



# Hope for Tomorrow

Bringing cancer treatment closer to home

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### Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter where we will bring you up to date with what the charity has been doing.

We have continued to be busy in the run up to the launch of our 9th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit, 'Dorothy'. Following our exciting launch on May 8th, it is wonderful to know that we can now help cancer patients throughout Cornwall, Dorothy's county of operation. We would like to thank everybody who has supported us; we could not fulfil our mission without you.

We are also very excited to be planning the unveiling of the next generation MCU at our 10th Anniversary Charity Polo Day which will take place in June. Information on this and other forthcoming events is easy to find on page 5.

Over the next few issues you will notice some changes to the style and we hope that this makes it easier for you to find your way around. Do tell us what you think!

Best wishes

Christine Mills MBE  
Founder & Trustee



### Where are we today?

We have come a long way since 2007 when we launched the world's first Mobile Chemotherapy Unit in Gloucestershire. As you read this, our newest Unit has just been launched in Cornwall so we now have 9 Units on the road. We are achieving our goal of bringing cancer treatment closer to home for chemotherapy patients in Gloucestershire, Somerset, South Wiltshire, Hampshire, East Kent, Berkshire, Lincolnshire, North Wiltshire and... Cornwall!! There are more areas in the pipeline so why not visit our website to keep yourself up to date!

During our first Chemotherapy In the Community Week in December last year, we announced that we had saved patients and their carers over 500,000 miles of travel by bringing treatment closer to them; a fantastic achievement with your help and of course the number of miles saved increases every day the Units are out visiting the many community locations they cover.

The story doesn't finish once we have launched an MCU in an area. Post-launch, we begin fundraising to keep that Unit maintained and on the road and we continue in partnership with the NHS to ensure the success of the service. It costs about **£12,000** per year to keep each Unit on the road so our corporate, charitable trust and community supporters are invaluable to us. From a tea party in your garden, to a glitzy glamorous dinner or gruelling 'Tough Mudder', every fundraising event makes a difference as we strive to fulfil our vision of having a Mobile Chemotherapy Unit in every county in the UK.

In the next issue, we will tell you more about how our volunteers help with our MCU project, and perhaps you might decide to join us as a volunteer yourself?



*Kayleigh's parents, Angie & Kevin Wicks, pictured with charity supporter Murray Walker OBE and Christine Mills MBE at the original launch of Kayleigh.*

## Happy Birthday!

2015 promises to be another busy year for each of our 9 MCUs. With so many Units on the road we think it is important to recognise their success by celebrating their birthdays. It's hard to believe that 'Kayleigh', our South Wiltshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit, is about to celebrate 3 years of being on the road and we will soon be marking this occasion with a special birthday party to be held at Salisbury District Hospital. Other birthday events will be held for 'Amy' our Hampshire MCU (3rd Birthday) and 'Caron' our East Kent MCU (2nd birthday) – look out for updates in our next issue and on our website.

## Launch of 'Dorothy' our 9th MCU in Cornwall

On Friday 8th May the launch of 'Dorothy' took place at Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro with many local dignitaries, members of the MCU medical team of The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, Hope for Tomorrow team, Trustees and Patrons and representatives from the Mark Benevolent Fund (who kindly funded the capital costs of this MCU) present to celebrate. Despite the best efforts of the rain, the launch was a huge success, with David Richards CBE being invited to cut the ribbon and name the Unit after his grandmother, who he has hugely fond memories of spending time with in Cornwall. David's speech touched many with the words:

*"For most of us travelling around Cornwall is a pleasure with its wonderful scenery and coastline, but not necessarily for those suffering from cancer, whose regular journeys are of necessity for treatment at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro. The availability of the county's first Mobile Chemotherapy Unit will make an enormous difference to these patients, relieving the stress of travelling to hospital and offering treatment closer to home."*

## Next Generation MCU

Our next Generation MCU will be unveiled for the first time at our 10th Annual Charity Polo Day on Saturday 27th June. The new design incorporates features and improvements that reflect the feedback we have had over the years from our patients and medical teams. Look out for more details and pictures in the next issue.

