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patient Tom
given special
award for heroic
fundraising

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Welcome



I hope that you enjoy this first Successes of 2009. The ingenuity and commitment of our fundraisers never ceases to amaze us and this edition contains many extraordinary stories including young patient Tom Buckley's epic coast to coast walk.

Donations and fundraising events enable us to

continue to deliver excellent cancer services, continue the growth of our cancer research, and embark on new developments. In the 'Making a Difference' centre spread you can read more about the progress of our exciting new developments, the new patient treatment centre and the radiotherapy centres in Oldham and Salford. Without your help this wouldn't be possible. Thank you for your continuing support. With very best wishes for 2009.

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Toni Leden
Appeals Director



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What a hero

2008 was quite a year for Tom

23 year old Tom Buckley has an inoperable brain tumour and in September was given just months to live.

But that didn't stop him taking on an arduous 180 mile walk, back in December, to raise money for our charity.

When he set off Tom was not sure he would even be able to finish. As well as his tumour, he's had some muscles and part of his lung removed. He also had a knee and leg bone replacement after having had bone cancer a few years ago.

But after battling through blizzards, snow drifts, freezing temperatures and pouring rain for 18 days he reached the finish and so far has netted more than £72,000 to help other patients – a whopping £67,000 over his initial £5,000 target.

His actions and bravery haven't gone unnoticed. At our annual staff awards ceremony in December, hosted by Jenni Murray of Radio 4, Tom received a special

acknowledgment, as well as a standing ovation.

Tom, who's from Northwich said: "It was very emotional. I'm absolutely shocked. I set off on the walk to say thank you to all the staff at The Christie, who have been incredible and are the reason I'm still here. They have given me four years of life, basically."

Our chief executive Caroline Shaw said; "Tom's attitude and courage have touched the nation. He's a remarkable young man who wholly deserves this praise."

Tom is now planning another fundraiser. He said: "In September, I was given between two and 10 months, but if I'm healthy enough, I'd like to try a tandem bike ride in Europe in February with a school friend."

You can sponsor Tom at www.justgiving.com/thebuckers



New signings for Manchester United

Players from Manchester United visited us in December to spread some Christmas cheer amongst teenage cancer patients.

Ryan Giggs was joined by Cristiano Ronaldo, Anderson, Nani and Manucho to meet patients on our teenage unit.

The Christmas visit is a regular appointment on the United calendar and the players spent a few hours on the ward, handing out presents and chatting with patients and their families.

During the visit, Ryan Giggs also took time out to make a personal call to Christie patient Tom Buckley who is a huge United fan, but couldn't be there because he was mid way through his sponsored coast to coast walk. The players invited him as a VIP guest into the players' lounge at the game against Middlesbrough in December.

The players also officially launched two new posts to support the rehabilitation of younger patients. These posts have been funded by our charity partnership with Manchester United and are the first posts of their kind in the country.

Manchester United chose us as one of its charity partners last year and they are well on the

way to raising £250,000 to help young patients adjust to life after cancer.

The money has now helped us recruit an occupational therapist to teach techniques to help patients cope with the effects of their cancer and treatment in their daily lives, and a physiotherapist to help patients overcome physical problems through rehabilitation.

They will be based mainly in our young oncology unit – a nationally renowned unit and one of only eight teenage cancer units in the country. It is the second largest of its kind in the UK, with 50 new patients every year and over 1,300 admissions annually.

“All our patients look forward to the United players visiting and this year was no exception. It is tough for them being in hospital at this time of year, so it's a very welcome visit and certainly put some smiles on their faces.

Ward manager David Wright



Team effort: Cristiano Ronaldo and Ryan Giggs are pictured with physiotherapist Kate Roberts and occupational therapist Anna Mann.



On the ball: 19 year old Leanne Parker, from Bolton, is pictured with Anderson, Nani, Manucho, Ryan Giggs and Cristiano Ronaldo.



Youth express

A Bolton youth team, which includes relatives of 17-year old Adam Riaz who tragically died of cancer in December 2006, have raised £1,500 in his memory.

The money was raised through dance nights, coffee mornings and a car boot sale and will go towards our young oncology unit where Adam was treated.

Youth Express is a unique partnership project between Rivington and Blackrod High

School and Bolton Youth Service that offers a variety of services and opportunities to young people in the Horwich area of Bolton.

One local pub which helped Youth Express raise over half of its money is being singled out by the group for special praise. Martin and Sharon Price, the landlord and landlady of the Sportsman's Arms public house in Bolton and their customers held a community activity weekend and raised almost £900.



Brilliance in Bolton: Young people from Youth Express are pictured with the landlord and landlady at the Sportman's Arms, Martin and Sharon Price; Tony Purcell Head Teacher at Rivington and Blackrod High School and Christie governor Carl Sharpe.

Bullseye!

Thank you to the members of Rochdale Ladies Darts league, who have raised £1,800 towards our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.

The ladies voted The Christie as their nominated charity of the year after losing their former chairman Jean Wild to lung cancer.



On target: Christie fundraising representative Pete Snow accepting the team's donation.

In touch

A former patient recently handed a £500 cheque to our charity.

Greg McHugh was treated for cancer as a child, and he currently volunteers on the "In Touch Programme" at the Imperial War Museum.

The programme has won an award for "outstanding work with people" and asked volunteers to nominate a charity to receive the money.

Greg kindly nominated The Christie and we were delighted by his success.



▲ A kind nomination: Greg pictured here with Carol Robinson from our young oncology unit.



Doing it for Dad

Fancy dress, a badminton tournament and a balloon release...just three of the things schoolgirl Toni Bigger organised at Middlewich High School last year to raise £1,050 for us.

Toni was inspired to get involved as her dad is currently being treated at The Christie.

She was even brave enough to stand up in front of the whole school and give a special assembly about her dad and The Christie.



▲ Thumbs up for Toni: Toni Kennedy with Toni Bigger and friend.

Surprise song

Wives are often 'surprised' by the Christmas presents their husbands choose for them but Jules Barlow, 43, literally couldn't believe her ears when she opened hers. Unbeknown to her, her husband Ian had secretly written and recorded a love song for her, and whats more, radio stations were queuing up to play it.

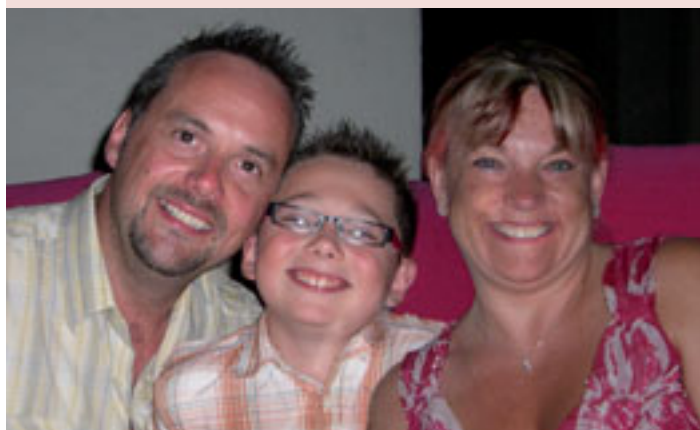
Ian, from Stockport, said, "Three years ago Jules very nearly died. She had an extremely rare combination

of cervical cancer and ovarian cancer.

He added: "Ever since then I've been looking for a way to show Jules how much I love her, and at the same time to raise money for The Christie who saved her life. The song's being given a lot of airplay so hopefully I'll succeed in both."

Jules said "I was more than surprised! Ian's never sung a note in his life – not even in the shower. That's what makes it such a lovely, romantic thing to do.

To make a donation and download Ian's song 'Remember the first time' go to www.christies.org/ianbarlow and follow the links.



▲ Just the right note: Ian pictured with his wife Jules and son Aiden.

Bowled over

A team of avid bowlers bowled itself into the Guinness Book of World Records in Chorlton in November and raised money for ourselves and Francis House Children's Hospice in the process.

The Lloyd Hotel Bowling Club from Chorlton successfully carried out a non-stop, week-long bowling challenge at South West Manchester Cricket Club. Two teams of six players bowled continuously to set a new world record of 168 hours. Beating the previous world record by 63 hours.

Their last successful attempt was in October 2006 when they played for 105 hours. The week included a special celebrity match between TV doctor Chris Steele and Coronation Street's Michael Lavelle.

Organiser Steven Ridley said: "We are absolutely thrilled by how brilliantly it's gone. One of the players wore a pedometer which calculated that we walked an average of 10 miles a day during the competition! The community really got behind us. We're anticipating raising more than £2,000.



▲ Guinness record success: Members of the bowling team are pictured with Dr Chris Steele, actor Michael Lavelle, Christie regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy and Kate Puc from Francis House.



Coast to coast for The Christie

As well as Tom Buckley's intrepid walk, there were two other successful coast to coast missions for The Christie.

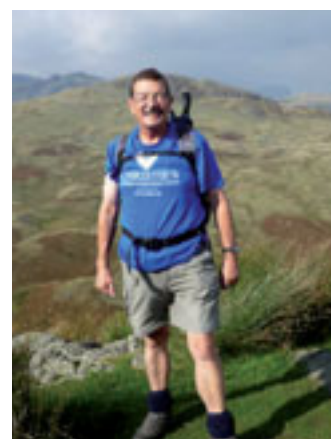


Willie Lees from Stockport put himself to the ultimate test by embarking on a Coast to Coast Walk to raise money for our charity.

