

# Supportline



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## Message From The Chairman

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the 40th edition of Supportline and I do hope that you will enjoy reading about the contributions which some of the charity's supporters have made during 2006.

### **HIGH STANDARDS OF CARE CONTINUE AT RUH**

As I have mentioned on previous occasions, the quality of patient care, which those undergoing treatment at the RUH receive is very high and I am delighted to be able to report that the RUH was rated in the top 18 performing hospitals in the UK and the best in Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority (AGW SHA) by the Dr Foster Good Hospital Guide 2005. The findings are consistent with other national assessments of the RUH's care, including the CHKS Top 40 Hospitals award received in 2005 and 2006, and the Intensive Care national audit. The RUH breast unit also performed extremely well in the Dr Foster Breast Cancer Guide 2006.

This national recognition is due to the hard work of staff who consistently provide high quality care to patients.

### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF RUH NORTH**

Mr Stephen Holt who is the director of facilities of the RUH briefed the trustees of BCUSG at their last meeting. Stephen is currently working on a scheme to re-develop the site of the current cancer unit which ultimately will be re-housed in state of the art premises.

I will endeavour to keep you briefed as to future developments.

### **2006 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Treasurer Tom has indicated that 2006 has the making of another very successful fund raising year and for your continuing support I extend grateful thanks.

*John Carter – Chairman*

## Farewell To Mike Roy

### **CHAIRMAN OF RUH TRUST**

In a few weeks time Mike Roy will be retiring as chairman of the RUH Trust Board.

Throughout his period of office Mike has not only recognised the importance of the role which BCUSG and its supporters play in the development of facilities at the RUH but he has always ensured that the trustees of BCUSG have been regularly briefed.

It was Mike who introduced the concept whereby a particular RUH board member was tasked with meeting with myself on a regular basis. A facility which is greatly appreciated.

Mike's record at the RUH has been impressive and I extend to him and his wife Olive good wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement.

## **WANTED**

**In our efforts to raise funds, the Fund Raising Branches of BCUSG are always seeking Glassware, Costume Jewellery, Ornaments and China for the Fayres and Events that they attend.**

- **YOUR BRIC A BRAC**
- **YOUR DONATIONS**
- **YOUR SUPPORT**
- **YOUR HELP**
- **FUND RAISING RAFFLE PRIZES**

**If you can help or assist in anyway**

**Please call Jeanne on 01225 769163 or Robin on 01225 763428**

# Report From Trowbridge Branch \_\_\_\_\_

First of all I can now tell you the outcome of the 2005 Quiz which resulted in an overall profit of £2,140. This is Robin Dallimore's 'baby' and together with one or two friends (particularly those who enjoy a pint) these are circulated in many pubs across the region. The questions are compiled and scrutinised by Jane Brotherton and our grateful thanks go to everyone concerned. 4,000 have already been printed for 2006 and Robin would be delighted to hear from anybody prepared to sell some for him. (763428)

## **Congratulations to the 2005 Winners:**

**1st C. Mitchell; 2nd E. Kemp; 3rd L Saxby**

Many of you donate when we have our collections and in March shoppers at Coopers in Westbury put £742 into our boxes. May found us at Asda in Frome when £350 was raised and in June tins were rattled (not literally) in Trowbridge town centre resulting in a further £509 being added to funds. Budgens in Bradford on Avon was the target for August when shoppers generously donated £536. Thanks to everyone who filled those tins and special thanks to our wonderful band of helpers. We would like more people to share the load so please contact me if you can spare just an hour or two during the year.

Herbie and Jill Binder have been such great friends of Trowbridge Committee and once again we enjoyed a splendid meal at The Polebarn in February when the evening this year had an English theme. They donated £157 back from ticket sales with a further £130 from the raffle. Sadly Herbie and Jill are moving away from the hotel trade but we wish them well and look forward to seeing them at some of our other events.

