

# Supportline



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## Message From The Chairman

Dear Supporter

### **Tony Newman retires as Hon. Treasurer.**

After twenty years service as the honorary treasurer of BCUSG Tony retired at the 2005 annual general meeting of the Group.

Tony was a founding member of the committee, having previously been the treasurer of the Bath Cancer Unit Appeal. From the outset Tony committed a large amount of time to the Group.

His many duties included weekly visits to the Cancer Unit to collect correspondence and donations, writing entries in the Memorial Book which is kept in the RUH Chapel, writing to every donor thanking them for their contribution as well as maintaining the Group's financial records and managing the Group's finances.

Tony was also always ready to visit fund raisers to collect donations, in fact a picture of Tony appeared in the first ever edition of Supportline which was published in August 1986, accepting a cheque for £6,000 from the Grandmaster of the Somerset Masons.

In what can only be described as a remarkable record Tony attended 115 of the 116 committee meetings held during his tenure as treasurer and he prepared financial statements for distribution at every meeting.

Tony's commitment to the Group came from his own personal experiences with cancer.

Tony's has been a job very well done and the Group is delighted that Tony will remain as a trustee and will continue to provide support to BCUSG new treasurer Tom Travers.

### **Welcome to New Treasurer**

Tom Travers, a previous chairman of the Box group and a former trustee of the Support Group was installed at the charity's AGM as the second treasurer of the Group.

Tom has been involved with BCUSG for a number of years and is looking forward very much to taking over from Tony.

Sadly within days of assuming his responsibilities

Tom's wife Eileen was taken ill and died a few days later at the RUH.

At Eileen's funeral which was held at St Thomas a' Becket Church at Box, mention was made of her long standing commitment to fund raising for BCUSG. Eileen will be greatly missed.

Tom's contact address is:

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**John Carter - Chairman**



John Carter presenting Tony Newman with a Television Decoder on his retirement. A personal gift from the Trustees.

# Report From Trowbridge Branch

Once again I am delighted to report that in January thanks to the generosity of many local people including those who raised money in memory of Rachel Deadman we were able to hand over a cheque for £20,000 to the Trust fund.

Committee Members and helpers have again been busy with collections at Budgens in both Bradford on Avon and Hilperton raising £533 and £498 respectively with the collection at Coopers in Westbury adding a further £543 to the coffers. We have more collections booked for later in the year and would gladly hear from anyone wishing to help. Please phone Ros on 01373 830149

How we remember a thoroughly miserable day for the Trowbridge Christmas Lights Fayre. The rain poured and soaked everyone and everything however we still managed to raise £169. Whilst the Lions Fayre was a much better day and we raised £525 thanks largely to Robin Dallimore and Ralph Badcock who provided masses of plants which are such good value we now have quite a regular customer base.

We do appreciate all the donations we receive not least because often it means the hard work has been done by others although we are always happy to go along and support any event raising money for BCUSG. One such event which I was fortunate to attend was a Burns Night Supper organised by the St James Wives Group from which we were presented with a cheque for £500. Sincere thanks to everyone involved. Other donations came from HSBC £500; the Awareness Centre £400 and from Concorde Lodge, Trowbridge £141. Mr Brewer sent us £250 the proceeds of a Quiz Night at The Dursley Arms.



Burns Night Supper organised by the St. James Wives Group

Money in memory of Rachel Deadman continues to come to us and we have received a further £136. I can also report that money from this fund has purchased 2 Vibro Pulsepads for the Lymphatic Treatment Clinic where she received treatment.

Congratulations and many thanks to John Squier from Combe Down who completed a Sprint Triathlon in Burnham on Sea and sent us a cheque for £450 sponsorship money. Congratulations and well done also to Matthew James from Bradford on Avon who ran his first Bath half Marathon and sent us £300.



Matthew James

Pam Gough sent us £13 in lieu of Christmas Cards. Thanks for this Pam and for your help in delivering Supportline in your area. Kate Preece makes beautiful personalised cards for any occasion with half of the proceeds coming to BCUSG £107 so far this year.

Irish was the theme for the annual event hosted by Herbie & Jill at the Polebarn Hotel. As usual a full house enjoyed truly delicious Irish food and as usual our hosts were as generous as always by donating £5 from every ticket to BCUSG. Together with the raffle over £300 was banked.



