



# Hope for Tomorrow

Bringing cancer treatment closer to home

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Pictured: Motor racing legends Derek Bell MBE and Norman Dewis at our Le Mans Celebration Dinner - more on **Page 5**

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## Our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project expands

On **Page 3** you'll find out about our expansion plans and how we're one step further to providing Mobile Chemotherapy Units across the UK

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## Events galore

Throughout this newsletter you'll see what we have in store this events season - from cricket to family walks, there is something for everyone

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## Awareness Week: 1-7 December 2014

**Page 2** contains details of our very first Awareness Week. We will be spreading the word about chemotherapy in the community and the benefits to patients

# Dear supporter

We've had another busy few months including the Lincolnshire launch of our 7th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit 'Elaine', which will help cancer patients throughout the county. The Unit also had a very special visit to St James's Palace in London and you can read more about this in the Newsletter.

Not only that but we've been joined by two new Patrons, Ross Brawn OBE and Martin Brundle – names you will certainly know if you are a motor racing devotee.

Best wishes,  
Christine Mills MBE  
Founder & Trustee

## Awareness Week Launch: 1st-7th December 2014

This year we are proud to be launching our first week when we will be raising awareness of the importance of chemotherapy in the community.

Starting now, we will be building up to the week-long activity in order to bring supporters together, forming our very own 'Chemo-Unity'.

We will be urging people to hold events, raise money and generally spread the word about our project. There will be packs available to order, free of charge, containing promotional material and ideas on how you can help us provide Mobile Chemotherapy Units.



## Activa Contracts provides Hope for Tomorrow team with a new car

Activa Contracts has generously presented us with a new car, which will be used by the team based at the Tetbury Headquarters. They have also pledged to cover service, maintenance and repair costs moving forwards.

The Kia C'eed 1.6 CRDi was presented to Rosa Woodley, our Head of Events and Community Fundraising on 21st May (pictured above).

Thank you Activa Contracts!

# Our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit expansion project

## Further expansion of our MCU project is launched by HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO

We are delighted to announce further expansion of our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit (MCU) project with the support of the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF).

Over the next 4 years, and to mark their 150th Anniversary in 2018, The Mark Benevolent Fund will fund a number of new Units, which we will launch across the country.

The first of the newly funded Mobile Chemotherapy Units was officially launched by the Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons, HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO at St James's Palace, London on Wednesday 9th April 2014. The MCU has been named 'Elaine' in memory of the wife of Phil Anyon, a senior member of the Mark Master Masons in Lincolnshire, who sadly passed away from cancer.



HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO, Dr Sean Elyan and Christine Mills



HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO cutting the ribbon

## 'Elaine' our 7th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit comes to Lincolnshire

On Tuesday 20th May we took 'Elaine' to Grantham & District Community Hospital for the unveiling to local dignitaries and members of staff.

The state of the art Unit has been provided to the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust to operate with their qualified staff, and will allow cancer patients to receive their chemotherapy treatment out in the community.

The Unit is likely to give treatment in Grantham, Spalding, Louth and Skegness.



Phil Anyon with his daughter Carrie Carter. The Unit has been named in memory of Phil's wife, and Carrie's mother, Elaine

“ I am honoured that Hope for Tomorrow has been selected by The Mark Benevolent Fund to be the recipient of their very special grant, celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2018. It has always been my dream to have a Unit in every county and over the next 4 years we are well on the way to achieving this. To have HRH Prince Michael of Kent launching this, our 7th Unit, is very special to me and I look forward to working with the Mark Benevolent Fund so that together we are helping to bring cancer treatment closer to home. ”

Christine Mills  
Founder and Trustee  
Hope for Tomorrow

# Meet Sam James...

Each issue we like to introduce a member of one of the NHS teams that operate a Mobile Chemotherapy Unit. This month we're introducing Sam James from Somerset

**What is your job title?**

I'm a Senior Staff Nurse based at the Beacon Centre in Taunton.

**Take us through your work with the Mobile Chemotherapy Unit (MCU).**

I have some responsibility for co-ordinating 'Bumble's' Clinics.

My role of co-ordinator includes patient selection and recruitment for the 3 existing clinics, and hopefully for a new clinic at Chard in the near future. I also run the Glastonbury MCU Clinic at West Mendip, giving chemotherapy and supportive treatments to cancer patients.

**What do you think about the Mobile Chemotherapy Unit service?**

I live in Wells, 29 miles away, so have first-hand experience of the journey patients have to make to receive their treatment.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgwater next to 'Bumble' with Sam

The Mobile Chemotherapy Unit enables me to fulfill a long-term goal of bringing the expertise I've learnt home! I'm quite passionate about it! Throughout my career I've seen patients travelling many miles to get their expert care.

Using the MCU, we can bring the latest and up to date treatments closer to home! Many patients can either bring themselves or get family or friends to bring them to the MCU, saving time, miles and stress. Patients who relied on hospital transport and who don't have family support, are picked up by our MCU driver, get their treatment from the Beacon Centre nurses [on board 'Bumble'], a cup of tea, and a catch up, then get driven home in style using the MCU support car. Quite the bespoke service!

The MCU allows continuity of care, a holistic rapport with our patients, and enables us to better assess and evaluate our patients' progress throughout their treatment. Patients often feel more relaxed having their treatment on board the Mobile Chemotherapy Unit. They forge new friendships and renew old acquaintances too! It's amazing how many people know each other through work and family! The feedback from patients has always been very positive and supportive of the service.