We continue to get support from Barbara & Kenneth Pickard who's annual event this year took the form of a Garden Party in glorious sunshine and raised £374 and Trowbridge Lions who presented us with a cheque for £847 following their 10K Fun Run in April. Support from the Shining Light Awareness Centre is also ongoing and they sent us a further £300 in March. We were delighted to nominate all three to receive their £1,000 Certificate this year's Open Evening together with 2005 Awardees Sue Dodds of TLC at Trowbridge and The Lodge of Concorde.

Thank you to Angeline Nicholson, proprietor of Match Fashions, Trowbridge for donating half the proceeds of her Fashion Show held at Leigh Park Hotel, BOA (yours truly taking to the catwalk for this one!). She sent both BCUSG and Dorothy House cheques for £500. Thanks also to St Augustine's student, Debora Trimarco. She donated her £50 Award from Trowbridge Lions to us. £100 was also received from Virgin Mobile's Charity Fund as requested by employee Mary Price. Thank you.

There is always something very heart warming about children giving up their time to raise money, so how special it was to get a call from St Patrick's School, Corsham asking us to collect a cheque. The children had raised a fantastic £790 in a sponsored fun run. Maybe some of these children will be running in the London Marathon in a few years time, like John Stickley of Trowbridge who has sent us 710 in sponsorship. Or cycling like Martin Harris of Radstock who has already sent us £100 following a 240 miles cycle ride known as 'The Long Way Back' which I understand means they go by car and then cycle back. (I feel exhausted just thinking about it). Anyway well done to all those involved and thank you for thinking of BCUSG.

Committee and helpers promoted BCUSG at two local events this year selling bric a brac and plants. We raised £446 at the Lions May Fair and in July £146 at the Trowbridge Community event in Trowbridge Park. Thank you everyone who provided us with items to sell.

Well, it may have been a wonderful summer but unfortunately not so on Wednesday 5th July the date of our annual International Night. Yes, it was warm, but the rain came down and down and down and for the second year running we were forced inside. However, once again, Red or White somehow managed to accommodate 12 'countries' plus a six-piece group and a hundred guests. It was a bit cramped but all the wonderful stall holders did a tremendous job in providing samples of food and wine from around the world. 'David Beckham' - well a lifesize cardboard cutout - was auctioned off, and amazingly, some kind gentleman (at the bar!!) paid £100 for him. (Where is David Beckham now I wonder?) Thanks to him and all who bought raffle tickets we raised over £828. Rain



or shine nothing dampens the spirits of Trowbridge BCUSG supporters!

Final thanks goes to all those who display our collecting boxes which so far this year have raised almost £100. We're always seeking more places to put them so do call if you can help.

Plans for our Annual Dinner & Dance at Trowbridge Civic Hall on 13th October are now well advanced. There are just a few tables left so don't hesitate to ring me for more details or to obtain tickets. It promises to be another sparkling evening when we also hope to raise a lot of money and we would be very grateful for any Auction or Raffle prizes. (Tel: 769136)

There are so many wonderful supporters of BCUSG that just saying 'thank you' does not seem adequate but to all of you who give, whether it be time or money, please accept our very sincere thanks. You really make everything we do worthwhile.

That's all for the first half of 2006, I look forward to reporting lots more good news for the second half of the year in the next issue.

*Jeanne Ingham-Law*  
Secretary – BCUSG Trowbridge

# Financial Report

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

The Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2005 have been examined by Mr A Wood, Chartered Accountant with O'Hara Wood of 29 Gay Street Bath and found in order.

They were presented at the A G M on 10th May 2006 and adopted. A balance of £227,834.81 was carried forwards to 2006 held at HSBC Bath.

Current Account –	£32505.92
No Notice Account –	£328.89
Money Market Account –	£195000.00
Total -	£227834.81

*Tom Travers – Hon Treasurer*

## The Long Way Back

Martin Harris of Radstock, no stranger to fund raising, decided this year that he would do something slightly different to raise funds for the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. It took place over four days and entailed a journey by motor vehicle from "deepest Somerset" to the furthest point in Cornwall, Lands End.

For his return journey, Martin had decided to "bike it" home to Radstock, the "longest way back" with the ride taking place on the week-end of the 19th.-22nd. May and for those that can remember that far back, the weather was pretty damp, with wet and windy being forecast for each day.