Irish Night at the Polebarn Hotel

l to r: Tino Polledri, Herbie & Jill Bindel, Chris Kranjnowski (New Info Service Centre), Mike Howells (HSBC)

Our Quiz goes from strength to strength showing an overall profit this year of £1,500 and Robin Dallimore together with compiler Dave Clark worked hard to increase the number of outlets. Having recently died very suddenly Dave's contribution will be sadly missed this year.

Jeanne Ingham-Law (01225 769136)  
Secretary – Trowbridge Committee

# Friends Rally To Help In The Toughest Of Times

For one woman, a group of caring friends' fundraising proved to be a vital comfort at a difficult time.

Dental nurse Liz Watts went into hospital to have an operation to remove fibroids from her stomach, but she came round to be told that a tumour had been discovered in her bowel and she would have to have another operation immediately to remove it.

Everybody was so supportive and I could not believe how everyone was so wonderful. In the following months, Liz recovered from her operations and had chemotherapy to clear the cancer.

Like many people who come through cancer, her battle inspired a group of friends to raise money for Bath Cancer Unit Support Group.

Close fiends Geoff & Stephanie Bowyer took charge and arranged tow lavish suppers at their former



courthouse home in Langridge, on the northern edge of Bath.

The evenings raised a total of £2,500 for BCUSG.

## Trowbridge Quiz Raises The Wonderful Sum Of £1,500

Thank you one and all for the wonderful support that you have again given to the third fund raising quiz organised by Robin Dallimore of the Trowbridge Fund Raising Branch. It raised £1,500 for bcusg, all of which will be put to good use in the Oncology Ward and Reception.

This year we received 84 completed entries of which we had three entrants scoring 100%. All three correctly answered the tie break questions with the winner coming from a draw conducted by Robin and our Quiz Question Master.

Entrants came from as far a field as Kuwait, Scotland to the depths of Somerset and Wiltshire. The lucky winner coming from Corsley and the runners up coming from Melksham and Hilperton respectively.

We would especially like to thank all of our outlets for the assistance given in the sales of our Quiz's. Each one has been issued with a list of the answers to the 100 questions, as well as the tie breaks. Should you have any queries please call Robin on 01225 763428.

One again our sincere thanks for your continued support.

## Financial Report

for the Year Ending 31st December 2004

**Bath Cancer Unit Support Group**  
**Registered Charity No.292643**  
**Support Group No - 38**

The Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2004 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. held on 11th May 2005 and adopted. The Balance of £127041.41 was carried forward to 2005 held in HSBC Bank -

Current Account -	£56,893.70
No Notice Account -	£5,147.71
Money Market Account -	£65,000.00
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Tony Newman - Hon. Treasurer

# PlannedEvents

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
July 28, 29, 30th

## West Wilts Show

Time again for the West Wilts Show.

Staged over this 3-day period in the popular venue of Trowbridge Park.

With commercial and trade stalls, exhibitors, fun fair and evening concerts this is a really great event with something for everyone.

Amongst all this you will find the Trowbridge branch stall of BCUSG raising funds for the cancer unit. Do be sure to stop off and say hello.

## Wednesday August 31st International Alfresco Evening

Trowbridge will again be staging their renowned "International Alfresco Evening" which is 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 costing just £10 from Kate on 01225 768202 or Jeanne on 01225 769136.

## Saturday October 22nd BCUSG 21st Gala Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Ball

A very special occasion this.

The Bath Cancer Unit Support Group will be celebrating 21 years of fund raising and to commemorate this milestone they will be holding a Gala Anniversary Ball.

It will be held at the Civic Hall in Trowbridge, with dance music provided by the Lucknow band of the Prince of Wales Division with many local celebrities in attendance.

Numbers are limited and you are invited to call Kate on 01225 768202 for further information.

Corporate sponsors are already offering their support and if any companies or organisations wish to be similarly so associated with this event please contact the Chairman of the Trowbridge FRB of BCUSG Tino Polledri on 01225 768202.



