

Message From The Chairman

Dear Supporter

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING YEAR

My comments for the 40th edition of Supportline included an indication that 2006 might prove to be a very successful fund raising year and I am delighted to be able to report that the 2006 annual accounts show just that!

Andrew Vince, a partner in Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants, has completed his independent examination of the Support Group's 2006 accounts which report income received of £218,446.

Once again The Trowbridge Branch has set a record and fund raising events staged by members of the Box and Bath Branches continue to generate income for the Charity.

MEETING SUPPORTERS

One of the pleasures of being the Chairman of the Trustees is the opportunity which it provides to regularly meet with fund raisers.

About five years ago I was invited to the home of Mr and Mrs Vranck in Radstock who had just celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. Rather than receive gifts, the happy couple asked their family and friends to make donations to the Support Group and I collected a cheque for £400.00.

Mrs Vranck has for many years been raising funds for the Group by knitting bed socks and glove toys and to date she has raised over £1,000.

When I received her latest letter with yet another cheque Mrs Vranck reported that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer and was undergoing a course of treatment.

Although she is unable to undergo an operation, Mrs Vranck tells me that her course of drugs is having an effect and she is looking forward to celebrating on 2 May, her 65th Wedding Anniversary.

TREASURER REQUIRED

After two years in the post, Tom Travers has given notice that he will be resigning as honorary treasurer of the Support Group at the forthcoming AGM.

The role of treasurer is an important one and I am extremely grateful for the contribution which Tom has made.

If you know of someone who would be interested in taking over from Tom, please do not hesitate to give me a call on 01225 319045 (evenings).

CHAIRMAN OF BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL TO VISIT BATH CANCER UNIT

I am delighted that Loraine Morgan-Brinkworth, the Chairman of Bath & North East Somerset Council has accepted an invitation to be the guest of honour at the annual presentation of certificates. Loraine will join with supporters on a tour of the Unit and will present certificates to those who, during the past year, have raised in excess of £1,000 for the Support Group.

Loraine has long supported the Group and was for a number of years a member of the Cancer Unit's staff.

Your continued support of the Group is much appreciated.

John Carter – Chairman

Apology from the Editor...

In the last edition of Supportline the Trowbridge Group Report stated that the group handed over a cheque for £2,000 this should have read £20,000.

Please accept my apologies.

Report From Trowbridge Branch _____

I'm delighted to report that 2006 was our best fundraising year ever and as I write our new Treasurer Robin Davies, is writing out a cheque for £30,000 to be handed over to the Trust Fund. This is thanks to so many wonderful people in and around Trowbridge who come along and support our own Committee events as well as those who organise their own events and donate the proceeds to BCUSG.

We were one of three beneficiaries from the Ashton Hill Farm Bi Annual Barn Dance when Mr & Mrs Robertson sent us a cheque for £1,480. Fred Wedlock was the special guest and how I remember the pig roast! Another Barn Dance (the second in memory of a young mother) was held at Combe Down School for which the proceeds were shared with BCUSG receiving a cheque from Debora Grant of £1,252. Sue Heard held a Christmas Dance at Hilperton and raised £150, whilst Joan Jones of the Warminster United Church nominated Bath Cancer Unit to receive the proceeds of a coffee morning held by it's members which raised £176. Mary Price of Westbury also nominated the Cancer Unit to benefit by £100 from the Virgin Mobile Charity Fund and John Tarr sent us a donation of £30. Mrs Hancock of Warminster has chosen to make monthly donations directly into our bank account. Thank you all so much.

There have been so many birthdays and anniversaries this year from which BCUSG has benefited - I hope they wont mind me telling our readers how old they are. Mrs Thorne of Frome for instance was 50 and her party guests donated £420 in lieu of presents. Audrey Holdaway reached 70 this year and sent us £100 in lieu of gifts whilst Mr Ellis & Mr Meaden of Trowbridge jointly celebrated their 60th birthdays and once again in lieu of presents we received a cheque for £645. On the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary Barbara & Ken Pickard received a cheque for £60 to go to their favourite charity which is of course BCUSG. Our congratulations to you all and sincere thanks for your generosity.

We continue to receive monies in memory of Rachel Deadman and received a £200 cheque from the Virgin Mobile Charity Fund. Following a very successful Pink Ball at Bath Racecourse organised by the family of Bette Bullus we received 50% of the proceeds, amounting to £2,607, plus a further £210 from collecting boxes and Martina O'Connor sent £85 raised at a Fashion Show. All this money received as thanks for the care their loved ones received at Bath Cancer Unit. A friend also sent us £20 in memory of Geraldo Santoro.