He began his challenge on September 24th and by October 8th he'd reached his final destination – raising £1,625 in the process.

Willie was inspired to take on the challenge after his friend, Kerry Barlow was diagnosed with breast cancer. She continues treatment for the disease and the money

Willie raised from his walk is going to Dr Abbas Chittalia's fund at The Christie.



▲ **Walking the walk:** Willie Lees on his coast to coast challenge.

The Coast to Coast Walk starts at St. Bees Head in Cumbria and runs for 192 miles to Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire, passing through three National Parks - the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors.

The fab four

Four friends have walked 192 miles to raise £3,802 for our new Oldham radiotherapy centre.

Peter and Anne Fitton and Ian and Jean Lowe walked the St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay coast to coast walk in 16 days.

Peter from Thornham Rochdale, who was treated for skin cancer two years ago said; "I had excellent treatment at The Christie and after I was given the all clear wanted to give something back to the amazing people who looked after me".



It's all in the walk: Jean Lowe, Peter Fitton, Anne Fitton and Ian Lowe with regional appeals officer Jacky Plant.



Remembering Roy

Neil Harvey and his mother Dorothy from Northwich recently made a generous donation to our charity.

Their husband and father, Roy Harvey, sadly died back in November after being treated here for a brain tumour.

At Roy's funeral his friends and family donated £700, and Neil also organised a raffle at last year's Speaker of the Year

Dinner in Kensington, raising a further £345. The combination of the two brought the total to a generous £1,045.

Neil said; "The Christie does a splendid job providing treatment, care and research into cancer. It is a very caring hospital which gives tremendous support to both patients and their families. Words cannot convey our thanks."



▲ **A family effort:** Neil Harvey pictured here with his mum Dorothy, fellow family members Joyce Woodward and Sandra Crisp, and our regional appeals officer Jackie Plant.

Boxing clever

When it comes to fundraising for worthy causes, this amateur boxer from Middleton pulls no punches.

Inspired by his sister, Paula Nolan, who suffered from a brain tumour, Robert Turner recently organised a successful charity boxing match at Middleton Civic Centre, with six professional boxers, raising £4,000 for us.

Sadly Robert's sister Paula lost her cancer battle on September 18th but Robert was determined to make the event a success in her memory.

Professional boxing pals Thomas McDonough, Matthew Hall, Michael Jennings, Robbie Read, Rhys Roberts, Scott Quinn, Darren McCarrick and Michael Gomez all took part in the event, which raised a total of £14,000 for The Christie and other local charities.



▲ **Who looks the most scared?:** Robert Turner is pictured here with our regional appeals officer Jackie Plant.

Golfers go for a chip shot

Over the past nine months Terry Fletcher from Newton in Hyde has been organising a weekly fundraising raffle at the Dukinfield Golf Club.

Last September he really raised the bar by holding an auction and golf competition for the senior

section of the club bringing his total to a fantastic £2,020.

Terry's been inspired to help The Christie over the past years as his wife suffered with breast cancer twelve years ago but thankfully survived after being treated here.



▲ **Hole in one:** Terry Fletcher (left) pictured with fellow golf club members and regional appeals officer Howard Newhall.



Charity begins...in the pub

Customers and staff at the Primrose View pub in Oldham all pulled together recently to help landlady Diane Tarlington raise valuable funds.

As part of a special charity fun day, customers brought in food items to raffle, sold football cards, took part in an auction, dressed up in fancy dress and

sung their hearts out in a karaoke session, raising £1,923 to help the Women's Trust Fund in their bid to furnish a room in the new patient treatment centre.

This is the second such event Diane has organised for us, in memory of her uncle who was treated for throat cancer two years ago.



▲ **Fantastic Fundraising:** Landlady Diane Tarlington pictured with Christie regional appeals officer Jacky Plant, and customers and staff from the Primrose View pub in Oldham.

Scaling Oldham's heights

Family and friends of one of our teenage cancer patients have completed a charity abseil to raise money for our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.

Jonathan Wild, aged 18, is doing well and is back at work following treatment for leukaemia. Thankful for his treatment, mum Anne Marie Coleman has been spear-heading a fundraising drive and has now collected more than £5,000.

The latest event was an abseil down Oldham Civic Centre, which the family are hoping will add another £1,000 to their total. All the money raised will go towards our new radiotherapy centre at the Royal Oldham Hospital.

Around 30 people including Jonathan's brother Stephen, scaled the heights for the fundraising challenge which was supported by Smith Knight Fay car dealers. Jonathan had hoped to do the abseil himself,

but didn't want to risk his health, so he cheered everybody on from the ground.

▶ **Hitting dizzy heights:** Jonathan's brother Stephen tackles the abseil.



Correction

In the last edition of Successes, we printed a photo with the incorrect information. Apologies to all concerned and here are the correct details:

£4,740.50 was given to our haematology and transplant unit (HTU) in memory of Kim Bridgeman raised by family and friends during a sponsored walk.



▲ Pictured to right is Elaine Broughton, Jackie Boylin, Dr Effie Liakopolou and Denise Ashby.



Christie heroes

Students from far and wide have raised over £9,000 for The Christie.

As part of the annual Christie's Day in November, almost 200 students from seven universities took to the streets in super hero outfits to raise as much money as possible for our new £35 million patient treatment centre.

The theme was Heroes and Villains, so the likes of Superman, Supergirl, Captain Hook, characters

from Star Wars, Power Rangers, Grotbags and the Incredibles braved the cold weather to collect cash.

This year's winning team of students, 'the Ragabonds', walked away victorious with the 2008 champion's trophy. Prizes were also given for the best fancy dress outfits.

Best foot forward: Christie Bear dressed as Zorro with Printworks' mascot Harry the Hound. ▶



Christie's caravan of love

Another year has passed and mobile home owners at the Three Rivers Woodland Park in West Bradford near Clitheroe, are still raising money for us.

Early in November, Mr Tobin the Magic Man and Zehara's Urban Gypsies – contestants on ITV's "Britain's Got Talent" - presented us with a cheque for £6,788. The money will go towards our young oncology unit.

The enjoyable evening included a display of dancing by the Urban Gypsies, and was well attended with guests from the West Bradford Parish Council and Mrs Myra Clegg, a long term fundraiser in the area.

Mrs Beryl Statham, secretary for the fundraising group said: "Even in these hard times, people will still try to give what they can for a worthwhile cause like The Christie. We're



▲ **Dancing gypsies:** Fundraisers present the money to Christie regional officer Jacky Plant and governor Carl Sharpe.

very pleased with this latest donation."

Regional appeals officer Jacky Plant, said: "The residents of Three Rivers Woodland Park are amongst our most loyal

supporters, and every year they turn out to have a good time and raise money for our cause. They've excelled themselves this year and we'd like to say a big thank you."



Maureen's flame burns bright



Former patient Maureen Kelly had always planned to attend the reunion of patients and friends of the Haematology and Transplant Unit at the Old Trafford Football Ground in November.

Sadly Maureen died in March last year, but her family were determined that she should be there in spirit. Fourteen members of her family attended the reunion where they lit a candle to symbolise her presence.

One of Maureen's daughters, Lynn Lewis, said; "Mum asked us to light a candle for her at every special occasion so that she could be with us. While she was being treated for leukaemia, Mum practically lived at The Christie, and we felt part of the family there. We've already raised £1,000 for the unit and we're determined to carry on fundraising. The annual reunion of patients and their family and friends has taken place since the HTU unit opened in 1986, and also includes fundraising activities for the unit such as raffles and auctions.



▲ **In memory of Maureen:** Members of Maureen Kelly's family including daughters Lynn Lewis, Tracy Downing and Paula Neild.

Fundraisers hit £1¼ million mark!

A special raffle held at the Charles Dickens Hotel back in December was the latest achievement by the Wigan, Leigh and Chorley Fundraising Team.

The event helped to raise a further £1,000, adding to the £40,000 they've made already in the past year.

The group's recent accomplishment is by no means a one off though. Over the

past eight years they've raised an amazing £250,000 for The Christie.

Some of the funds are being directed towards helping patients who are experiencing pain that is difficult to treat.

Dr Arun Bhaskar, a consultant in anaesthesia and pain said: "The money will help us develop new strategies to help patients manage pain at home rather than in hospital."



▲ **Raffling success:** Dr Arun Bhasker with Christie consultant Dr Ernest Allan, regional appeals officer Jacky Plant, and the Wigan, Leigh and Chorley Fundraising Team.

Birthday bonus

44 isn't always a special birthday, but for teaching assistant Maxine Whiston, it was very special indeed. Having had breast cancer twice, Maxine decided to combine a late 40th birthday, with an opportunity to raise

funds for us after being treated here.

With the help of friends and family, Maxine threw a party for 200 people at Elton Liberal Club, and invited guests to bring donations in lieu of gifts.

Colleague Carol Braidwood donated her DJ services for free and local businesses donated raffle prizes, which, combined with various car boot sales done with her mum, brought Maxine's fundraising total to £1,770.



▲ **Special birthday gift:** Maxine Whiston pictured here with her family and our regional appeals officer Jacky Plant.



Doing it for Dave

The family and friends of a Newcastle man who passed away following a battle with bowel cancer have raised £4,000 in his memory.

Dave Cope was just 45 when he died, just over a year after he was diagnosed. His wife Clare heard about The Christie and wrote straight away to ask if Dave could be treated here. Dave was seen by bowel cancer specialist Dr Mark Saunders, and his family are convinced the treatment he received meant he

survived for a year longer than they ever expected.