His epic began in rain on Friday 19th, loading the vehicle in rain, travelling down in the rain, unloading in the rain and travelling the 27 miles from Lands End to St.Ives (3 hours) and yes, in yet more rain.

Saturday the 20th. At 0830 saw Martin set off from St.Ives heading for Bude via the coast road with the weather dry to start but the rain soon caught him up. Breakfast was taken at Portreath, a "pasty" there, and then on to Newquay via St Agnes, Perranporth, with a short break taken in Newquay to admire the Atlantic coastline. From there it was the coast road to Padstow and the Camel Trail to Wadebridge, before reaching Bude and the first pub stop having covered 85 miles.

Sunday 21st saw Martin away on the road at 0930 (in rain of course), with a spoke in his rear wheel breaking within the hour. Things improved after the bad start with the journey continuing via Holesworthy, Hatherleigh, Copplestone and a particular well known "hill" (motorists take note) between Crediton and Tiverton before arriving in Bampton at 17.30 having covered 65 miles.

Monday 22nd The last day, setting off with "rain in the air" at 09.00, but by this time it wouldn't have seemed right to set off in the dry! This final leg of the journey was to Taunton via Wiviliscombe and then on to Glastonbury and Wells, rolling into Radstock at 15.30, bringing the total mileage covered by cycle in this "long way back" at a fraction over 240 miles. With everyone's support, the week-end was a great success and fortunately the weather, whilst challenging at times, was not as bad as forecast.

Money is still coming in, with almost £600 pledged through personal sponsorship and with Martin's employers, Williams Lea of Bristol, donating a further £500 via the matched scheme plus the amount from BCUSG collecting tins, Martin has good cause to feel proud and pleased with what he has achieved.

Martin would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your support and of course, your contributions, and hopes to confirm the final figure in the near future.

# Is This a Record?

I always enjoy a trip to the Griffin Inn in Frome, not only for marvellous beer brewed on the premises under the name of Milk Street Brewery, but knowing the generosity of the clientele emptying the collection box will be most rewarding. The picture is of Nick Bramwell and myself when I last emptied the box, raising the sum of £49 which I thought was great. Imagine my surprise and delight when opening the box recently revealed the staggering sum of £164.23. Could this be any kind of record? The box was stuffed with notes and coin of all varieties and as I sat there diligently counting the money, my reward was a pint of Nick's finest beer and the knowledge that the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group has such generous supporters at the Griffin Inn, in Milk Street Frome.

*Martin Bax*



## Reminders

Bequests should be made to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, C/O Tom Travers, 16 Bargates, Box, Wilts. SN13 8LT.

Donations under gift aid give us Income Tax benefit and add the Chancellor of the Exchequer to our list of donors. Please contact John Carter, the Chairman or Tom Travers the Treasurer.

Please make cheques payable to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

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

# The London Marathon

The event as usual took place on a Sunday, the difference this time was that it was also the 69th. birthday of one John Stickley, of Trowbridge. John has run the marathon several times and has donated the monies raised to several good causes.

This year, for personal reasons, John chose the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group and set off with members of his family to London on Saturday 22nd April, determined to make Sunday April 23rd something special. As usual on the day it involves a very early start, with early breakfasts and being "bussed" to the "start point", long before the designated start time. John never ceases to be amazed at the "cameradie and the atmosphere generated through out the race and on this run, at one of the many "unofficial" comfort stops used by men, John was actually on speaking terms with Sir Steve Redgrave!

John did complete the marathon despite having problems with knee joints and thanks to the overwhelming support of his family, who "tubed" it from point to point, being there to cheer and encourage him on, before again, racing ahead to shout encouragement at the next stage.

John is still awaiting some sponsorship money to come in but would hope to amass in excess of £750 plus for the Support Group funds. He would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and who have donated to this most worthy of local causes.



# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th May was the occasion of the BCUSG Annual General Meeting at which the Trustees were pleased to endorse the Reports and Accounts required under the governance of the Charity Commission.