## EVENTS

Over the past few months we have been lucky to have been involved with numerous events. These include events we have organised as a charity and ones organised by our wonderful supporters... THANK YOU!



### Louise Doolan helps raise £1,339

Long time supporter **Louise Doolan** was looking forward to playing the lead role in **Sister Act with Taunton Amateur Operatic Society (TAOS)** when she was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer and had to step down.

When TAOS asked Louise to choose a charity they could do a bucket collection for during the week of the show, she didn't hesitate, and chose Hope for Tomorrow. Louise said *"Unfortunately Cancer is everywhere and this charity is helping me and others now. It would be my wish to have a chemo bus in every county."*

This bucket collection raised **£1,339.26**. Thank you Taunton, thank you TAOS and thank you Louise.

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of friend of the Charity, Louise Doolan, who has been an active and passionate supporter of Hope for Tomorrow, and our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project.

### The PPMA (Public Service People Managers' Association)

The PPMA recently chose Hope for Tomorrow as their nominated charity for their annual charity dinner which took place in April. Hosted by Wiltshire Council the event was attended by nearly 300 delegates and raised an amazing **£2,956** from the raffle! Huge thanks to Barry Pirie, the PPMA President, and to all involved.



### London Welsh Male Voice Choir sang for Hope for Tomorrow in Canterbury Cathedral

The January concert organised by **The Forest of Bleas Rotary Club** was a wonderful evening, both musically and as a fundraising event. With an audience of around 1,000, in the fabulous surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral, the concert raised nearly **£10,000** for several charities including Hope for Tomorrow.

It was such a success, that the London Welsh Male Voice Choir is planning another concert in Gloucester Cathedral in February 2016.

## Chemotherapy in the Community Week

### Update!

Our Chemotherapy in the Community Week was a fantastic success with our enthusiastic supporters and MCU medical teams throwing themselves into holding events – as you will see from the selection of photos everything from bucket collections to cake bakes!

Hope for Tomorrow also got together with the NHS for our inaugural Partners Day. The event provided a platform for all the medical teams to meet and discuss all things MCU and share best practice.



MCU Partners Day



Tadley Fundraisers



Saffrey Champness Bake-off



## LeMans *Celebration Dinner*

On Thursday 4th June we return to the Clothworkers' Hall London for our second fundraising Le Mans Celebration Dinner. Once again we have joined forces with the spinal injury charity Aspire. We will be celebrating all things 'Le Mans', with some inspirational drivers present such as David Richards CBE, Ross Brawn OBE, John Surtees OBE, Derek Bell MBE, Richard Attwood and David Brabham to name but a few. Some spectacular cars will be on display including a Porsche GT1 1997, a Porsche 993 GT2 Evolution 1 and a Lola T 380. A big thank to you to event sponsors:



## Moir Tours

## 10th Annual Charity Polo Day

On Saturday 27th June, Hope for Tomorrow's **Annual Charity Polo Day** will take place, once again, within the beautiful grounds of the Beaufort Polo Club, Westonbirt in Gloucestershire. Sponsored by ARI Fleet UK, this year is very special indeed as it is the 10th Anniversary of the event, which since it began back in 2006, has raised in excess of **£282,000!** Both VIP and Day tickets are available. Please see our website for details of how to book.



On 30th May, Hope for Tomorrow were one of 3 lucky charities supported by this year's **Rock Against Cancer** which took place at the Kings Arms in All Cannings, Wiltshire. Rock Against Cancer was an idea thought up by John 'Grubby' Callis, Andy Scott and Richard Baulu, which they launched back in 2013 and their aim is to raise awareness and much needed funds for cancer charities. Amongst the legendary bands playing were Squeeze, Lindisfarne, The Animals, Howard Jones and Sweet plus many more.

We would like to say a big thank you to John, Andy, Richard and all the team for choosing to support Hope for Tomorrow with this truly amazing event.



Hope for Tomorrow are one of three charities chosen to benefit from this year's **Silverstone Classic** event which takes place on 24th, 25th and 26th July, and we will be there accompanied by one of our next generation Mobile Chemotherapy Units, giving attendees the chance to step on board and take a look around.