Following Dave's sad death, Clare and her friends and family decided to set up the Dave Cope Bowel Cancer Campaign. Together, they have organised a number of fundraising events including a ball, a balloon race, coffee mornings and hot pot suppers and have just handed over a cheque for £4,000, which will be used to fund bowel cancer research.



▲ **Keeping Dave's memory alive:** Clare and Josh are pictured handing over their donation to our regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy.

Elsie's efforts

Dedicated Tytherington fundraisers Elsie Oldfield and her husband Russell have been a successful fundraising team for eight years, and have raised over £9,000 for The Christie.

Sadly Russell passed away in March last year, having suffered from both breast cancer, and prostate cancer. However, thanks to the support of her friends, Elsie has managed to soldier on with her fundraising

efforts. She recently handed over a cheque for £1,140, raised in Russell's memory. The funds were raised through a Christmas raffle, the sale of Christmas cards and with help from Macclesfield Vintage motorcycle club.

Elsie, aged 78, said "It's been hard, but I was determined to carry on fundraising for The Christie – after all they gave my husband 18 years of life after he was first diagnosed with breast cancer.



◀ **Toasting fundraising success:** Elsie Oldfield and friends with our regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy.

Christie Bear meets the Mayor

Our Christie Bear made a personal appearance at The Lord Mayor's Christmas Fair in Bolton.

As you can see from this photo, she's weighing up whether that lovely tinsel belt will fit round her waist after all those mince pies!



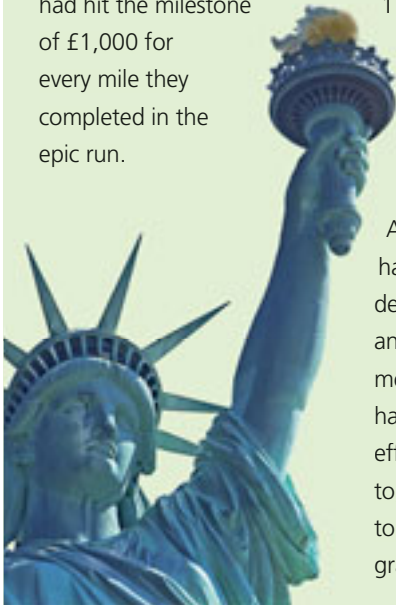
▲ **Christmas celebrations:** Our Christie Bear schmoozes with Bolton's Lord Mayor.



Christie trio hit NY target

Chief executive **Caroline Shaw** and research nurses **Caroline Hamer** and **Claire O'Rourke** have reached their fundraising target after completing the New York marathon back in November.

At a special fundraising ball at the Renaissance Hotel, Caroline announced they had hit the milestone of £1,000 for every mile they completed in the epic run.



An auction at the event helped the trio finally hit their ambitious target. The money will be shared with the Willow Foundation – a charity that works closely with us to support young people who have serious illnesses such as cancer.

Caroline completed the New York Marathon – her first ever marathon - in four hours and 11 minutes and said: “The New York Marathon was very hard, but the fantastic atmosphere carried me for the last few miles.

All my work as chief executive has the same aim in mind – to deliver the best possible care and treatment to patients. For me, completing the marathon has highlighted the tremendous effort that our fundraisers go to, in their very different ways, to raise money for us. I am so grateful for everyone’s support.”



▲ **Mission completed:** Claire and the two Carolines with their medals in Central Park.



▲ **Time to celebrate:** The trio with Century F.M. DJ Darren Parkes.

Hitting the peaks

One of our patients, **Steve Thorp**, decided to raise money for **Professor Radford’s Lymphoma Research Fund** last year by taking on the **Three Peaks Challenge**.

The five-strong team completed the climbs in under the required 24 hours and in the process raised over £4,600.

Not content with this fundraiser, Steve also took part in a marathon 30 hour non-stop “Fishathon” along with fellow fisherman Steve Buckley, back in August and raised a further £1,200.

▶ **Peak of fitness:** Steve Thorp and friends ready for the three peak challenge.



Supporters Seminars

For anyone who wants to know more about our work and where we are heading, we hold regular Supporters Seminars. These events give our supporters the opportunity to hear more from our specialists about their pioneering work. In the seminars, leading scientists and clinicians also provide an insight into the on-going improvements being made in treatment due to research here at The Christie.

They also give donors the chance to hear about the projects that their generosity and fundraising helps to make possible.

Why not come along to find out more?

Guest Speakers 2009

Wednesday 25th February 2009

Peter Trainer, Professor of Endocrinology
"Hormones and cancer – what's the connection?"

Wednesday 20th May 2009

Miss Sarah O'Dwyer, Divisional Director of Cancer Centre Services
"Surgical Innovations"

Wednesday 9th September 2009

Malcolm Ranson, Professor of Medical Oncology and Pharmacology
"Right medicine, right patient, right dose – new targeted cancer treatments"

Wednesday 25th November 2009

Noel Clarke, Professor of Urological Oncology
"Treatment and research in patients with Cancer of the Prostate, Bladder and Kidney"

**All the events start at 2.00pm in the Education Centre.
Call John Bremend on 0161 918 7424 for more information**

Calendar of other events

Date	Event	Place	Contact name	Contact tel no.
31/01/09	Fundraising pub night	Rose and Crown, Ramsbottom	Pauline Hodgson	01706 823 688
06/02/09	Balls Up Event	Monsall	John Walsh	07786 147660
08/02/09	Charity auction and raffle	The Swan Inn, Kettlethulme	Phil Watson	01298 812764
13/02/09	Kisses for The Christie	Middleton Civic Centre	Faye Kilroy	07908 664 555
14/02/09	Fundraising Dance	Whalley Range	Chris	0161 225 6102
14/02/09	Charity Dance	English Martyr's, Whalley Range	Christine Conway	0161 792 6130
21/02/09	Rossendale Male Voice Choir	St Joseph and St Peter Parish Hall	Victoria Kelly	07811 510 575
28/02/09	Diamond and Pearl Ball	Bredbury Hall, Stockport	Sarah Moore	07889 948488
28/02/09	Coffee Morning Women's Trust Fund	Davyhulme	Jan Howsam	0161 748 7850
06/03/09	Aerobathon	Cheadle	Carol McKenzie	07958 581787
08/03/09	Charity paintball day	On The Edge Events Paintball Site, Macclesfield	Emma Kennedy	0161 918 7396
10/03/09	Soul Night	Cinnamon Club, Altrincham	Carol McKenzie	07958 581787
21/03/09	60's Revival Night	Rochdale	Dave Sweetmore	07960 154826
21/03/09	Dinner Dance and Auction	Adlington Hall, Macclesfield	Roger Bell	07917 197 260
28/03/09	Charity Disco	West Indian Social Club	Jim Brown	0161 881 3822
01/05/09	Evening of Popular Classics	The Bridgewater Hall	Neville Davies	01925 755 757
28/06/09	Showcase for The Christie	The Lowry Theatre	Dave Bamford	0161 790 4248
28/08/09	Blues 'n' Twos Golf Classic	Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa	Stephen Anderson	0161 918 7354



2009 Christie sporting events programme

2009 is shaping up to be another busy one in the Christie Sporting Events calendar. There are a whole host of activities to get involved in, from abseiling to mammoth runs.

For further information on any of the events listed, please contact the Events team on 0161 446 3400 or email events@christies.org

Event	Date	Registration open	Further information
2009 London Marathon	26 April	CLOSED	If you have secured your place in the 2009 Marathon, then please join the Christie running team.
2010 London Marathon	April 2010	Ballot will open 26 April 2009	The ballot will launch on 26 April 2009 on the new website www.virginlondonmarathon.com
City of Manchester 10K	5 July	TBC	10K route starts at Sport City, taking you around the outside of the City of Manchester Stadium.
Great North Run	20 September	Ballot opens 10 January	Ballot opens at www.greatrun.org for one month. If you have secured a place through the ballot, or if you are interested in one of our charity places, visit our website www.christies.org/events/running/greatnorth for more information on running with The Christie team.
MUFC Abseil	Autumn 2009	TBC	140 ft Free-Air abseil from the North Stand of the Theatre of Dreams into the interior of the stadium. Minimum sponsorship is £140 – that's £1 for every foot abseiled.
Night of Neon	October 2009	TBC	A 5k jog or 10k walk around Salford Quays at dusk
Sky Dive/White Water Rafting/Overseas Challenges	Ongoing		

Great Manchester Run

Sunday 17th May 2009

The Great Manchester Run is always a fantastic event with a massive turn out – last year over 850 runners donned a Christie T-shirt to pound the city centre streets.

This year's event promises to be no different. If you have

secured your own place and would like to run for The Christie, we would love to hear from you. Please let the Christie Events Team know on 0161 446 3400 or email events@christies.org

The Christie has a small number of charity places for

this event. If you have been unsuccessful in securing your own place, but would still like to run for us, complete the charity place registration form at www.christies.org/events/charityplace.aspx, but hurry, these places are limited!



▲ Winning smiles: Runners from BAE Systems celebrate after last year's Great Manchester Run

Fantastic fundraisers!

Did you know?

In 2008, The Christie Appeals Office authorised 499 different fundraising events – everything from star-studded balls to sky diving, bring and buy sales to badminton competitions! Last year, the most 'off the wall' community fundraising idea, as voted by the Appeals team, was...A sponsored worm charm!