Geoff Parselle of Bradford on Avon sold personal items on e-bay and donated £72. He has since sold a number of commemorative plates on our behalf

which were donated by a Trowbridge Lady during one of our town centre sales when unfortunately we did not get her name. Hopefully she will read this and accept our grateful thanks. Following a house clearance in Rode other items were sold at auction by Mr Spurrell and we gained a further £68.

Our coffers have swelled by £440 in recent months as a result of collecting boxes and we simply must acknowledge all those who buy sweets from the Shires Sweetshop and gave us a fantastic £156. Also Lovemead Conservative Club who filled their tin with almost £130. Thank you all for displaying our tins and all those who donate. As I've said before pennies really do make pounds.

Our Collectors have also been out collecting pennies and pounds around the area. £537 at Budgens in Bradford on Avon, another £537, Devizes town centre and a further £368 at Budgens Hilperton. The Committee and their 'happy' helpers sold £282 worth of items at the Fore Street Christmas Fare and Robin Dallimore sold £25 worth of wrapping paper at the Frome Christmas Fayre whilst selling his Annual Quiz. Well done each and everyone.

Runner and cyclist John Stickley (London Marathon) and Martin Harris ('Long Way Back') on whom we reported fully in the last Supportline have now collected all their Sponsorship monies. For what sounds to me like a very painful way of raising £760 and £1,158 respectively. They deserve a really big thank you.

In October we held our annual dinner /dance again at the Civic Hall, Trowbridge. This time, organised by the men on our Trowbridge Committee – yes men, although they did accept some help in the later stages from we ladies!! It was another sparkling evening enjoyed by over 200 guests and raised over £5,500 including a generous donation of £500 from one guest. (The men did concede it's not as easy as it appears and was very time consuming, so have reverted back to their role as helpers for this year)! They all did a fantastic job though and special thanks must go to Julie Copp, (Ian's secretary) for all her support.

Well, 2007 has started well with money coming in from the 2006 Quiz a record breaking £3100 and Committee member Robin Dallimore (Quiz Master) donating £300 from his birthday celebrations. Marie Burrell of Westbury has sent £25 as thanks for a friend benefiting from the Bracotherapy treatment and the Wessex Mead Rotary Club presented us with £331 from the President's Dinner at Cumberwell Park. The Shining Light Awareness Centre Westbury have donated yet another £600 and John Tarr sold 'reindeer food' which resulted in a further £43.

BCUSG was nominated as beneficiary from the Pearson May Chartered Accountants - Charity Golf Day in 2006 as a result of which we have received a cheque for £1,186 plus donations of £250 each from two Directors.! Thanks to all those who took part and the brilliant news is that we are to benefit again in 2007.

Our thanks to you all for making this a really good start to 2007.

It was with great sadness that in October we learned of the death from lung cancer of George Martin, a founder member of Trowbridge Committee. In fact he was appointed the first Treasurer back in April 1988. George was a very active member in the local Community and played the piano at many local Charity events including our own. His family requested donations for BCUSG instead of flowers at the funeral and presented us with a cheque for £620. Our thanks and thoughts are with his daughter Janet, son Brian and their families.

Having lost George in October 2006, we have in recent weeks lost yet another founder member of the Trowbridge Branch, our very first Chairman, David Williams. It was David, who together with the former Chairman of the BCUSG Trustees, Charles Thompson who initiated the forming of a fund raising Trowbridge group back in April 1988. David passed away in his sleep at the RUH on March 2nd after a short illness. His funeral was conducted at West Wiltshire Crematorium where family only flowers were requested. A retiring collection was made and donated to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family

I thought I'd enclose a photograph of some of the Trowbridge Committee all spruced up at our recent Dinner. Photo courtesy of Black Tie Portraits (highly recommended).



We are collecting in Bath city centre on Saturday 26th May and really need lots of help so if you can spare an hour or two please do call me now on 01225 769136.

Jeanne Ingham-Law, Secretary – BCUSG Trowbridge

CharityGolfDay

Business people from across Bath and Wiltshire got in the swing for charity at a golf day at Cumberwell Park Golf Club near Bradord on Avon.

The event run by Bath accountancy firm Pearson May raised £6,247 and attracted more than 200 local business people. This amount will be divided between the following charities, Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, Dorothy House Hospice, Stepping Stones and West Wilts Portage.