Sam and the Somerset MCU team outside 'Bumble'

# Le Mans Celebration Dinner

## **LeMans** *Celebration Dinner*

On Thursday 29th May we held our inaugural Le Mans Celebration Dinner in London. We joined forces with the charity Aspire to raise much needed funds to help those with spinal cord injuries and to fund our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project.

There was a star line up of classic Le Mans cars and legendary Le Mans drivers including Richard Attwood, Derek Bell MBE, Martin Brundle, Norman Dewis, Win Percy and David Piper. Hosted by F1 pundit Jonathan Legard, Q&A's with the drivers were compered by motor racing journalist Simon Taylor.



We would like to thank our main event partners: Jaguar, Eagle Works, The Telegraph, Shy Aviation, CBRE, Classic Motor Cars, Perfectly Attired, Lycian Events, Porsche Club of Great Britain and Kit Oakes Photography.





## Sporting events

### Bunbury Celebrity Cricket Match Sunday 28th September

We're delighted to announce that the Bunbury Celebrity Cricket Team are once again holding a cricket match in aid of our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project. The match will take place in the afternoon and the Bunbury team will include a selection of celebrities hand-picked for our special day to bat against Kent County Cricket's Presidents team. The event is absolutely free to the public, with collections being made on the day for Hope for Tomorrow. There is a hospitality package available, should you wish to join us in the VIP area and watch the game in style!

VIP tickets @ £75pp which include:

- Reserved car parking
- Drinks reception
- Cold Buffet
- Fine white and red wines
- Afternoon tea
- Private viewing enclosure for the duration
- Charity auction with money can't buy prizes



If you are interested in any of the events listed, our annual Polo event or our Badminton 10k Run and family walk, please contact:

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### Golf Day in partnership with the Royal Berks Charity Friday 12th September

We will be heading to Berkshire for this year's Golf Day, raising funds for our new Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit named 'Teddy' in memory of Patron Ross Brawn OBE's late mother, which was launched earlier in January this year.

We'll be hosting the event in partnership with the Royal Berks Charity and the day will kick off at 12:00 noon with coffee, tea and bacon rolls before the golfers make their way onto the course for a 1:30pm shotgun start. At 5:45pm teams will return to the Clubhouse for a 3-course dinner and charity auction.

You can book as an individual at £80pp or as a team of four at £320 (recommended).

Prizes will be awarded for:

- The Longest Drive
- Nearest The Pin
- Beat The Pro



# Community support



## Wincanton

The staff at Wincanton Head Office have chosen us as their Charity of the Year!

Wincanton has c300 employees at their Chippenham office. Their committee of 'charity champions' is planning fundraising activities over the coming months and have already raised over £300 through a 'silly jumper' day.

Julie Welch, HR director for Wincanton said "Hope for Tomorrow were selected by the staff not only because they operate locally to our head office but also because, like us, they have a network across the country. We are looking forward to working together with the Hope for Tomorrow team not only to help raise lots of money but the profile of the charity as well".



**Dobbies**  
GARDEN CENTRES  
*Brighten your day*

## Dobbies Garden Centre in Cirencester

Earlier this year we received the news that Dobbies in Cirencester had chosen us as their charity of the year! It means a great deal to us, as our Gloucestershire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit visits Cirencester on a weekly basis and treats many cancer patients in the area.

In support of the partnership, they have lots of events in the pipeline including:

Sunday 15th June - Fathers Day event

Thursday 17th July - Ladies Pamper Day

Thursday 25th September - Fashion Show

Friday 31st October - Halloween Disco

For more information, contact Dobbies on 01285 884300.

## Castle Combe Autumn Classic

We are thrilled to have been made the official charity of this year's Autumn Classic at Castle Combe Circuit on Sunday 5th October.

Celebrating the great names of British motoring, this year's event will feature 8 races for cars from Pre War to the 70's. Cars include Aston Martin, Formula 3 (500s) and historic Formula Junior Championship – a day of raising money for Hope for Tomorrow not to be missed!

The whole circuit will be stepping back in time as one of the major highlights is the celebration of 60 years since Bristol Cars won Le Mans. The day kicks off with qualifying from 8:30am, with displays from 12:10pm and the first of the 8 races will commence at 1:00pm. There will even be a special parade lap of the track by one of our Chemotherapy Units!

For full details visit the Castle Combe Circuit website: [www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk](http://www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk)



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# 10k run and family walk



As you may have seen, our Badminton 10k Run and family walk is back, due to popular demand! We're extremely lucky to have been given permission to use the grounds of the Badminton Estate, which are normally closed to the public.

The Date: Sunday 14th September 2014

The Place: The Badminton Estate, South Gloucestershire, GL9 1DD

The Time: Mass run start 11:00am, walkers 11:15am

The run will take place within the grounds of the Estate, taking in stunning scenery and views and is open to runners and walkers (Canicross/dogs on leads are also welcome). The Estate offers a safe, traffic-free route on concrete and grass, which is suitable for beginners and experienced competitors alike.

To enter the run, please go to the Hope for Tomorrow website and follow the Badminton 10k link. Walkers will be urged to sign up on the day.

## Find out more

Hope for Tomorrow is a national charity dedicated to bringing cancer treatment closer to patient's homes. Our Mobile Chemotherapy Units reduce long distances of travel, waiting times and help avoid the stresses and strains of busy Oncology Centres.

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### Contact us

There are many ways you can get in touch! We like to keep our supporters up to date with our progress, but we also aim to keep our overheads to a minimum to ensure the majority of donations go towards our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project.

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