There really are hundreds of different ways to fundraise, and we'd love to hear yours!



Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride

Sunday 12th July 2009

Fancy getting on your bike?

This annual bike ride offers participants the chance to ride for sixty miles from sunny Manchester over to the bright lights of Blackpool.

Last year over 6,000 riders took part and raised almost £240,000. As always the event attracted lots of attention including the Sale Sharks Team!

This year's event will start at Manchester United's stadium in Old Trafford.

Registration for the event is now open. If you would like to take part, you will need to book a place by going to the organisers website www.bike-events.com.

Once you have secured your place in this event we hope you will cycle in support of Christie's. Please register your details on our website as soon as your place has been confirmed.



Walk of Hope

Saturday 12th September 2009

The 4th annual Walk of Hope is to take place on Saturday 12th September 2009.

This event is a 10km evening stroll through the magnificent grounds of Tatton Park. On your journey you will be able to take

in the spectacular scenery and wildlife of Tatton Park and half way through the walk there is a chance for a moment of personal reflection by the mere.

Registration for the 2009 event will open in early summer 2009. However, if you would

like to register for the reminder service for the Walk of Hope then please complete an enquiry form on the website - www.christies.org/events/walking/woh



▲ **Walking purposefully:** Walkers on the Walk of Hope last September

Manchester 100

Sunday 6th September 2009

The Manchester 100 offers you the chance to cycle either 100 kilometres or 100 miles through the scenic Cheshire countryside of Northwich, Middlewich and the Delamere Forest.

The route heads first to Northwich, taking in Delamere Forest and Nantwich for lunch (the half way point) before heading back through Middlewich to the finish.

Last year's event was hugely popular with around 2,000 people braving Britain's "typical" summer weather to take part. The Christie team were on hand to welcome

every cyclist as they crossed the finish line!

A massive £63,000 was raised and we're hopeful that we can achieve the same again, if not more, this year.

Registration for the event is now open. If you would like to take part, you will need to book a place by going to the organisers website www.bike-events.com.

Once you have secured your place in this event we hope you will cycle in support of Christie's. Please register your details on our website as soon as your place has been confirmed.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

How your help is giving hope

New Year sees work start on patient treatment centre

Work has begun on clearing the ground ready for our new £35 million treatment centre, which will revolutionise patient services, and make a tremendous difference to the research work carried out at The Christie.

The iconic new patient treatment centre based on our main Withington site will be home to the largest early clinical trials unit in the world, an expanded chemotherapy department, and a new private patients unit, income from which will help fund our future NHS developments.

The expanded unit means that we will be able to carry out far more clinical trials, which are research studies to find better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat cancer.

As part of the 'making way' process, staff and patients from our clinical trials unit have recently moved into temporary accommodation on Wilmslow Rd.

The state-of-the-art new centre is due to open in 2010, but until then, the bigger temporary home for our clinical trials unit is already offering immediate advantages, and allowing more patients to be recruited for clinical trials than ever before.



Help us to make this a reality

Our fundraising target for the patient treatment centre is £13.2 million and we really need your support now, to complete this ground-breaking new development.

Best in the UK

Cancer research in Manchester was officially ranked as the best in the UK in December. 90% of the cancer research undertaken in Manchester over the last six years has been assessed as internationally excellent. The research includes drug trials with cancer patients,

and covers the many different kinds of cancer – all focussed on improving cancer diagnosis, treatment and care.

Professor John Radford, Director of Research (pictured right) said: "This is a superb result. Many of the cancer treatments that have been trialled here are now being used as routine treatments

across the globe and helping to save thousands of lives. Our research also brings huge benefits to local patients who are among the first in the world to access the latest treatments for cancer research - giving them the best possible chance of survival".



▲ **Artist's impression:**
The new radiotherapy
centre in Oldham.



Exciting progress on new Oldham

Building work continues apace in Oldham on our new radiotherapy centre, which will be funded by generous donations to our charity. This is a huge and ambitious project which urgently needs your help.

The new £17 million centre, based at the Royal Oldham Hospital, will be the first in a network of Christie radiotherapy centres, where local patients will be able to access first class radiotherapy treatment from our experts, but closer to home. It is set to open early next year.

Concrete is now going in for the 'bunkers' which will house the two large £1.3 million radiotherapy machines.

The new centre will treat patients from Oldham, Bury, Rochdale, North Manchester, Middleton and part of Tameside, mainly for the most common cancers such as breast, prostate and lung. Patients with very rare and complex cancers will continue to be treated at The Christie.

Currently our site in South Manchester is the only centre in Greater Manchester to provide

radiotherapy, a specialist procedure which uses high energy radiation beams to destroy cancerous cells. Cancer patients from Oldham currently have to travel up to three hours every day for five weeks or longer to receive radiotherapy treatment.

We're planning to build a network of new centres so most people in the region will be within 45 minutes of a Christie radiotherapy centre.

Staff will be able to treat up to 70 patients a day at each centre, and patients will continue to receive the highest, Christie standard of care. The new centres will be staffed by Christie doctors, as well as specialist radiographers, nurses and other medical experts from The Christie.



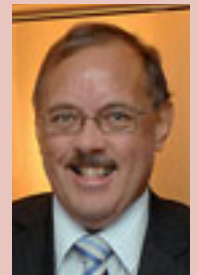
▲ **Under construction:** Our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.



▲ **Under construction:** Half of the steelwork is now in place for the Oldham centre.

David's story

Director of Food Retailing at Co-operative Food, David Messom



from Rochdale was recently treated at The Christie for sarcoma (cancer of the tissue).

He was full of praise for the expert care he received, but found the journey in and out of Manchester very tiring.

David said, "Having to come in to Manchester every day for five weeks from my home in Rochdale made each day really long, and quite exhausting.

The new radiotherapy centre in Oldham is a very important development for local people. It would have made a massive difference to me to still be able to see Christie staff, without travelling all that way."

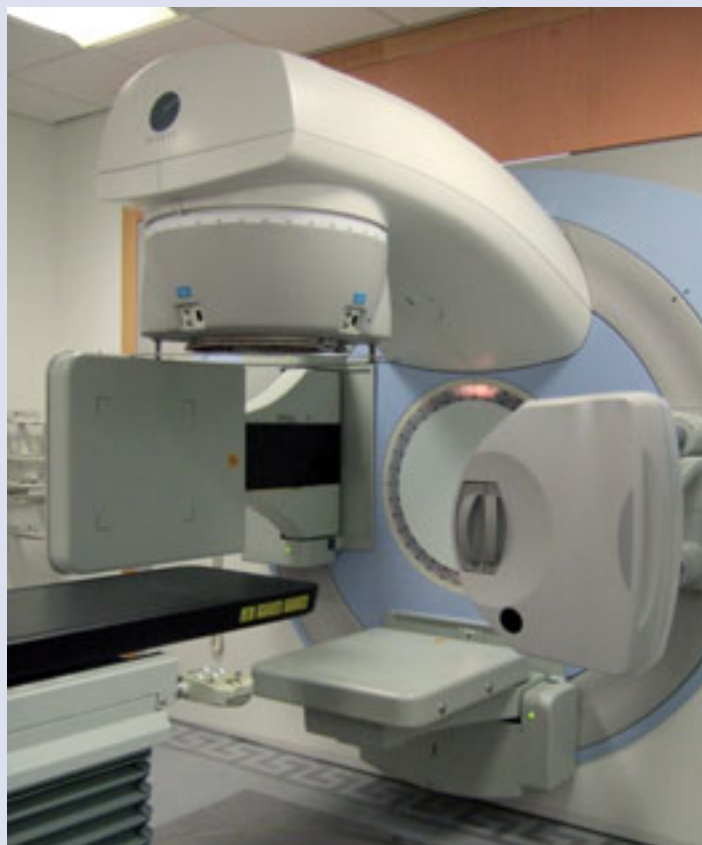


▲ **Artist's impression:**
The new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.

radiotherapy centres



Professor Peter Williams, director of The Christie's radiotherapy centres project, said: "We are very aware that long journeys can put tremendous pressure on patients and their families, who are already going through tough times due to their cancer diagnosis and treatment. The new centres will provide the best possible equipment and the latest technologies, but much closer to home".



▲ **Latest technology:** Cutting edge radiotherapy machine for the Oldham centre

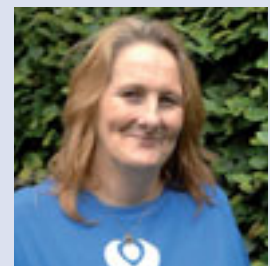
Salford

We have also now approved ambitious plans to build a second £17 million Christie radiotherapy centre, in Salford.

This vital new development will transform cancer services for patients in Salford, Wigan and Bolton and we urgently need your support to make it a reality.

The centre at Salford Royal will also be equipped to deliver stereotactic radiosurgery, a highly specialised neurosurgical technique, which will complement existing conventional neurosurgery offered by the Greater Manchester Neuroscience Centre at Salford Royal. This will be one of only a handful of such centres in the UK. Patients from Greater Manchester currently have to travel to Sheffield for this treatment.

Pat's story



Two years ago, 51 year old Pat Sharpe, who lives in Wigan, received radiotherapy treatment at The Christie for breast cancer.

"I had to come in for 15 sessions, over three weeks, and in the rush hour it could take up to an hour and a half to get there each time - just for 2 minutes of radiotherapy. This new centre will make a huge difference to people living in my local area, and it's really important that we all support it."