Mike Taylor - pictured below with BCUSG Vice Chairman Tino Polledri - said he was delighted at the record sum raised. He said "This was our tenth charity golf event and it has proved our most successful. My partners and I are most grateful that so many local people gave up their working day to take part and to contribute to our nominated local charities".



Financial Report

for the year ended 31st December 2006

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

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2006 have been forwarded for examination. They will be presented at the A.G.M on Wednesday 9th May 2007. The balance to be carried forward to 2007 is broken down as follows which is held at H.S.B.C bank:-

Current Account –	£109,938.30
No Notice Account –	£335.93
Money Market Account –	£240,000.00

Tom Travers – Hon Treasurer

A Record Broken?

In response to my article in the last edition of Supportline, with the title 'Is this a record?' Where I reported that I had collected £164.23 from the collection box at the Griffin Inn in Frome I have to tell your readers that the Griffin has broken its own record several times since then.

I was so impressed when I opened the box last July, but imagine my surprise when a couple of months later I found £179.60 in the box and again, then in early December, a staggering £284.74. Then in January a desperate phone call to say, the box is so full we have had to put some of the money in a carrier bag! I rushed to the pub to discover what must be the ultimate record, a stunning £295.36 stuffed into the box.

"What is going on"? I asked the present Manager Andrew Savin. He relied that Mick Bramwell, (the co-owner of both The Griffin and Milk Street Brewery, with Rick Lyall), and the regulars decided that their very popular good natured Monday night quiz would be dedicated to fund raising for the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. Instead of all the money going in prizes half the money collected from the teams would go in the cancer box and half as prize money. However such is the generosity of the regular quiz goers that nine times out of ten the winning team donates their winnings to the charity as well. Andrew said "If a team does threaten to take their winnings they risk a mocking from the other teams"!

In addition to the quiz there are many generous regulars and their friends who give an extra



Didn't we do well!

boost to the funds. In December Julian, the drummer of a very popular local band called Slippery Fish, did a gig at the pub giving their services free, which increased the money in the December box. While another regular, Charlie Farris, was extremely generous with the last collection bringing in a carrier bag stuffed with change. These examples are from people who have members of their family suffering from cancer. Indeed so many of us know of friends or relations who are touched by cancer that this might in some way go to understand the exceptional generosity of the people who frequent the Griffin Inn.

I am now waiting with bated breath for the next phone call to 'open the box' and see what is in there. All I know is £295.36 will be hard to beat.

Whether it is on quiz or live band nights, whatever day it is, you are assured of a very warm welcome from Manager Andrew and a line up of excellent beer brewed on the premises by award winning brewers Nick and Rick.

Martin Bax



TROWBRIDGE BRANCH
INTERNATIONAL
FOOD & WINE EVENING

(Alfresco)

WEDNESDAY 29th. AUG.
From: 6.30.pm Onwards

at
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CASTLE STREET, TROWBRIDGE

Come along and sample
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Jeane - 01225 769136

GrantApplication

The following grant applications have been approved by the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group Committee and will be funded over the next year.

Grant application for a trial of marker seeds for ten patients

This is a study for ten patients to ascertain whether treatment delivery to patients receiving external beam radiotherapy for prostate cancer can be improved.

Patients with prostate cancer who are to receive external beam radiotherapy, first have a CT and or MRI scan to visualise the position of the prostate gland within the body. Once the position and size of the target volume for radiotherapy treatment has been determined a plan of the required radiation distribution is computed. Once the treatment is started, images are taken during the treatment on the linear accelerator to check that the patient position is correct. Although the CT and MRI images can visualise soft tissues such as the prostate gland, the linear accelerator treatment images can only visualise the bony anatomy – not the prostate gland, so the images can only be matched according to the bony anatomy without knowing whether or not the prostate gland has changed position.

Markers are now available (Acculoc seeds) which can be inserted into the prostate gland under ultrasonic control (similar to prostate brachytherapy with iodine -125 seeds) prior to the patient having their CT/MRI scan. The seeds are non-ferromagnetic and can be visualised on the CT and MRI images, and also on the

linear accelerator treatment images. Thus, we can check the position of the markers (in the prostate gland) in the linear accelerator images against the CT images to ensure that the treatment is being delivered to the correct area of the body.