The Silverstone Classic is an annual three-day car and race event at the UK's Silverstone circuit, home of the British Grand Prix. This year the event celebrates its 25th Anniversary and promises to be a very special year indeed. For full details and special Hope for Tomorrow ticket prices visit [www.silverstoneclassic.com](http://www.silverstoneclassic.com)



## KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING

There are many ways in which you can play your part in keeping the wheels turning on our Mobile Chemotherapy Units across the UK.

Here are just a few:

### Fun with Fundraising

Fundraising events come in all shapes and sizes. You could have a cosy gathering at home, a cake bake at school or work, or a bigger get together in the village hall. Here are ideas from some of our wonderful supporters: New Romney Scout Group have planned a fun Scouts Chocoholics Evening; Vivace Voices in Reading supported us through their spring concert, Andy Heap is having a fundraising gig for us at the Nelson Inn in Cirencester to celebrate his 40th birthday.

Go to the, 'Get Involved' page of our website where you will find guidance on setting up your events, fundraising ideas, sponsorship forms and information on how to donate the funds you have raised. If you have any questions, just email [info@hopefortomorrow.org.uk](mailto:info@hopefortomorrow.org.uk) or call **Clemmie** on **01666 505055**.



*Appoint take on 3 Peaks Challenge in 24 hours!*

### Charity Days at work

From holding a fundraising dress down day to a corporate golf day or gala dinner, the opportunities are limitless. You can have great fun and promote team spirit, all whilst supporting Hope for Tomorrow. Past corporate fundraising events have included a Dragon Boat Race, a Make a Will Month, a Chilli eating competition and a Rowathon! If you would like to do something to support us in your workplace, get in touch for a chat.

### Challenges for Charity

Perhaps you would like to complete a personal challenge like running a marathon, climbing a mountain, riding your bike or even jumping out of a plane, and would like to take the opportunity to sponsor Hope For Tomorrow. We can let you have all sorts of fundraising materials to support you and will raise awareness about your efforts via our social media too. Just get in touch.

**David Lattimore** has just completed the London Marathon for us in a very impressive 4hrs 36minutes and feels fresh as a daisy! He also raised a whopping **£1,603!** Thank you David.



*David Lattimore*



**Gloucestershire supporter Justin Tepper** has decided to do a year long sponsored 'Hair-a-thon' to raise funds for us.

Justin said, *"Most people shave their heads to support cancer charities in solidarity or sympathy with patients undergoing Chemotherapy. In true 'TEPPER' style, I have decided to go completely in reverse. On the 1st Feb 2015, I had my head shaved (excluding eyebrows) and removed a beard that had adorned my face for nine years. The objective was not to shave or cut my hair for a year, not even a trim".*

Justin is now 4 months into his sponsored year long Hair-a-thon and just look at the regrowth since he began in February. Justin is pictured above sporting the up to date look, and posing with Actress and television presenter Sophie Aldred. Justin said *"Four months and no shave for Hope for Tomorrow - I've lost where my hair ends and beard starts!"*

If you would like to sponsor Justin, please go to his page at **Just Giving** [www.justgiving.com/Justin-Tepper](http://www.justgiving.com/Justin-Tepper) and don't forget to look on Facebook for his progress and in the next newsletter for an update. We are enjoying following his progress and appreciate his commitment to this long term project!





## SUPPORTERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our supporters come up with so many different ideas when they set their minds to raising funds for us. They have one thing in common; they are all about people getting out and enjoying themselves whilst raising funds to make a difference. All donations, however big or small, make a difference to Hope for Tomorrow as we work to bring cancer treatment closer to home for chemotherapy patients across the UK. We appreciate the hard work that goes into making these events a success.

### Corporate



Corporate partner **Acorn Solicitors** have recently held a 'Make a Will Month' which was a great success raising nearly £3,000 for Hope for Tomorrow. Not only did they manage to raise funds, but the awareness gained for both Hope for Tomorrow and Acorn Solicitors was hugely beneficial. 60% of the money raised was gained by new clients. David Sinclair, Partner was thrilled, "It was great to give local people an opportunity to make their Will and give to a great local charity. We also met some lovely people who shared their experience of how 'Bumble' made a real difference to their cancer treatment."