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Extension for teenage unit

The Young Oncology Unit (YOU) extension for day care patients, is now complete, and just waiting for the final items of equipment to be delivered. The extra space was necessary as more patients are now being treated as day cases (i.e. not needing to stay overnight on the ward.)

Your support
made it happen

YOU manager David Wright said, "This £1¼ million extension is a fantastic addition to the unit and has only been possible thanks to charitable funds. We are very grateful for the support."

He added, "Having a comfortable, separate area for our day patients, improves the service for all our patients. It makes the ward itself a quieter environment, and by reducing the number of people coming and going on the ward, we are also helping with infection control." The extension will contain two beds, and two treatment chairs, as well as a television in the waiting area and one in the treatment area. It will also contain two computers for use by patients while they are waiting for treatment.



▲ **Brand new day:** Senior staff nurse Joanna Allen (left) and staff nurse Sarah Atkinson in the day care extension

The award-winning Young Oncology Unit (YOU) treats young cancer patients up to the age of 24 for all cancers. It is one of only eight dedicated cancer units in the country, and takes a national lead on teenage cancer issues.

Founded in 1988, the YOU is the second largest of its kind in the UK and registers 50 new patients annually with over 1,300 admissions a year. The unit also includes accommodation for relatives and special teenage activity facilities.

Bowel cancer patients to get latest software

Thanks to a generous donation from the Light for Christie's appeal, patients with bowel cancer will now benefit from the very latest clinical software.

Light for Christie's was set up by the Kilroe family in honour of Tim Kilroe, and has raised thousands of pounds for bowel cancer research, equipment and facilities to improve patients' experiences.

At the moment, letters and reports in the endoscopy department, where bowel cancer patients are treated, are hand-written and dictated. The new software will provide an instant record of

notes and letters, and can also store images, and highlight any abnormalities.

Consultant surgeon Mr Malcolm Wilson said, "This is a very exciting development. Specialist clinical software like this will make a big difference to the service we are able to offer to our patients. It will really speed up the administration of the department, provide a much better record of patient treatments, and also help with our research. Light for Christie's have shown tremendous commitment to The Christie and we are once again indebted to them for their generous support."

In brief

a mention for some of our many supporters

Thank you to Winsford Conservative Club for their very generous donation of £1,520.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bayley who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary and donated £35 to The Christie.

Well done to all the students at Whirley Primary School in Macclesfield who have adopted The Christie as their charity of the year and have raised £244 so far from their Harvest Festival and no school uniform day.

The Stockport Campaigners have been hard at work and donated another £5,000 towards the Manchester Million Campaign.

Don Pendlebury organised a very successful Country and Western night at the White Horse Hotel in Disley and raised a fantastic £1,415.

Thank you to the Nantwich Christie Support Group for their ongoing support and most recent donation of £10,000.

Ian Helsby organised a sponsored slim. He raised £200 and lost 3 stone - well done Ian!

David Hiatt organised a musical evening and raffle in Great Budworth and raised £250.

Thank you to Mrs Mitchell who organised a Garden party in memory of her sister Barbara and raised £3,290.

Thanks to Peover Superior Primary School for donating £113 from their Harvest Festival.

Well done to Pat Guilder for raising £770 for Breast Cancer research during her Breast Cancer Pink month.

Congratulations to Cheadle Rotary Club for their ongoing fundraising activities and most recent donation of £485.

Eileen Toong has continued to fundraise at her local Farmers Market. A big thank you for her most recent donation of £1,811.

Theresa Crofts organised a Halloween Party to remember and raised a brilliant £1,975.

Many thanks to Sharon Roberts for organising another spectacular Masked Ball and raising £3,100.

Well done to Neil Bowden and his soul band for raising £788 at their recent gig.

Many happy returns to Mrs Carless who raised £295 after asking for donations in lieu of presents for her 50th Birthday.

Khandoker Restaurant donated £348 from fundraising activities in 2008.

Vivian Holt raised £5,060 in memory of her daughter Sarah at her Sex and the City Ball.

Pacifica Cantonese restaurant in Eccles raised £5,000 from their fundraising night.

Songs for Christies donated £12,480 from various singing events in town centres around the North West.

A big thank you to Mr Clarke and the NW Operations Staff at National Grid who donated £1,000 via participation in their staff surveys.

Thank you very much to members of Flowery Field Cricket Club who have raised £1,279 in memory of Stephen Haughton via various fundraising activities at their cricket club.

Well done to First Choice Airways who raised an amazing total of £9,300 for the YOU via their on board foreign currency collections.

Thank you very much to Richard Hughes who very kindly donated £1,385 by requesting donations to Christie's in lieu of presents for his 40th birthday.

Congratulations to Paul Hazelby, Martin Curran and Peter Shears, who raised a fantastic £1,380 through a sponsored slim.

Thanks to staff & pupils of St Nicholas RC High School for their very kind and generous donation of £1,000.

Many thanks to staff of Homestyle Products Ltd who donated £250 in lieu of sending Christmas cards.

A big thank you to Paul Johnson and family & friends of the late Duncan Ashworth, for raising nearly £2,000 from their Charity Golf Day last September. The money is helping to fund research into Pancreatic Cancer by Duncan's consultant Dr Juan Valle.

Howzat! Golborne Cricket Club held a 12 hour Bat-a-thon on September 7th and despite the damp conditions amassed the wonderful sum of £513 for the Cancer Appeal Fund.

SUPASHI-BO! (Thank you) to all at Kamiza Dojo Jujitsu Club in Ashton Under Lyne for raising £345 from their sponsored walk in September.

Many thanks to Dawn Kelly and all at Kendal Operatic Society for donating the £390 from a collection at the end of their recent production of 'The Full Monty'.

Another huge thank you to Robert Bardsley and his fellow magicians, for raising the wonderful sum of £1,102 at their annual Magic & Illusion Shows at the Old Chapel Church Hall in Dukinfield.

Jayne and Mark Wyche requested donations to The Christie in lieu of wedding presents at their 'big day' in October and were overwhelmed to be given nearly £2,000 by family and friends for the Cancer Appeal Fund.

Ex-patient David Garratt along with daughter Elizabeth and her boyfriend Craig Staines undertook 'The Fairly Long Way Back' and cycled from London to Manchester raising over £1,800 for the HTU unit.

Many thanks again to Mr Bennison and fellow members of the Bamber Bridge Band Club for their annual £500 donation. The Band Club have kindly supported The Christie since 1991.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Gary Tucker aka Gary Johns, an ardent fundraiser of The Christie, who sadly passed away last November, days after his final Charity concert at Denton Labour Club – which raised a wonderful £1,140.

Fylde fundraiser Pat Billingham sold her hand-made Christmas cards to friends and colleagues in the Lytham St Annes area and raised a wonderful £2,100 – which has been used to purchase a Dinamap Monitor and treatment trolley for the new patient centre.

Milnrow Cricket Club raised £810 by holding a Ladies Day last September which featured a fashion show, cabaret entertainment and a buffet meal. The event was organised by Vivien Williamson and Susan Brierley. The fashion show was staged by a local dress agency named 'Change Anne's and the main sponsors were Tim and Carol Shaw from Combustion Controls in Rochdale.

Karen Leyland and friends from Wigan held a Fancy Dress Pub Crawl and raised £1,055 for Endocrinology Research.

Thank you to East Lancashire Christie Crusaders who kindly donated £13,900 to purchase various pieces of equipment for the new treatment centre.

Heather Cresswell family and friends held a charity night at the Masonic Hall in Leigh and raised a fabulous £2,755.

Mrs Jawaid from the Asian Angels sadly passed away last November and we all send our condolences to her family and friends at this very sad time.

One of our most successful fundraising groups, The Christie Appeal Macclesfield is on the look out for new members to join their team. If you would like to get involved in a range of activities in the Macclesfield area while raising funds, please contact:
Vicky Bisset on 01625 425 607 or Dave Hollin on 01625 875 046



Membership news

If you've not already become a member of The Christie, why not consider joining up and getting more involved?

Every member of the public can become a member of The Christie and give their views and this is a fantastic opportunity for us to listen and act on them.

Membership is free and not about volunteering, fundraising, making a donation or giving up much of your time – unless you want to.

It's about showing you care in a very different way. You don't need to know a lot about cancer or our services. All you need is an interest in our hospital.

If you are already a member, thank you for your help and

support. Please help us in our work by making sure we have your email address so we can contact you more conveniently.

For more information or to let us have your contact details, email jitendra.patel@christie.nhs.uk

Diary date

This year we will be combining our Annual Members' Meeting with an open day at The Christie.

Our last open day was extremely popular, with visitors enjoying a special, behind the scenes look around The Christie.

We hope you'll join us at this year's open day and Annual Members' Meeting on Saturday September 26th.

The Buffs do it again



▲ **Brilliant Buffs:** Pictured here with our regional appeals officer Howard Newhall.

Before Christmas The Buffs (RAOB) handed over a cheque for £4,400 - the proceeds of the past year's fundraising ventures at the West Indian Social Club in Moss Side and St Kentigerns Club in Fallowfield.

Thanks to the unstinting dedication of the committee

and the generosity of their supporters, the Buffs have now donated in excess of £20,000 to a variety of projects at The Christie over the past four years.

This year's donation is going towards our New Patient Treatment Centre.

Priceless pigeons

When pigeon-fancier John Buntin from Ainsworth in Bury died of lymphatic cancer last year, his family and friends came up with a unique fundraising idea. They decided to auction their entire collection of 82 pigeons. The auction was a huge success and the pigeon sale raised £10,360.

