

Message From The Chairman

Dear Supporter

Official Opening of Quiet Room

For a long time there has been, in RUH South, a desperate need for a quiet room where a diagnosis could be discussed with patients and family.

Following the decision of the trustees of BCUSG to fund the construction of such a room I am delighted to advise that on 13 May, Mr Jim Crane, a former trustee and Vice Chairman of BCUSG, officially opened the quiet room in memory of his wife Janet who, for many years, was Superintendent Radiographer of the Bath Cancer Unit and a trustee of BCUSG.

Sadly, Janet died last year after a long battle with cancer.

The quiet room is to be known as "Janet's Room" and the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Tim Ball, assisted Jim with the official opening.

After the unveiling Jim said how delighted he was with the facility and that it was a fitting memorial for the contribution which his wife had made to the treatment of cancer patients at the RUH.

Without the funding provided by BCUSG this facility could not have been constructed.

Mayor of Bath visits Cancer Unit

I was delighted to welcome the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Tim Ball, to the Cancer Unit following the opening of "Janet's Room" together with members of the Trowbridge fundraising branch committee and those donors who had raised £1,000 or more for BCUSG during the previous calendar year.

The Trowbridge branch was founded in 1988 and, during the past 21 years, has raised the remarkable sum of £250,000.

It was a great privilege to personally thank the members of the committee, a number of whom have been associated with the branch since its formation.

Following the presentation of certificates by the Mayor, Mr James Carine, the Chairman of The Royal United Hospital NHS Trust, thanked

all those who had fund raised for BCUSG and outlined his board's plans for the re-housing of the Bath Cancer Unit. James confirmed that the Trust will be installing another bunker and linear accelerator this financial year and work has already started on major improvements including a new aseptic suite, new en-suite facilities and improved levels of dignity and privacy for patients.

Updating of Supportline Mailing List

Over the past months much work has been undertaken in order to migrate the mailing list, of almost 1,400 names and addresses, to a new system.

If your address is incorrect or if you know of someone who would like to receive Supportline, would you please email Supportline's Editor, Jane Margetts, at jane.margetts@blueyonder.co.uk.

Leaving a Legacy to BCUSG

Since the formation of BCUSG in 1985 a number of donors have very kindly supported the work of this charity by leaving a legacy in their will.

Including Bath Cancer Unit Support Group in your Will could be one of the most amazing gifts you ever make as your legacy will improve the quality of cancer services delivered at the Royal United Hospital.

What are the options?

There are three main types of legacies. You can give a share of your estate eg 20%, a specific sum of money or a specific item.

How to word your Will

It is essential that the full name of this charity, namely Bath Cancer Unit Support Group and the charity's registration number 292643 are mentioned in your Will.

This will ensure that your executors are in no doubt that it is the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group that you wish to benefit from your generosity.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Carter, Chairman

Report From Trowbridge Branch

This is the 21st Anniversary of the founding of Trowbridge Committee. To mark this milestone we decided to invite our band of loyal helpers along to the Presentation of the £1,000 Certificate evening at the RUH when they had the opportunity to tour the Unit and see where the money they have helped to raise has been spent. This was very much appreciated by those who attended and were proud to see a cheque handed over from Trowbridge Committee for £20,000.

We were also proud to see a number of local people accept their £1,000 Certificates. These included Pat Smith who raised £1,004 from coffee mornings and jumble sales in Rode village. Dorothy Power, landlady at The Crown & Sceptre in Frome who together with her customers raised £2,000 through auctions, quiz nights etc. Finally members of The Biss Delta Revival, Gill Summers, Christine & Frank Clewett and Trowbridge Committee Member Ian Grant raised £1,572 at their two skiffle concerts at The Arc Theatre, Trowbridge.



Frome Presentation Photo by Somerset Standard

Unfortunately due to a misunderstanding Charlie Thomas from the Griffin in Frome was unable to be there on the evening but their Certificate was accepted by Martin Bax, Martin is a regular at the pub and helped them raise £1,327. I must also mention Charlie Ferris who continues to contribute considerable sums from giving up smoking. Well done Charlie I'm sure you are much healthier for it.