We have recently acquired some software which compares the CT/MRI and treatment images and can automatically determine the co-ordinate positions of the markers within the two types of images so that the patient can be repositioned for treatment if necessary.

We will assess the match from the bony anatomy against the match with the marker seeds to see how they compare, and whether or not there is any value in using the marker seeds.

Grant application for up to ten sets of radioactive seeds and treatment accessories for prostate brachytherapy.

Back in 2004 the BCUSG agreed to fund thirty sets of seeds and treatment accessories for prostate brachytherapy to benefit patients with prostate cancer in the Bath & NE Somerset area. This was an interim measure until the NICE guidance was issued, and the PCT would fund these treatments. The treatment procedure has been very successful but unfortunately the NICE guidance has not been issued yet. Whilst it is anticipated that the final NICE guidance will be positive, it is now not likely to be issued before January 2008. We are therefore requesting funds for up to ten more patients to cover us for this period.

Dr Helen Morgan, Consultant Physicist

2006 Quiz Statistics & Results

This years winner with 98% - Mary Absalom of Wroughton who received the 1st prize of £50

The next two positions tied but the final placings were decided by a draw.

2nd place with 97% - Ray & Shirley Hawkins of Frome - £25

3rd place with 97% - Janet Smith of Frome - £10.

Our special thanks go to our independent judge & marker **Jane Brotherton**

The best individual seller of quizzes – **Marion Clark** – 135

Her nearest rival – **Phil Cope** who sold – 85

Best pub return – **The Bell** at Lacock - £65.

The quickest pub return – **The Rose & Crown** at Hinton Charterhouse – 25 copies in 3 days

2nd. Quickest – **The White Hart** at Atworth 25 copies in 5 days

Entries have again come in from all over the UK and may we take this opportunity to convey our sincere gratitude to all who purchased a quiz, to all that completed and returned the quiz (almost 200 of you) and last, but by no means least, all of our outlets, too numerous to mention individually. Thanks to the efforts of everyone at the Trowbridge Branch, in particular Robin Dallimore, the compiler and organiser, a record breaking total of £3,100 has been raised, and our congratulations go to all concerned.

N.B. please remember that for every pound donated to the charity, almost 96p goes to the unit and its patients.

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. Long may it continue.

AreaEvents

Saturday 5th May

Will find the Trowbridge Branch manning The Cancer Unit stall in Fore Street for the Lions May Fayre. If you are the "Green Finger" type then I'm sure that you will find some bargains here. Be sure to say hello and assist us in raising funds for The Bath Cancer Unit.



WANTED
BATH CANCER UNIT



YOU

SATURDAY 26TH MAY 2007
THE CANCER UNIT SUPPORT
GROUP ARE HOLDING A STREET
COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF
BATH

IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR SO TO
SPARE ON THIS DAY AND WOULD
LIKE TO ASSIST IN THIS FUND
RAISING EFFORT, CAN YOU
PLEASE CALL:-
JUNE on 01225 763428



BCUSG
Bath Cancer Unit Support Group

Saturday 2nd June

Thanks to Trowbridge Town Council, the Trowbridge Branch of BCUSG are holding a Street Collection in the town and again would appreciate any help in this fund raising effort. Please call June on 01225 763428 if you can spare an hour or so.

Friday & Saturday 22nd/23rd June

Finds the Trowbridge Branch collection over this two day period, in the Sainsbury Superstore of Frome, thanks to its management. If you can help, please call June on 01225 763428.

Sunday 8th July

Sunday Roast with a difference, Lunch in a marquee!! As part of their 40th Anniversary celebrations, Saint Augustine Catholic College of Trowbridge will be hosting this charity event. Why not join us in this fund raising effort for the Cancer Unit, bring your own wine and also enjoy the music. For tickets of £12.50 and for further information, please call Jeanne on 01225 769136 or Jenny on 01225 768202.

Thursday/Friday/Saturday 26th - 28th July

A three day extravaganza held in Trowbridge Town Park. Amongst all the attractions you will find the

Trowbridge Fund Raising Stall. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself.

Wednesday 29th August

The Trowbridge Branch of BCUSG will again be staging their renowned "International Alfresco Evening" being held at "Red or White", Castle Street, Trowbridge. Here the local and various communities of Poland, Italy, India etc. will be dispensing the cuisine, wines and beers from their regions. This is proving to be a very popular fund raising event and you are advised to apply early for admission tickets from Jeanne on 01225 769136 or Jenny 01225 768202.