In summary 2005 was an excellent year with BCUSG being in receipt of some £130,000 for the objectives of the charity.

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

The following photos are of these great BCUSG Supporters receiving their £1,000 Certificates from Chris Knechtli - Director of the RUH Cancer Unit.

1) *The Bullus Family Frome*; 2) *Arthur Hill & Family Mendip Shooting Ground*; 3) *Trowbridge Masonic Lodge*; 4) *Barbara & Ken Pickard Trowbridge*; 5) *Melksbam Ladies Darts League*; 6) *Eddington Ball*; 7) *The Kingsdown Golf Club*; 8) *Shining Light Awareness Centre Westbury*



# AreaEvents

**N.B. - EVENTS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ARRANGED AND WILL BE ADVERTISED - WHEN CONFIRMED.**

## Friday 13th October

The Trowbridge Branch of BCUSG are holding another Dinner Dance at the Civic Hall in Trowbridge. Building on the success of last year's Ball and judging by public demand, we would hope that this becomes another annual fund raising event. Dancing will be to the local renowned Park Lane Big Band with their vocalists and that delightful group of ladies known as the Blue Floozies, so ladies a chance to dress up again!! Numbers are limited with sales going well and so you are advised to call Jean on 01225 769136 or 07742 493388 for tickets and further information.

## Saturday 4th November

The Asda Superstore in Trowbridge have again given permission for BCUSG to hold a collection on their premises in the Shires. We look forward to meeting you when you visit to complete your weekly shopping and we thank you in advance for not only supporting the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group but also the management of Asda for their support.

## Grand - ANNUAL FUND RAISING QUIZ (Issue No.5)

### On sale 24th & 25th November

These 100 question Quiz Entries are on sale at only £1., and on these two days will be available from the B.C.U.S.G. stall in the Shires. From then on they will be available from various outlets in the Trowbridge Area and also from any Trowbridge Committee member. Robin or June Dallimore on 01225 763428 will be only too pleased to advise you of your nearest outlet. With prizes of £50, £25 & £10 you are in with

an excellent chance of winning and in the event of a tie - a draw will decide the winner. Completed entries are to be returned by 31st. January 2007. All proceeds go of course to the Bath Cancer Unit in the Royal United Hospital, so remember you will be helping a good cause. Plenty of time to do that research and an ideal way to pass those dull winter evenings.

## 8th & 9th December

Will again find the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group (Trowbridge Branch) stall in the Shires Trowbridge shopping precinct with the 2006 Quiz Sales. Please continue to support this most worthy of local causes, remember for every pound raised, just over 95p goes entirely towards the Unit. Please help us to make any visit or stay for cancer patients in the Royal United Hospital that much more bearable.

## 15th & 16th December

Budgens Superstore at Hilperton, like their parent company of Bradford on Avon have yet again given the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group permission to hold an instore collection over this two day period. With Christmas a few days away, an ideal local store to support and also a local good cause.

**N.B.** Anyone wishing to use Supportline or our website to advertise their day/event/organization are asked to contact Reg on 01225 755536 or email [info@bcusg.org](mailto:info@bcusg.org). This information will then be published in our Supportline Magazine, the Oncology Notice Boards, the BCUSG website plus the Bath Chronicle Community website.

**MAY WE ALL AT THE BATH CANCER UNIT SUPPORT GROUP TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS AND SUPPORT IN THIS PAST YEAR AND LONG MAY IT CONTINUE.**

## SupportlineDistribution

Once again thank you to all our supporters who save postage by delivering Supportline in their areas. A big thank you to Jean & Joe Margetts who valiantly took on the major task of stuffing and mailing envelopes to over 1,200 readers. Our thanks go to the Trowbridge Group, Jane Reeves in Chippenham, Denise Mitten in Westbury, Spencer Drinkwater in Wells, Pam Gough in Bradford on Avon and Jane Bullas in Frome.