Others unable to attend were Pearson May Chartered Accountants of Trowbridge who once again made BCUSG beneficiaries from their annual Golf Day and sent £1,420.

Mike & Marilyn Webber sent us £1,175 from the sale of their book and Hair Loss Video A huge thank you to all those named as well those who contributed in any way.

Store collections and stalls at local events continue to be a major part of fundraising and we do appreciate all those who come along and rattle tins, donate items to sell or man the stands. Since January Carol and Reg who make the bookings have sent us to Coopers in Westbury when we collected £600. Sadly Coopers is now closed so a special thank you to all the staff and customers who have supported us for so many years. Trowbridge town centre collection in June raised £791 and the Lions Fayre in the town centre added a further £586 thanks mainly to Robin Dallimore and Ralph Badcock who provided a staggering amount of plants to sell and also the lovely weather on the day. (We overspilled our pitch so much the Lions have instructed us to book an extra space next year to accommodate our stand - in a very friendly way of course!!)



Plant sale at the Lions Fayre

When Jean Hodgson sadly died husband Derek and daughters chose BCUSG to receive donations in her memory and sent us £920 – what a wonderful tribute.

I think it worth reminding readers that we have also been able to claim Gift Aid on some of the above amounts.

Trowbridge Masonic Hall Association sent us a cheque for £100 and £20 was received from the loan of our tables and third prize Quiz winners Mr & Mrs Gascoigne donated their £10 winnings. Sharon Bullus continues to fill a

box in memory of her mother and sent £62 in April and Mrs Hancock from Warminster sends us a small amount every month by standing order.

Once again the Randall family have been celebrating. Richard from Trowbridge and Roger from Bath were 65 & 70 respectively and held their party at Weston Ex-Serviceman's Club when instead of presents guests donated £491 – congratulations to you both.

Well that's it so far this year except to say our very sincere thanks to all who have contributed and helped in any way. Carol and Reg have lots more collection dates coming up but we do urgently need more helpers. Although we don't like to admit it age is now telling and Ros Dymond is finding it very difficult sometimes to fill her Rota so please make contact if you can spare even one hour during the year.

In particular the West Wilts Show in Trowbridge takes place on 23/24/25 July and as one of the beneficiaries we have been allocated all day Saturday to collect around the show ground. Thousands of people attend so the more obvious we are the more we can collect. We also need any 'homemade' items to sell on our stall i.e. foods or crafts.

If you live close to Sainsbury's in Chippenham we need help on 14th/15th August and anybody who can help with a Devizes Collection on 12th September would be very welcome. Looking

ahead to 9/10th October we need Warminster people to help us at Morrisons Store. Please call Jeanne on 01225 769136 or Ros on 01373 830149

Another appeal – we do always need nice raffle prizes and auction items and it is difficult to keep asking the same generous people so if you do have items please make contact with Jeanne 01225 769136

Thank you all

*Jeanne Ingham-Law – Secretary
Trowbridge Committee*

Financial Report

up to 30th April 2009

**BATH CANCER UNIT SUPPORT GROUP
REGISTERED Charity No.292643**

The balance to carried forward is broken down as follows which is held at H.S.B.C Bank:-

Current Account –	£32,583.84
Deposit Account –	£89,373.50
Investment Account –	£300,000.00

George Dixon

BissDeltaRevivalSkiffle

What a foot stomping, hand clapping, sing-along Jazz and Skiffle concert!! A truly infectious family event, where everyone enjoyed themselves. This was the second Fund Raising event staged by The Biss Delta on behalf of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, which if anything topped their initial performance of 2008 with again the proceeds of the Friday evening being donated to the Bath Cancer Unit. It truly was fun for all, coupled with humour and “asides” between the band and with the audience. Talent in abundance from this seven piece band with “multi” skills being displayed in the range of instruments including a “washboard!!” A really enjoyable evening, thank you Biss and all who attended. Pictured below are some of the Biss line up, presenting their cheque of £1572.35. to the Chairman Tino Polledri of the Trowbridge Branch.



Fundraisers Visit Cancer Unit

Wednesday 13th May 2009 was the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of The Trustees at which the 2008 report and accounts were adopted.

