple said; "I was delighted to hear that the club had chosen to support The Christie. It provides a vital service for not only the North West community but to people throughout the UK. I know LCCC

and The Christie have some fantastic events organised in 2009, and I urge all our supporters to get behind this partnership and help the club to raise much needed funds for The Christie."

The club has plans for more exciting activities during the year such as further bucket collections and a fundraising dinner at the Gold Marquee. The dinner is on October 15th and will be attended by Ricky Hatton. For tickets phone Emma Kennedy on 0161 446 8413.

New weekly prize draw!

The Christie is also launching a weekly Prize Draw, run by Lancashire County Cricket Club.

For just £1 a week, you can enter the draw to win a share of £2,000 in weekly prizes, and a top prize of £1,000. There is also a quarterly jackpot prize of up to £2,600. And, as a special incentive, all new players will receive two free tickets to watch a 2010 season match at the Old Trafford ground worth £30 (certain matches are excluded from this offer).

50% of Christie player entry fees will go back into our work helping cancer patients in Manchester and the North West.

If you want to join in the fun, and be in with a chance to win one of those top cash prizes, contact the Appeals office on 0161 446 3988 and we will send you an application form. You never know, the next winner's cheque might have your name on it!

Dreaming of Bollywood



Andrea Mills and Sukhi Singh

More than 20 companies from around Oldham signed up to support an evening of Bollywood Dreams, at The White Hart at Lydgate. The event was organised by Andrea Mills and Sukhi Singh with support from the Christie Community Fundraising Team.

Andrea Mills of the MillSingh Foundation said; "The

Foundation was constituted some months ago to raise funds for The Christie radiotherapy centre in Oldham. It is really important that local companies support this charity whose purpose is to benefit the residents of our area. It was a wonderful evening, which raised nearly £11,000. We were delighted with the result and thank local companies and individuals who gave us such tremendous support."



Dancer at Bollywood Dreams



JD Williams' staff raising money for The Christie at their Halloween party.

Calling up Support

Staff at JD Williams, which enjoys a long-standing relationship with our charity, are providing valuable support for our new patient treatment centre through a range of fundraising activities.

The 1,000 employees who work at the Martin House Contact Centre have set themselves a target of £37,000 to fund a treatment bay and have already raised over £14,000 through raffles, cake baking, skydiving, organising a group to run in the Manchester 10km Run, fancy dress sponsorship and team incentives.

Angela Schorah, JD Williams' Employee Engagement Manager, said; "We are fortunate in having a culture where people care passionately about giving something back to the community, and raising money for a well-known and deserving charity like The Christie is something that inspires everyone.

"We're currently looking at the possibility of giving employees the

option to make a regular donation out of their bonuses or salary which would boost all the hard work that goes into fund raising. We're determined to reach our target, whatever it takes!"

Several other call and contact centres in the North West are also discovering the benefits of motivating their staff through partnerships with The Christie.

LBM Direct Marketing Ltd, which has sites throughout Greater Manchester and Cheshire and employs 2,000 people, has signed up to a partnership and the company is setting monthly fundraising targets for all their contact centres.

Vinny Robertson, Business Improvement Director at LBM said; "LBM are proud to be working with The Christie and supporting them in their ongoing work in the local

community. The Christie is constantly striving to do their best in the battle against cancer, and this determination is something that resonates with us here at LBM, as we strive to be the best in all aspects of our business. Working with a charity that shares the same passion and determination to meet the goals and challenges ahead of them was a natural choice."

British Gas Manchester

British Gas Manchester recently announced it has chosen The Christie as its charity of the year. Employees at the call centre, which has 1,100 employees, voted for the charity. Laura Kamczyk of British Gas said; "The key thing for us was that it is a local charity and people could see how their efforts were able to make a difference."

Clothing Banks Support The Christie

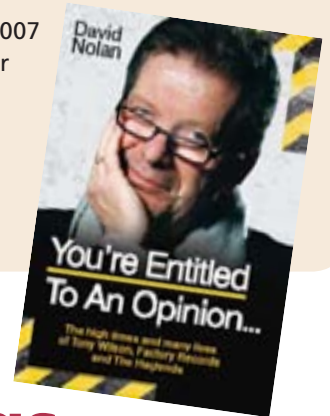
The Christie charity is working with I&G Cohen Ltd to install clothes recycling banks at 10 locations around Greater Manchester. The bright blue banks will be placed at supermarkets and will build on the success of our new door-to-door recycling service.

Gerald Deslandes, acting corporate partnerships manager, said; "This is a great way to support us, pass on unwanted clothes and do something for the environment."



Tony Wilson

David Nolan, author of the new biography of Manchester music legend Tony Wilson, has generously agreed to donate part of his royalties to The Christie. Tony was a patient at The Christie in 2007 and a great campaigner for cancer-related causes. The biography 'You're Entitled To An Opinion...' is available on Amazon and from all good bookshops.



Just about Bags

Just About Bags, Manchester's exclusive distributor of luxury day and evening bags, has agreed to make a donation to our charity on sales of a selected bag each month or purchases from its much coveted Amishi range. For further details visit www.justaboutbags.com



The Christie
TOWARDS A FUTURE WITHOUT CANCER

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*By giving us your email address, you are giving permission to The Christie to contact you by this means with updates about our work. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Five ways you can help:

1. Give a gift: I would like to give:

£50 £25 £15 £10 Other £ _____

I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to 'The Christie' or

Please debit my: Mastercard Visa Maestro CAF

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Signature _____ Date _____

2. Regular support

I would like to make a regular donation.
Please send me a direct debit form.

3. Help raise funds

Please send me more details about raising funds at home, at work or in my community

4. Help us in the future

Please let me have some information about leaving a gift in my will.

5. Become a member

I would like to become a member of the Foundation Trust.

As a Foundation Trust, The Christie has more freedom to develop services for the benefit of patients – and give people a greater say in how we do this. Anyone interested in The Christie can become a member; it's another way of showing your support and keeping up to date with news and developments.

Please complete and return this form to:
Appeals office, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust,
FREEPOST MR 9647, Manchester M20 7ZN



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Thank you!

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