**Vanguard Healthcare** recently made Hope for Tomorrow their Charity of the Year and their team have thrown themselves into fundraising in a variety of ways. Not only have they signed up for payroll giving but they have also been holding 'dress down days' in the office and even signing up for their local Tough Mudder event taking place later in the summer. Welcome on board Vanguard!



### Individual

**Margaret Perkins**, together with a group of friends, organised a Fancy Dress 50's & 60's Evening, at **Bisley's American Diner**, inviting diners to, *"Rock around the Clock"*. This was an evening of dinner, music and dancing. When asked how the evening had gone, Margaret said, *"It rocked!"*

The best thing about the evening was seeing everyone enjoying themselves and participating in dressing up 50s & 60s style. There were prizes for best fancy dress and a raffle. We would like to thank Margaret and all her helpers for a fantastic donation from the evening, of over **£2,000**.



### Community



*Nicola Merry*

Keen **Gloucestershire** supporter **Nicola Merry** is organising two events for us this year. The first is a **walk from Cinderford to Gloucester Hospital** on August 1st and then in September, when everyone has recovered, there will be a disco in Cinderford. If you would like to support Nicola and all those joining in the walk of nearly 15 miles, you can sponsor them via [www.justgiving.com/Nicola-Merry1](http://www.justgiving.com/Nicola-Merry1)

The disco will be held at the Miners Welfare Hall in Cinderford on Saturday 19th September. For tickets, call Nicola on **01594 829416**.



**Rotary Club of Reading Abbey**, who have already supported Hope for Tomorrow at their 2015 Gala Dinner, have opened registration for their **Englefield 10k Run**, which takes place on Sunday 30th August 2015. It is also a lovely opportunity for a family day out with a 3.5k course for under-15s and a family 2.8k walk round the park whilst the races are on, so everyone can enjoy the beautiful surroundings. To find out more, or to register as a runner or walker, go to [www.Englefieldrun.info](http://www.Englefieldrun.info)

## MEET ONE OF OUR FUNDERS

In each issue we like to introduce you to the stories and people behind the scenes. John Prizeman is the President of the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) and to mark their 150th Anniversary in 2018, the MBF are funding a number of new Units, which will launch across the country.



**Can you explain your role in the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF)?** As President of the MBF I am appointed to serve as chairman of the MBF Board of Trustees of which there are twelve who freely, in every sense of the word, give their time and expertise to apply and distribute our funds in accordance with the wishes of our members.

**What made the MBF choose to support Hope for Tomorrow and our MCU project?** The MBF originally learnt of Hope for Tomorrow when our members in Wiltshire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight raised money to support their local MCUs. The trustees of the MBF were so impressed by the enthusiasm and support given in these Provinces that they commissioned a report to determine whether further nationwide support could be given. It was then agreed, that to celebrate the MBF 150th Anniversary in 2018, the Fund would make a phased major grant to HFT.

**What do you like about being involved with our MCU project?** The MBF felt that HFT had inspirational

leadership and was economically administered by a small devoted team with a proven track record in enabling NHS Trusts to operate a much needed chemotherapy facility in local communities.

**How do you feel that supporting Hope for Tomorrow benefits the MBF?** We can be certain that our members generosity is providing a service to the community at large. Since launching our Sesquicentenary appeal our members have embraced the cause, they all know of a family member, friend, neighbour or work colleague who has required cancer treatment and all appreciate the benefit that a HFT Mobile Chemotherapy Unit can provide in the local community.

**Raising funds for charity is clearly very important to the MBF. How much have you raised since the MBF was started nearly 150 years ago?** We have distributed in excess of twenty five million pounds to individual petitioners and worthy causes since being founded in 1868 by our then Grand Master The Rev George Raymond Portal.

## GET IN TOUCH

Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer in some way. Do you have a story to tell? Perhaps you have been treated on one of our Mobile Chemotherapy Units, or you know someone who has had to travel long distances for chemotherapy. We would love to hear from you.

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