This evening was also a special event as those generous fund raisers who had donated more than £1,000 attended to be thanked and acknowledged by the Trustees. The fund raisers also had the opportunity to see for themselves the way in which monies raised had been spent at the Cancer Unit.

We also had the pleasure of the company of The Chairman of the RUH Trust Mr James Carine also addressed the gathering.



The photos are of the BCUSG Supporters receiving their £1,000 Certificates from Councillor Tim Ball The Mayor of Bath.

- 1) Pat Smith & Friends from Rode – proceeds from various coffee mornings and sales in Rode
- 2) Dorothy Power Landlady of the Crown & Sceptre in Frome & Son, Raised through Quiz nights, Raffles, Race Nights Auctions
- 3) Biss Delta Revival Group monies raised through two Skiffle & Blues Concerts at the ARC Theatre, Trowbridge
- 4) Mrs Doble receiving the certificate on behalf of her Son Nick, who attempted to swim the channel
- 5) David Birch presented a cheque for £20,000 on behalf of the Trowbridge branch of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group
- 6) Martin Bax receiving the certificate on behalf of The Griffin Public House in Frome, money was raised through Quiz nights but mainly from customer Charlie Ferries donations as a result of stopping smoking

Unable to attend the presentations were Mr Tony Gay, Mrs B Windsor, Mr & Mrs Coles, and Pearson May Chartered Accountants.

A big thank you to all our fundraisers and to Geoff Parselle who took the photographs.



Official Opening Of "Janet's Room"

A much needed facility where news of a diagnosis can be discussed with cancer patients and their families was opened by Mr Jim Crane, the husband of the late Janet Crane who, for many years, was Superintendent Radiographer of the Bath Cancer Unit. The opening was also attended by the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Tim Ball and the Chairman of the Royal Hospital NHS Trust, Mr James Carine.



Both Janet and Jim Crane were, for many years, Trustees of the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

The cost of construction of the room, which is to be known as "Janet's Room", was funded by the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

Prior to the opening of "Janet's Room" there was nowhere for staff to meet with patients other than wards. This private room will not only provide a much needed facility, but will also serve as a reminder of the remarkable contribution which Janet made, during her many years at the Royal United Hospital, to those suffering from cancer."

The photograph shows Mr Jim Crane with the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Tim Ball.

Forthcoming Events

West Wilts Show – Trowbridge Park 24th July - 26th July

A bi-annual show, held over three days which brings together in one superb setting the five towns of Wiltshire.

With free entry, this is an exciting popular event for the whole community and beyond. It's a mix of live music and entertainment plus exhibitors of a diverse range of products together with local organisations and charities.

Amongst the latter you will find the Trowbridge Fund Raising Branch of the Bath Cancer Unit who incidentally, are one of the nominated charities of the show.

If you can spare an hour (of your choice) assisting on our stall dispensing refreshments, then please call Ros on 01373 830149

In – Store Collections

Sainsbury's Chippenham – 14th & 15th August
Devizes Town Centre – 12th September
Morrison's Warminster – 9th & 10th October
Tesco's Trowbridge – 21st & 22nd December

International Evening – 7th August St Johns Parish Centre, Trowbridge

We will have the local and various communities of Italy, Kenya, France, Germany, Poland and India etc. dispensing the cuisine, wines and beers from their regions. This has proved to be a very popular fund raising event for the Bath Cancer Unit. Admission is ticket at a cost of £12.50. and with numbers limited you are advised to book early. For tickets and any further information please contact Jeanne on 01225 769136 or 07977098896. Hope to see you there.

Final Copy Date

For the next Supportline will be 10th November 2009. Please tell us in good time about events needing publicity.