**B.C.U.S.G.**  
**Gala  
Anniversary  
Ball**  
**1985-2005**

SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2005  
VENUE: - TROWBRIDGE CIVIC HALL  
Dancing to: The PARK LANE BIG BAND  
Guest Speaker: BOB CHAMPION  
For Further Information please call:-  
KATE- 01225 768202  
CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION SPONSORED BY



WE ARE AGAIN AT THE WEST WILTS SHOW  
JULY 28th, 29th & 30th  
WITH NUMEROUS PRIZES TO BE WON,  
AMONGST THEM OUR STAR PRIZE OF A HOT AIR  
BALLOON FLIGHT FOR TWO PEOPLE



BY ENTERING THIS DRAW, THE CANCER PATIENTS  
BENEFIT BECAUSE ALL THE PROCEEDS GO TO THIS  
LOCAL CAUSE AND YOU, BECAUSE YOU COULD

# ThanksToOneAndAll

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Letter with donations from regulars and newcomers often express gratitude to the Medical, Nursing and Support Staff.

We are aware that whilst thanking Donors by name, many more remain both generous and anonymous.

- D & K Woods £120.00
- Mrs D J Bernard £13.40
- Mr & Mrs Ken House £210.00 In Lieu of Golden Wedding Presents
- Mr & Mrs B E Wareham £320.00 In Lieu of Golden Wedding Presents
- Mrs M Howell £10.00
- L Dymond £6.16
- Mrs & Mrs Goacher £30.00
- Veritas Software Ltd £493.00 Sponsorship Scheme
- B & M Shuker £200.00
- A Robinson £500.00 Re - Brachytherapy
- Mesdames Chivers & Glen £30.00 In Gratitude
- Mrs J Green £10.00
- M T Peet £50.00
- L H Palmer £14.60 Sales of Wife's Ceramics
- P Connor £20.00 Keyboard Music at Southwick Seniors Party.
- D & M Chesterfield £200.00
- D E Coward £200.00
- Mrs P Price £20.00
- Miss B E Jones MBE £100.00
- D J Baker £37.00
- P Connor £20.00 Keyboard Music
- M J Elson £158.50 Sale of CD and Dance book
- Mrs Audrey Scotford £50.00
- J G Daubemy £150.00
- Mrs M J Vivash £10.00
- P Dimmer £25.00
- R Stevens £150.00
- Mrs Barabara Dilloway £20.00
- G Nash and Family £50.00
- J M Hembrough £50.00
- Mr C Barrett £35.00
- Mr & Mrs B A Upham £5.00
- H Petit £25.00
- Mrs V J Dudden £425.00 Re - Birthday
- Geoffrey Bowyer £245.00
- P A Firman & Staff £421.28 Combe Down Garage
- The Knutt Club £250.00
- Mrs Irene Kay £20.00
- Mrs L M Vranck £100.00
- Paula & Dave Cowler £570.00 Re - 25th Wedding Anniversary
- V Robertson £100.00
- C A Mullen £170.00

- B M T Defence Services £500.00
- T W A Gay £1000.00
- M O D Care Defence Services Ass £10.00
- Pamela Wickham £30.00
- Anon - "Giv Now" £30.00
- G D Fussell £50.00
- Mrs K Griggs £35.00
- Residents & Staff St Johns Hospital £60.00
- Mrs A M Sandall £20.00

## Donations arising from events

- BMT Defence Services raised by running the Bath Half Marathon £570
- Madelene Webber £30.00 Sale of Books
- Mrs E.Coles £6.00 Sales at Coffee Morning
- Medley £3,500.00 Entertainers
- Mrs Diana Thompson £102.39 Coffee Morning & Lunches at Woodland Park Swainswick
- Bath Police Choir £1,324.42 Choral Singing
- Mr & Mrs G Isom £1,807.38 Carol Singing from Fire Engine. Mr & Mrs Isom have now retired after supporting us for 10 years.
- Mr P. Smith & Mrs A. Harper £1,000.00 Events at Rode
- Mr & Mrs Handy £37.50
- Peter Elliot £130.00 Office Christmas Cards at Chippenham Tax Office
- Mrs M Ford £100.00 Christmas Cake Raffle
- Mrs Doreen Russell £1,000
- Centre Parc Food & Beverage Department £94.00 Re Brenda Chant
- Mrs G. B. Vince £260.00 Whist Drive
- E. T. Whatley £160.00 Whatley's Wizard Dance Group
- Outpatient's Refreshments £4,500.00 Brenda Windsor
- Mrs Sue McGregor £30.00 London Marathon
- T. R.Gay £40.00 Proceeds from Stamps

## Donations in Gratitude

Donations came with letters and cards expressing gratitude for the care and kindness received at the Unit.