As he was in ill health himself, one friend, Robert Hellens, engaged three close friends to organise the auction. Both families chose The Christie to receive the funds, as Robert, who has sadly since died, and John both received treatment here during their illness. The funds will be put towards our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.



▲ **Fabulous fanciers:** Our regional appeals officer Jacky Plant pictured here with two of John's daughters Anita and Cheryl.



To Land's End for Lisa

The family of a young woman who passed away from leukaemia earlier last year aged just 20, have raised £1,700 in her memory by completing an epic cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End.

Lisa Marie Kerr, from Rawtenstall, was diagnosed with the disease in September 2007. Doctors began treatment and were looking for a bone marrow donor for her, but sadly she died before the transplant could be completed. She was due to marry her fiancé John Isherwood last summer.

Her father Kevin and brother-in-law Justin Ball decided to organise the mammoth trip and set off on the 928 mile trip following months of gruelling training. Unfortunately, Kevin was forced to pull out just days in after injuring himself in the Scottish Highlands, and Justin carried on without him – finishing the 14 day trip alone.

Justin, aged 36 and also from Rawtenstall, said: "Kevin and I thought it a fitting tribute to do something we've always wanted to do whilst raising money for The Christie in Lisa's memory."



▲ **An epic cycle ride pays off:** Justin Ball presents his donation to Christie representative Alan Wilkinson.

Wheels in motion

Cycling enthusiasts in Manchester and Cheshire have been getting on their bikes to raise money for The Christie and have now raised more than £50,000.

The money has been raised by Manchester Velo Cycling Club, based in Offerton, in memory of George 'Spud' Riley, who sadly died of leukaemia in 2001 following treatment here.

Since he passed away friends at the club have organised two annual events in his memory - the Polka Dot Challenge and

the Spud Riley Memorial Ride. Both are 100 mile rides through the Cheshire countryside. The money has been donated to our haematology and transplant unit.

George's brother Dave, from Handforth in Wilmslow, helps organise the rides. He said: "We're thrilled to raise so much money and each year the events just keep getting bigger and better. We started off a few years ago with about 80 people and now we have more than 500 entering and have to turn people away."



▲ **On your bike:** Dave Riley with cycling friends Jim and Liz Broadhurst, and our events officer Marco Giannini.

Big Phil's bum wax

Phil Morris decided to do something rather unique last year to raise money for us....a rather painful fundraising experience to say the least!

Phil had his bum waxed at the Horse Shoe Inn in Congleton courtesy of Ambience Hair and Beauty staff.

Although it was painful he raised a fantastic £2,330.



▲ **Cheeky Chap:** Phil Morris and his mum with Christie regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy.

Tender success

Mother and daughter Irene Bennett and Lisa Silvera were worthy finalists at the Bury Woman of the Year Luncheon recently.

over the years the group has raised more than £150,000 for The Christie.

The money's gone towards various projects, including breast and bowel cancer research.

They set up the Tender Loving Care Ladies Committee and



▲ **Super women:** Lisa and Irene (far right) at the Bury Woman of the Year Luncheon.

Kathy's a silver sensation

Move over Cilla Black! Kathy's Singles Club organiser Kathy Rosser is celebrating a wonderful 25 years and 239 marriages!

Every week for 25 years, come rain or shine, match-maker Kathy has run Kathy's Singles Club to raise money for The Christie.

It was originally held at Urmston Cricket club, but now takes place every Friday

night at St Ann's Social Club in Stretford.

Not only is Kathy a successful fundraiser – her latest donation of £6,000 to Professor Hawkins' gene and immunotherapy fund brings her grand total to £25,000 – she is also super successful at match-making, counting an astonishing 239 marriages as a result of her introductions!

Resolutely single herself, Kathy puts her success down to

providing a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere at the club, as well as a great mix of music from the 60's onwards.



▲ **Dating Diva:** Kathy Rosser with Christie critical care consultant Dr Aran Bhaskar and Channel M's Becky Want.



Travel students *Quiz* their mates

Students from Oldham Sixth Form College have raised £970 for the new radiotherapy centre in the town.

Ten students, all on the A2 Applied Travel and Tourism course, organised a Global Gathering night at the Little Cot, where they hosted a travel quiz. They also had a bucket collection, asked for donations and held a limbo dance competition.



▲ **Quiz whizzes:** Travel and tourism students hand over their donation to Christie Oldham representative Pete Snow.

Potty for potato pie

Ladies from Dukinfield Women's Trust Fund held their annual 'Hot Pot' fundraiser at Dukinfield Town Hall in December.

In attendance were the guests of honour, Tameside Mayor and Mayoress, Jack and Carol Davies helped draw the mammoth 80 prize raffle!

A full house of over 200 people meant the day brought in almost £3,500, which, along with the year's previous fundraising activities, mean the Dukinfield WTF have contributed nearly £15,000 to the £100,000 needed to pay for an ensuite room in our new patient treatment centre.



Dukinfield was one of the founding committees of the WTF which was formed 60 years ago and the committee has continued to fund life-saving research and equipment ever since.

Chairman Jean Depledge said: "We are delighted that our fundraising is going from strength to strength and that this Christmas lunch has raised another wonderful amount."



▲ **Spud u like!:** Jean Depledge pictured here with Mayor and Mayoress Jack and Carol and our regional appeals officer Howard Newhall.



Eileen's personal touch

Ward five's Eileen Walsh, who decided to become a cancer nurse following the death of her mother to the disease, has raised thousands of pounds for our charity.

Eileen was so touched by what she saw whilst her mum was a patient, she decided to change career paths and is now a specialist chemotherapy nurse on the very ward her mum Peggy was treated on.

Eileen said "For over a decade,

my brother Anthony and I have been coming to the Christie as relatives and we know first hand what a special place it is. Each and every member of staff that works here really does make a difference to many families going through a difficult time."

Eileen and her brother Anthony organised a fundraiser at St Kentigern's Irish Club. It raised £6,200 which has been split between The Christie and the British Heart Foundation.



▲ **In memory of Mum and Dad:** Anthony and Eileen Walsh pictured with the manager of St Kentigern's and our chief executive Caroline Shaw.

Suzie's heroes

It was like a step back in time last summer as a group of Vikings took to the shores to raise money for our charity.

Despite being just four weeks into radiotherapy treatment, avid sports enthusiast Suzie Maiden rounded up her family and friends to take part in the Longboat Races in the Isle of Man in July last year. Susie and

her team did fantastically well, successfully raising over £400 for our sarcoma fund.

Suzie was diagnosed with cancer in March last year, and had the tumour and all of her hamstring muscles surgically removed from her right thigh, followed by six weeks of radiotherapy. She then went on to have surgery after it was suspected that the cancer had spread to her lungs.



▲ **Viking victory:** Suzie and the team battle on.

Happily, Suzie is now back to what she loves – sport – and is back in training with her football team on the Isle of Man, where she's now thinking about retraining as a goal keeper.

Suzie said: "With the help of my doctors, nurses, physios, family, friends and colleagues I have recovered well from my treatment and surgeries. Now that I feel strong again, it's time for me to give a little back and start helping others."



All singing all dancing

Thomas and Dorothy Croston held another star studded charity evening at North Chadderton Social Bowling Club in December and raised £1,200 for our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham.

Compered by Ronny Ravey, the evening featured entertainment from resident husband and wife duo Angie and Steve, also

known as "Funky Feet". The audience were treated to Vegas dancing girls, and songs from the shows by Victor Michaels. Further musical entertainment was provided by Bolton singer Mark Williamson, singer-comedienne Janice York, and singer Rachel Mills. Chris Wall from T G Hughes provided raffle prizes, and other donations were received from Eurosonic.



Las Vegas style!

Irene Edwards has been raising money for The Christie since 1992 in memory of her husband who was treated here. Her recent donation was a fantastic £32,000!

Over the years, Irene has organised various shows, bucket collections and sold

beanies and Christmas cards.

Her most recent show was held in November at The Lyceum Theatre in Crewe. It was a "Welcome to Las Vegas" night starring comedian, Dave Wolfe, Elvis Priestly and local performing arts schools.

▼ **Vegas girls:** Irene Edwards presents her cheque to Lesley Birkhead, head of supporter services.



▲ **Making money through music:** Thomas and Dorothy Croston and helpers Pauline Edwards and Jean Watson with Christie regional appeals officer Jacky Plant.



Marathon tribute

At the age of 67, Galway-born Patrick Clarke has taken part in his first marathon, raising £3,300 for The Christie in the process. Patrick decided to enter October's Dublin marathon in honour of his wife Theresa Clarke who sadly died four years ago from cancer.

Patrick was accompanied by Theresa's sister Bernadette on their 'walk and jog' around the course.

Patrick, of Hale Barns said; "It was a great achievement and I'm so pleased we did it. We were training for five months beforehand, and got up to 26 miles just a couple of weeks before the race, so really it was like doing two marathons in a fortnight!"

▶ **Marathon marvels:** Patrick and Bernadette Clarke with Christie events officer Marco Giannini.



Gift of music

Patients on our young oncology unit are now the proud owners of a vintage guitar thanks to Ian and Debbie Whitehead from Burnley.

Each year the couple hold a raffle in their shop to raise funds for The Christie and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital in Pendlebury.

Ian and Debbie's son Reece was treated in Pendlebury after being diagnosed with a brain tumour when he was just 10 years old. He then had radiotherapy at The Christie. Thankfully Reece is now 16 and back to full health.