Jane Margetts

ThanksToOneAndAll

Donations

• G A Williams	£30.00
• D B Woods	£15.00
• DA & LV Wilcox	£250.00
• D B Woods	£15.00
• N J Doble	£2300.00
• B E Wells	£33.00
• Di Buckland	£5.00
• Donation Medical Report Dr Susana Mancero	£80.00
• CF & AF Croft	£15.00
• CAF Donation	£96.00
• The Lions Club of Kenynsham	£100.00
• D B Woods	£15.00
• Rotary Club of Bathavon	£2365.00
• AW Sprack	£30.00
• Rowde Raffle Club	50.00
• CAF Donation	£30.45
• Donations from Dr Hugh Newman Medical Reports	£250.00

Donations in Memory

• Michael Parfitt	£200.00
• Joyce Strange	£350.00
• Mrs D A Dowse	£10.00
• M P A Gingell	£70.00
• CJ Bleaken	£10.00
• M E Dougall	£45.00
• Patrick Jackson	£115.00
• Marlene Sanders	£110.27
• C J Chick	£20.00
• Miss V A Gillett	£30.00
• J S Stanley	£25.00
• J D Price	£20.00
• B G King	£30.00
• Miss L M Hill	£10.00
• D J Hill	£10.00

• J M Lincoln	£10.00
• A Lucas	£20.00
• M L Folon	£10.00
• C M Neal	£10.00
• Miss S Cutting	£10.00
• S Cutting	£20.00
• A M Sovell	£25.00
• R H Burnett	£20.00
• D H Stennard	£10.00
• REA Bath Branch	£20.00
• Mrs G M Burbidge	£20.00
• H A Teed	£50.00
• C B Bell	£25.00
• D B A Shewring	£20.00
• S A Saunders	£25.00
• Mrs M G Teed	£50.00
• I C Whereat	£15.00
• Sylvia Coke	£116.90
• Roger Fry	£382.11
• Mrs R Anderson	£25.00
• Mrs V Clark	£20.00
• Joyce Gunner	£107.99
• Evelyn Ponter	£361.00
• I R Matterface	£25.00
• S M Hobbs & S J Hobbs	£10.00
• R S & M E Hobbs	£20.00
• D J & A E Lear	£35.00
• Mrs D A Hine	£25.00
• R W & A Haines	£10.00
• N A H & C M Lacey	£ 30.00
• Mrs M J Head	£20.00
• Mrs J B Stone	£10.00
• Mrs M J Sale	£20.00
• Mrs S R Bostock	£10.00
• Mrs S E Guy	£25.00
• D S Biles	£25.00
• P F & E Ponter	£50.00

Rotary Club of Bathavon

Fund Raises for BCUSG

During the past year, under the presidency of Roland Adamson, whose late Mother was treated at The Bath Cancer Unit, members of The Rotary Club of Bathavon have been raising funds for BCUSG.

The fundraising came to a successful conclusion last Wednesday at The Michael Tippett Centre at The Bath Spa University when the highly popular local entertainer Fred Wedlock presented an evening of his songs and anecdotes.

The photograph shows Roland Adamson, President Rotary Club of Bathavon, Fred Wedlock and John Carter Chairman BCUSG



DidYouKnow?

you can donate On-Line

Please visit our page on the www.cafonline.org web site.

You will be invited to donate either by post or using a credit or debit card.

Using this method you can donate anonymously or not in which instance your donation will be acknowledged electronically or by our Chairman if you submit your postal address.

The Charities Aid Foundation are a charity providing On-Line fund-raising support to many charities.

FundRaisingBranches

Bath Cancer Unit Support Group Trowbridge & District Branch

Welcome new members and like the other two formal committees are pleased to receive help and assistance in any form and at any time.

Your contacts are:- Jeanne on 01225 769136, June on 01225 763428

Advertising



Anyone wishing to use Supportline or our website to advertise their day/event/organisation are asked to contact Jane on 01225 345129. This information would then be included on our Area Events Diary and in the BCUSG Diary.

We hope to hear from you.

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I would very much like to make a donation to **The Bath Cancer Unit Support Group**.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title Forename(s).....

Surname

Address

.....

..... Postcode

I wish the charity to treat the enclosed donation of £..... as a Gift Aid donation and I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer in the amount mentioned above.

Signature Date

Please return this form to:

John Carter, 17 Clan House, Sydney Road, Bath BA2 6NS

Reminders

Bequests should be made to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group

c/o George Simpson,
20 West View Road, Batheaston,
BATH BA1 7PN.

Donations under gift aid give us Income Tax benefit and add the Chancellor of the Exchequer to our list of donors.

Please make cheques payable to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

Collection boxes for pubs, clubs, shops and garages are available from our Administrator.