We are always looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours of their time in assisting with distribution. If you feel that you can help please contact Jane Margetts on 01225 345129

# ThanksToOneAndAll

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## Donations

- Mr J Scotford £50.00
- Mr F & C R Porter £25.00 – In Lieu of Christmas Cards
- Mr Peter Ellett £105.00 – In Lieu of Christmas Cards
- Mrs L Vbranch £100.00
- Bath Fundraising Group £2000.00
- Trowbridge Fundraising Group £2000.00
- G Jash £50.00
- M J Elson £50.00
- J Pettit £35.55
- Mrs M J Simmonds £50.00
- Mrs P R Dowling £300.00
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- Biddestone Church Wardens £157.00
- United Reform Church £46.85
- Davis Rolfe £32.55
- Mr A Biggs £100.00
- J Walpole £25.00
- David Rolfe £129.92
- Mr C M Davey £100.00
- Mr J B Daubey £150.00
- Mr H Church £16.09
- Miss M P Prior £75.00
- S A Newman £350.00
- S J James £25.00
- Mrs M V L Blyth £10.00
- Mr Dalley £150.40
- Mrs P Leo £10.00
- Brenda & Keith Windsor £6,500 – Tea & Coffee etc from Patients
- T W A Gay £2000.00
- Mr R Stevens £150.00
- City of Bath Ladies Indoor Bowling Club £100 – Raised by a Raffle
- Trowbridge & District Riding Club £300.00
- T A Morrison £30.00
- A T Johnson £1350
- P J & S A Hyden £147
- M J Peet £25.00
- Virgin Mobile £100.00
- C H G Wheeler £100.00
- P B Wyatt £100.00
- M J Mahoney £100.00

- Studley Senior Section - Girlguiding £50.00 – Producing & Selling Recipe Books
- E J Carpenter £100.00
- Betty Fry £20.00
- Bratton Fete £30.00
- D B Woods £120.00
- Diane Thompson 54.34

## Collection Boxes

We are most grateful for the collection boxes received from R M Newman, R Bell, Di Buckland, Bath Spa University, Melksham Liberal Club, W T Weaver & Son, Chemotherapy Department, Weston Bowls Club, Lackham College, Martin Box, Mr & Mrs Unsworth, Doreen Smith, Edwards Opticians.

## Donations of Gratitude

- Miss P Parsons £100.00
- Geoff Benee £20.00
- Philip & Muriel Fry £50.00
- Margery Eagles £20.00
- Mrs Lorna Ody £30.00
- Mrs E Lewis £20.00
- June James £20.00
- Sandra Lush £40.00
- F Curtis & Son £332.00

## Donations arising from events

- Geoff & Steph Bowyer £2326.08 – Dining Evenings
- M J Handy £1207.00 – Various Events
- Edington May Ball 1,150.00 – Edington Fair
- Patsy Doman £285.00 – Coffee Morning
- Elizabeth Coles £360.50 – Various Events
- MR & Mrs Daverger £100.00 – Dinner Party
- Terry & Celia Fry £1250.00 – Summer Ball
- Bubbles Hairstylist £100.00 – Raffle
- Pat Smith & Angela Harper £1,000.00 – Various Events
- Chilcompton Art Club £156.20 – Tombola
- Victoria Plummer £720.00 – London Marathon
- Karen Skuse, ITM SW Region £1950.00 – Charity Ball
- Friends of Brenda Windsor £1000.00 – 24 hour Snooker
- Year 10 Students Clarendon College £895.00 – Various events

# FundRaisingBranches

**Bath Cancer Unit Support Group Trowbridge & District Branch**  
Welcome new members and 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 or E-mail: trowbridgefrb@bcusg.org

## Advertising




Anyone wishing to use Supportline or our website to advertise their day/event/organisation are asked to contact Jane on 01225 345129 or Reg by e-mail: info@bcusg.org - This information would then be included on our Area Events Diary and in the BCUSG Diary. We hope to hear from you.

## FinalCopyDate

For the next Supportline will be 15th February 2007. Please tell us in good time about events needing publicity.

**Jane Margetts**



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

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title ..... Forename(s).....

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Address.....

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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:  
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We would be most grateful if the stamps can be trimmed to 1/8th or a 1/4 of an inch before handing them in.