During his stay on the YOU, Reece benefited hugely from sessions with our music therapist Robin Mitchell and in fact has now gone on to study music at college.

This year Reece suggested to his parents that they buy something music-related with the proceeds from the raffle. The owner of Pro Solo Music, where Reece works part time, Paul Williams kindly

gave them a reduced price on a very special guitar, and Ian and Debbie bought it with the funds they raised.

Ian said: "To find out your son has cancer when he's still a child was such a shock. It's the sort of thing you only read about. We wanted to give something back as a way of saying thank you for everything staff have done for us."

YOU music therapist Robin Mitchell said: "I met Reece when he came into the clinic for treatment. Playing music really gave him something to look forward to during a difficult time. Music is something everyone can relate and respond to and the guitar that Ian and Debbie donated is absolutely beautiful. We're so grateful for their generosity - it'll definitely get a lot of use from all our patients."



▲ **In the groove:** YOU nurse specialist Linda Smethurst and community liaison nurse Damian Lacey with Reece.

Musical tribute for Aubrey

A musical celebration in memory of Aubrey Taylor (known as 'Aub') was held recently in Aspull Village Club. Popular musician Aubrey died in February from bowel cancer.

The funds from the event were directed to the Gastro-Intestinal Colorectal Cancer Fund at The Christie.

The evening was a great success, raising £5,100 through ticket sales, raffles, donations and the auction of a signed Wigan Athletic shirt. Aubrey's wife Delia and son Lee thanked family, friends, neighbours and

colleagues, as well as artist friends, 'Karen Mac', 'Amora', 'Something Catchy', 'John and Joel' and compere Simon, all of whom gave their services free, in memory of Aub. During the emotional evening, a short DVD of Aub's music was shown in tribute to him.

Aubrey had a life-long passion for music, performing at weekends for over 20 years as a lead vocalist and drummer. During the early years he performed with 'Shoestring', then from 1994 onwards as 'Mates Duo', until his cancer returned in June 2007.



▲ Mrs Taylor visited The Christie just before Christmas to hand over a cheque. She is pictured here with Christie regional appeals officer Jacky Plant.



In the swing Sky's the limit

A summer golfing day and charity evening at Houldsworth Golf Club in Reddish raised over £2,000 for The Christie. The funds will be put towards the new patient treatment centre due to open in 2010, which will provide us with the largest early clinical trials unit in the world, as well as an expanded chemotherapy service.

The charity evening featured entertainment from stand up comedian Austin Knight, as well as an auction, with donated prizes.

The Houldsworth group has been raising money for The Christie for the last 12 years, and has raised more than £100,000, towards cancer treatment at The Christie and other centres.



▲ **L to R:** Chris Fawley (Captain) Steve McCann, Colin Blain, Dave Walton, Kenny Miller and Christie regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy.

The son of a 41 year old man who died from a brain tumour last year has raised more than £2,500 from a sponsored sky dive.

23 year old James Willingham made the 14,500ft leap at The Black Knights Parachute Centre in Lancaster to raise money to fund research into brain tumours.

With the help of family, friends and neighbours, James also raised a further £1,200 from a charity football match. Various

signed items donated by Manchester City, and by Sale Sharks, were auctioned, as were the specially designed 'John Willingham RIP' football shirts.

James, who plans to complete another jump next year with his girlfriend Clarissa Miller, said 'The sky dive was amazing. The best thing I've ever done, I'll definitely be doing it again. I desperately wanted to raise money for The Christie and I hope the money raised will help in some way to prevent lives being lost to this cancer.'



▲ **Sky high fundraising:** James Willingham pictured here with our events assistant Emma Tilley.

Heart-felt fundraising goes on

A big well done and thank you to Alex Ball who raised £920 for The Christie by running the Birmingham half marathon in August.

Alex said " I was inspired to try and raise money for The Christie because of the fantastic care received by my mum, and because I know the importance of the research work they carry out."

Alex's mother Jean was a patient of Dr Juan Valle from 2006, and she herself raised almost £2,000 from a collection at her 70th birthday party.

Sadly Jean died just before Christmas, but the family continued their dedicated fundraising by donating the collection from her funeral to The Christie.



▲ **Running her heart out:** Alex Ball in last year's Birmingham half marathon.



Wednesday whippets

Family and friends of a young man who died from cancer earlier last year have raised a wonderful £3,000 in his memory.

Thomas Brunt, from Unsworth in Bury, was just 23 when he passed away following treatment for testicular cancer.

Thomas's mum, Kay and uncle Arthur Longson organised a musical evening at Longsight

Sports and Social Club, where a group of Arthur's musician friends, otherwise known as the Wednesday Whippets, entertained the crowd.

The tickets for the event, and a raffle which included signed prizes from Elbow, Shaun Ryder and the cast of Shameless, raised £3,000 which has been donated to our young oncology unit.



▲ **Making music for Thomas:** Arthur, Kay and Arthur's partner Jean are pictured with our regional appeals officer Toni Kennedy.

Anniversary walk

The mother of Cherrelle Hewitt-Swindell, a young oncology patient who sadly passed away two years ago, has decided to do an annual sponsored walk on the anniversary of her daughter's death to raise funds for The Christie.

Cherrelle came to the YOU in August 2007, and was told she had cancer almost everywhere. Sadly she died three months later, aged 21.

Her mother Angela said: "Cherrelle spent a lot of time on the YOU in the three months, and she became very close to the staff. I have never been to a nicer ward. The YOU is just amazing."

After Cherrelle died, the family decided they wanted to do something to thank staff on the YOU. In November, to mark the first anniversary of Cherrelle's death, they organised a sponsored walk around Debdale park in Manchester and raised £1,573. They now plan to make this an annual event.



▲ **Stepping out for Cherrelle:** Family and friends on the sponsored walk.

Cooking a feast

The owner of the Shumma Tandoori restaurant in Tydesley, Mohammed Suruj Ullah, or "Charlie" as locals know him, threw a special charity buffet in November, raising £1,000 for our charity.

The event was held in memory of his good friends and customers Roy and Brenda Lilly from Boothstown. Brenda died of cancer 18 years ago, and Roy raised thousands of pounds for The Christie before he died three years ago.

Charlie charged £15 per head for the event and in return cooked up a delicious array of dishes for everyone to enjoy – his specialty being the tasty Masala.

Charlie said: "My own mother had cancer as well - it's such an important cause and it's vital to get involved as it affects so many people. I'm going to organise a charity night every year now – next year's will be bigger and better!"



▲ **Food for fundraising:** Restaurant owner Charlie pictured with Roy and Brenda's daughter Jayne Hilton, staff at the Shumma Tandoori restaurant and Christie governor Carl Sharpe.



Golfers go for a 'hole in one'

Winning wasn't the only thing on their minds when over 100 golfers took to Withington Golf Club back in September.

Robert Killilea organised a "Pelican Society Charity Golf Day" and managed to raise a fantastic £8,500 for The Christie and St Ann's Hospice.

27 teams took part in the 4 ball competition – in the hope of

getting their hands on the top trophy.

Robert's friend Mike Morley helped Robert organise the day – he is currently in remission having been diagnosed with cancer last year.

The golfing event has been running now for the past 5 years and so far £40,000 has been raised to help various charities.



▲ **Perfect putting:** Robert Killilea, regional appeals officer Jackie Plant, Christie consultant Dr Was Mansoor and Mike Morley.

In memory of Isobel

Patricia Gibbons from Lytham, along with friends and family has donated over £5,000 to our haematology and transplant unit in memory of her sister Isobel.

She is pictured handing over the donation to consultant in haematology and stem cell transplantation, Dr Effie

Liakopoulou. Also in the picture is Patricia's husband Philip and staff nurse Sarah Grantham.

Dr Effie Liakopoulou said; " We are so grateful for Patricia's generous donation to our unit. These funds will be put towards research and equipment and will really make a difference to our patients."



▲ **Given with love:** L to R staff nurse Sarah Grantham, Christie consultant Dr Effie Liakopoulou, Patricia Gibbons and her husband Philip.

Walking the walk

A group of Preston College tutors completed a continuous 24-hour walk around their all-weather sports pitch to raise more than £2,300 for our charity.

Bob Swain from the college, led eight colleagues on the marathon walk, which was completed on a rota basis.

He said: "I decided to organise the sponsored walk with my colleagues because one of my

second year students, Zak, has been undergoing treatment at The Christie this year and I felt compelled to show my support."

Staff and students followed his lead and organised a day of fundraising to coincide with the walk, including a fancy-dress netball tournament and an army climbing wall.

A set of stocks was also installed near the refectory and students had the chance to throw wet



▲ **Best foot forward:** Students and Christie patient Zak Tadwal (centre).

sponges at members of staff. Proceeds from a special carvery menu in the canteen and hair

and beauty services at the Time 4 U salon on campus were also donated.



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the companies who have generously supported us in 2008.

If you and your company are interested in finding out how you can get involved and support The Christie in 2009, please contact the Corporate Partnerships Team

on 0161 446 8413 or email companies@christies.org

There are lots of different ways you can get involved, from organising an event with

your colleagues, to choosing to support The Christie throughout 2009, or teaming up with us on an activity which will help you improve your bottom line.

Seddons are great sports

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with The Seddon Group based in Bolton.