- Ms Heather Saunders £250 - In appreciation of care received.
- J A Parr £100.00
- G & L Tucker £100.00
- A J G Issac £100.00
- Mrs B S Wilson £200.00
- Mr E Dylla £50.00

# EditorWrites

In my role as a Guider for the Studley Senior Section Group in Trowbridge, I am always looking for activities, which the girls will enjoy but prove a challenge. We decided it would be nice to produce a recipe booklet that would bring together some of their favourite recipes. The booklet soon became several pages as they found friends, neighbours,

other girls and Guiders in the unit had their own favourites. So with the help of borrowed laptops and lots of evenings they have produced a booklet of over 30 recipes. We are now selling the booklets at £2.50 with all proceeds split between Bath Cancer Unit Support Group and their own funds.

If you would like to purchase a copy please send a cheque for £2.50 payable to Studley Senior Section C/O 26 Helmdon Road Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 9DF

## DidYouKnow?

Since it was set up, Bath Cancer Unit Support Group funds have paid for:

- Refurbishment of the chemotherapy department, the William Budd Ward and the day patient suite
- A linear accelerator for the radiotherapy department
- Cytology (cervical) laboratory refurbishment
- Construction of an in-house pharmacy for RUH patients
- Research into chemotherapy, radiotherapy and bone marrow treatments
- Specialist nurse training
- Equipment & furnishings
- Refurbishment of the cancer reception area
- The cancer day care facility which opened in June 2003
- Daily newspapers, crockery, a microwave oven, pictures, Christmas Decorations and gifts for patients

Donations have also been made to Dorothy House, the Bristol Scanner Appeal, Macmillan Cancer Relief and the Cervical Smear laboratory.

Throughout its history BCUSG's expenses on registration and audit fees, stationary and printing, record and account books, technology, raffle tickets, collecting Boxes office equipment and insurance have amounted to £53,399. This is equivalent to £5.26p for every pound of the charity's total annual income.

## Supportline Distribution

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 as usual go to Box and Trowbridge Groups, Jane Reeves in Chippenham, Denise Mitten in Westbury, Sharron Evans 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 07813786462

## Reminders

Bequests should be made to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, C/O Tom Travers, 16 Bargates, Box, Wiltshire, 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 Tony Newman 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.

## FinalCopyDate

For the December Supportline will be 15th November 2005. Please tell us in good time about events needing publicity.

**Jane Margetts**

# £1000Certificates

Since the last Supportline the following have received £1,000.00 Certificates, Mike Roy Chairman of Royal United Hospital Trust made the presentations.

All photographs taken by Mr. Russell



John Comley and Shirley Cox of  
Chippenham Gladstone Liberal Club



Jamie Brewer Wilts Wholesale Electrical Ltd.



Geoff White, Lorraine Matson & Val Richards



Doreen Russell



Sue McGregor



Geoffrey and Stephanie Bowyer



Ken Greedy

# 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 or E-mail: trowbridgefrb@bcusg.org



## ADS

Anyone wishing to use Supportline or our website to advertise their day/event/organisation are asked to contact Jane on 07813 786462 or Reg on 01225 774044 or by e-mail: info@bcusg.org - This information will then be included on our Area Events Diary and in the BCUSG Diary. We hope to hear from you.

## CollectionBoxes

We are most grateful for the collection boxes received from:- Weston Bowles Club, Melksham Liberal Club, Lackham College, Mr & Mrs Unsworth. Mrs Di Buckland, Bath Spa University, Mrs M Dyke, Horace Church, Mrs Lewis and Miss Lewis, Broadlands Fruit Farm, Lamb Inn Eddinton, Mr Edwards (Optician), Mr M Wilkinson, Gun Shop (Midsomer Norton)



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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..... 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:  
**The Honorary Treasurer**  
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## 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 an 1/8th or a 1/4 of an inch before handing them in.