Saturday 8th September

With sincere thanks to Kennet & District Council, the Trowbridge Branch will be having a Street Collection in Devizes on this day. If you are shopping or just visiting this delightful town, remember to give generously to this worthy cause – help us to beat cancer.

Friday 26th October

Now in its successive third year, Trowbridge Branch welcomes you to the Civic Hall for its Annual Dinner & Dance with the renowned Park Lane Big Band providing the music. For further information please call Jeanne on 01225 769136 or Jenny on 01225 768202.

N.B. Anyone wishing to use our website to advertise their day/event/organization are asked to contact Reg via email on info@bcusg.org. This information will then be published on the Oncology Notice Boards at the RUH, 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.

UsedStamps & ForeignCoins

We are always pleased to receive used stamps, both British and Foreign and Foreign Coins. Periodically these are sold on and bring in worthwhile amounts to augment our finances.

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.

ThanksToOneAndAll

Donations

- Shelia & Ken Hansford £175
- D J Noble £30
- Mr & Mrs P Flowers £50
- J E Reeves £30
- B M T Defence Services Bath £400
- Madeline Webber £ 250
- Mrs M Minty & Mrs K Ogden £50
- Mrs E Dylla £50
- Mr H McDermid £5
- Chippenham Park Ladies Bowling Club £40
- Nicola Lawton £60
- Three Firms Club £1139.60
- John Petit £5
- Anononmous £200
- G Nash £50
- Miss Shelia Wood £100
- A Biggs £50
- E Candy £100
- M J Peet £25
- Mrs P Price £20
- M J Fivash £10
- A Scotfield £50
- A Tarrant £100
- P Dimmer £25
- P Chairman £280 in lieu of Christmas Cards
- Mr E J Whatley £435 in lieu of presents for 80th birthday
- Mr & Mrs F Caple £100 in lieu of presents for Diamond Wedding Anniversary
- Mr & Mrs M J Simmonds £50
- Mrs Susan Moore £500
- Target Tax Consultancy £350
- Great Western Wine Co. £263.70
- G Williams £5
- Mr R Styles £100
- Bath Ladies Bowling Club £81
- A M Cottell £20
- L Elmsom £20
- Mr J Scotford £50
- Mrs L Vrauch £100
- Mrs Haines (MJ Handy) £15
- D B Woods £90

Collection Boxes

We are most grateful for the collection boxes received from Weston Bowls Club, The Griffin Inn Frome, Di Buckland, Mrs Bernard, Diane Thompson, Mrs Unwin and The University Rectory.

Donations arising from events

- Elizabeth Coles £338 Coffee Morning
- Mr D Stanton £35
- Shelia Harvey £103 Walking Treasure Hunt
- Jason Mowe £1720
- Chippenham Liberal Gladstone Club £1,000 Raised from Football Cards
- Mr & Mrs Handy £54 Christmas Lights

Donations in Gratitude

Donations were received from the the following:-

- Mrs D Bunting £151.45
- Sue Haines £250
- Thatcher & Hallam £1,0000
- Jonathon Bewley £239.10
- John Saunders £500
- Mr & Mrs A Cratchley £20
- R W Smith £15
- Mr & Mrs J Ragan £25
- Mrs E H Millward £30
- Mrs E Collinson £10
- Mr & Mrs F Heath £10
- Mrs K Hall £10
- Squadron Leader & Mrs S Price £30
- F W Jones & Son £140.70
- Jonathon Bewley £166.61
- Susan Smith £30
- Matthews Funeral Directors £276
- Mrs E K James £20
- Thatcher & Hallam £20,000
- Farnfield & Nicholls £63,500
- C S Bowyer £1161.24
- Col. P F Hollins £25
- Lt.Col.A D Price £50
- Mrs C J Burgess £25
- Miss P Cane £20
- T J Cooper £50
- Mr & Mrs B HARVEY £20
- D & S Mitchell £10
- Mr & Mrs I Nieland £25
- Mrs O Gulliver £5
- Lyons Rounsfell £78.88
- F W Jones & Son £125
- C S Bowyer £152.75
- Suzanne Thomas £20

Reminders

Bequests should be made to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group:

c/o John Carter, 17 Clan House, Sydney Road, Bath BA2 6NS.

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. Please make cheques payable to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

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

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.

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 take on the major task of stuffing and mailing envelopes to over 1,200 readers.



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

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title Forename(s).....

Surname

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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Final Copy Date

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

Jane Margetts