The Seddon Group is a family owned business and have over 110 years experience in regeneration, development, construction and maintenance. The group will be sponsoring The Christie's sporting events programme throughout 2009 and 2010, and staff from across the group will be taking part in events and raising much needed funds, which Seddons

will match pound for pound. The Seddon Group and staff will be supporting our research into a revolutionary new cancer treatment called the 'magic bullet' treatment. 'Magic bullets' are radiolabelled antibodies and the therapy, called radioimmunotherapy (RIT), massively reduces the amount of damage to healthy cells. It is also quicker and easier for the patient and doesn't cause the distressing side-effects often associated with chemotherapy.

▼ **What a team!:** Celebrating the launch of the Seddons & Christie partnership.



Rod Sellers, Chairman of The Seddon Group said: " We are proud of our continued association with The Christie.

The work they carry out is vital and the benefits are realised worldwide."

In safe hands

Staff at Cobra UK & Ireland Insurance in Altrincham have been swinging into action once again for our charity, raising their total to nearly £83,000.

After recently raising over £10,000 from their annual golf event, they are now just £13,000 short of their £100,000 target – which they're hopeful of hitting in the next 12 months. All the money raised will go towards our new

£35 million patient treatment centre.

Cobra UK & Ireland is especially keen to raise funds for our charity due to the fact that director Jim Wryne lost his nephew Christopher Corridan three years ago to leukaemia at the age of 26.

Cobra UK & Ireland director Kevin McNeill said, "Cobra UK & Ireland are delighted to have reached this tremendous

▼ **Golfing Gold:** The Cobra UK & Ireland team are pictured - Martin Hoult, Jim Wryne and Kevin McNeill - with our corporate partnerships officer Emma Kennedy.



amount, and are very focused and committed to reach our target of £100,000 as soon as possible.



Co-op's tasty cheque

Former patient David Messom said a huge "thank you" recently when he returned to The Christie to present a cheque for £75,000 to Dr James Wylie, for his sarcoma team.

As Director of Food Retailing at Co-operative Food, David nominated us as one of the charities to benefit from the Co-operative Retail Trading Group (CRTG)'s second Charity Supplier Awards Dinner. The indomitable David even acted as compere for the glittering event, which was attended by 900 people, and featured entertainment by comedian

Dara O'Briain, and an awards presentation by former Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies.

David said: "I cannot speak too highly of the skill, dedication and expertise the surgeons, nurses and staff demonstrate to their patients. From being in a position of despair about what the future would bring following diagnosis, the superb comfort and support that the wonderful hospital teams gave to me, my wife and of course the other patients, lifted my morale and gave me the strength to fight the disease and come out with hope and optimism."

He added: "I was fortunate to be in a position to raise the money, and although I set myself a stiff target of £50,000, with the help of my company

The Co-operative Group and our generous suppliers, I was delighted to hand over £75,000 with a big "Thank you and keep up the good work".



▲ **Making a difference:** Dr James Wylie and senior physiotherapist Lena Richards accept a cheque from David Messom.

Lucky Holt Lottery

The Joseph Holt brewery continues to give us their full support.

Before Christmas they introduced a new instant win charity lottery in their pubs. It allows customers to play on what is essentially a cross between a scratch card and a paper fruit machine. The machines, operated by Lottery king and Sceptre Leisure, not only give customers a chance to win cash prizes, but also give much needed revenue to local charities.

Joseph Holt nominated us as their chosen charity, and with a

proportion of every ticket sale being donated, are looking to hand over a hefty sum.

Joseph Holt brewery is one of our most loyal supporters. To commemorate the 150th anniversary in 1999, employees and customers across the 130 pubs raised £301,000 which was used to upgrade our outpatient department.

This new initiative will generate an important new revenue stream for us and it's already made one man from Sale £1,000 better off as well. Michael Nash, a customer at the Bridadier pub scooped



▲ **Making a difference:** Dr James Wylie and senior physiotherapist Lena Richards accept a cheque from David Messom.

the prize before Christmas. He donated £100 of it to our charity.



Christie hits a six

We're pleased to announce that Lancashire County Cricket Club has chosen The Christie as their charity partner for 2009. The club already has plans for lots of exciting activities including a 'Christie's Day' at one of their matches this summer, a 'Cricket Challenge 6-a-side Competition Day' for corporate businesses, bucket collections and much more



▲ **Kind hearted cricketers:** LCCC players, L to R Glen Chapple (captain), Luke Sutton, and Gary Keedy.

Lancashire County Cricket Club's Commercial Director Geoff Durbin said; "In previous years, Lancashire County Cricket Club has supported several charities during a season, but in 2009 we have chosen to pool our resources and help make a significant contribution to one of the North West's leading charities. All our supporters will know someone who has been helped by the fantastic work The Christie does on a daily basis, and hopefully through a series

of fundraising events the club has planned this year, we can raise additional funds so The Christie can continue their life changing work."

If any of our fundraisers are interested in using the club as a venue for a fundraising event, please contact the Corporate Partnerships team at The Christie, on 0161 918 7396, and we'll put you in touch with the team at LCCC."

Momote do the business

Momote, a mobile systems integrator that provides management software to organisations based in Newton Le Willows, has been supporting us at tradeshow around the country.

To encourage delegates at the exhibition to visit their stand, Momote pledged to make a donation to our charity for every business card they received.

They raised £1,000 at the Service Management Exhibition at the NEC Birmingham in September and then repeated their success in October at the Total Workplace Management Event at London Olympia and the European Business Exhibition. In fact the fundraising has been so successful, Momote has decided to team up with The Christie as its permanent charity of choice.



▲ **Business support:** Our corporate partnerships officer Emma Kennedy with Momote sales director John Tonkin and Momote marketing manager Matt Dobson.

AMET lights up

The AMET (Association of Electrical Contractors) held their annual Christmas lunch at the Palace Hotel in Manchester in December and raised a wonderful £9,700 for our charity.

AMET, a consortium of electrical suppliers set up to trade ideas and organise networking opportunities, have supported us with their annual bash since starting in 2005, and have raised in total a phenomenal £26,730.

The event is organised by AMET secretary Margaret Coleman of CU Phosco Lighting and AMET chairman Kevin Heap along with AMET representatives Steven Fletcher and Karen Pittpladdy.

Margaret said: "My father has been a patient, as have a number of friends, so I've seen first hand the importance of the work that is carried out at The Christie."



▲ **A lightening lunch:** Margaret Coleman AMET Development Manager & Business Development Manager for CU Phosco lighting pictured here with AMET representative Kevin Heap from the Edmundson Electrical Stockport Branch and Steve Fletcher from Dextra Lighting, and head of corporate fundraising Laura Baynham-Hughes.



TD Waterhouse all stars

Happily for us, TD Waterhouse Manchester has chosen Christie's as their local charity of the year.

The stockbroking giants who also have offices in London, and Leeds, showed they meant business by taking on the celebrity All Stars in a charity football match, at South Leeds football ground in October.

Celebrities who took part in the charity match included: Ralf Little, Alan Halsall, Ricky Whittle, Nico Mirallegro and Ben Freeman.

Combined with other TD Waterhouse fundraising activities, the celebrity football match raised almost £15,000.



▶ **He's the man!:** Events officer Marco Giannini and corporate partnerships officer Emma Kennedy meet Olympic athlete Colin Jackson the event host.



▼ **Super strikers:** The TD Waterhouse football team.

Spinaholics in fundraising cycle

A group of seriously keen cyclists – the self-styled 'Spinaholics', based at David Lloyd Bolton, have raised £1,200 from their second Spinathon.

Staff at David Lloyd Bolton started fundraising for The Christie in January 2007 when a member of their team began treatment for cancer. The Spinaholics have organised numerous events, such as coast to coast bike rides, as well as

indoor spinning for training, fun, and fundraising.

Team leader Gareth Price said; "The Christie is caring for a member of the David Lloyd team – a young person with their whole life ahead of them. What better way to invest our collective energy than to help such a worthwhile local cause."

▶ **Cycle success:** The Spinaholics with our corporate partnerships officer Emma Kennedy.



Rockin' an a rollin'!

"Johnny be good", "Rock around the Clock", "Hello my love".....just some of the classics Brenda Walker from Heywood used to entertain shoppers with when she worked at Asda in Pilsworth. Brenda regularly treated customers to her musical skills as they did the weekly shop, raising thousands of pounds for us in the process.

Although Brenda left Asda two years ago now, she's not let her talents go to waste. She's

been entertaining crowds at Bury market for hours on end with her singer friend Heather Stott, and in November even organised a Musicathon at Christ Church in Burnage.

Her efforts have definitely paid off too. Since August she's raised a fantastic £3,092!

Brenda started fundraising back in 1992 after her sister died from breast cancer. Since then she's raised tens of thousands of pounds.



▲ **Lifting spirits and funds:** Brenda Walker pictured here with friends Mary Warehem and Heather Stott.

Turning Japanese

A one-off specialist car show has proved so successful that organiser Jamie Rigby has decided to make it an annual event.

Unable to take part in the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride two years ago, twenty one year old Jamie Rigby came up with the idea for 'Japan North', a specialist show for Japanese cars, instead.

Last year 210 Japanese cars from all over the country took part in 'Japan North', raising £660 for The Christie.

Jamie who works full-time as a computer analyst, has been fundraising for The Christie, and other charities, since he was seven years old.

To find out more about Japan North, or to offer sponsorship, please visit www.japannorth.co.uk



▲ **Car crazy:** Jamie Rigby with Christie representative Carl Sharpe.

