



Bringing cancer treatment closer to home



THE QUEEN'S AWARDS
FOR ENTERPRISE:
INNOVATION
2016



The Queen's Awards are made annually by HM The Queen and are given for the highest levels of excellence demonstrated in either International Trade, Innovation or Sustainable Development. Only 243 Awards have been given out in 2016, with 92 of these in the category of Innovation and we are one of only three charities to receive an award this year. What this means is that our Mobile Chemotherapy Units have been recognised for their cancer care at the highest level which will help Hope for Tomorrow build on this achievement and drive us forward to our ultimate aim of having at least one MCU in every county.

For full details visit Queen's Award website: www.gov.uk/queensaward



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### **Dear Supporter**

I am so proud to be writing to you announcing that we have won a prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise in the category of Innovation, particularly as it is the Queen's 90th Birthday this year. I am delighted and honoured that our work has been recognised in this way as it is the UK's highest accolade for business success. I hope this Award will help us achieve our aim of having at least one MCU in every county, bringing cancer care closer to patients.

It has been a busy start to the year where we have not only launched our 10th MCU in West Suffolk but we are planning the launch of our 11th MCU in Colchester which will take place in the summer – we have even moved offices in amongst this! (see our new address details on the back page)

With so much news to catch up on in the following pages, all that remains for me to say is that we would not be where we are today without your support and I am extremely thankful to you all.

**Best wishes** 

Christine Mills MBE Founder and Trustee



On Thursday 24th March, 'Frisbey', our West Suffolk Mobile Chemotherapy Unit was launched at West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds by charity Patron Martin Brundle.

'Frisbey', who is named after Martin's grandmother, is our 10th MCU, a significant milestone for the charity. Working in partnership with West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust our MCU has already commenced treatments at their first location which is Thetford.

This MCU is the fourth to be funded by charity supporters The Mark Benevolent Fund. On behalf of all the patients this Unit will help across the county we are so grateful for their support.

Please visit our news item on our website for more information and pictures from the day of the launch: www.hopefortomorrow.org.uk/news-and-events/west-suffolk-mobile-chemotherapy-unit-launch-day-follow-up/





# Coming soon – Our 11th MCU!

Hot on the heels of our West Suffolk MCU launch we are thrilled that our 11th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit has been allocated to Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust in East Essex, who will be the second NHS Trust Partner to receive one of our second generation Units (West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust being the first).

operate from, Colchester General Hospital, with the name of the Unit, and potential initial

Colchester Hospital University

NHS Foundation Trust

treatment locations, to be confirmed nearer the launch date. Keep following future updates on our website.





Tickets are selling fast for our 11th Anniversary Charity Polo Day which takes place on Saturday 25th June at the beautiful Beaufort Polo Club.

VIP tickets are priced at £95 per person. This wonderful event over the years has raised over £316,000 for our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project.

To obtain a booking form or for more information contact Emma Bowles on **01666 505055** or via email: **emmabowles@hopefortomorrow.org.uk** 

### FAST FRIDAY at Castle Combe Circuit

Fantastic news for all you petrol heads out there: Hope for Tomorrow will be running their first Charity Track Day at Castle Combe Circuit on Friday 30th September. Charity supporter and motor racing personality David Brabham will be attending. David is the youngest son of motor racing legend Jack Brabham, one of our first charity Patrons who sadly died last year.

Supporters can book thrilling passenger rides in classic racing cars, either in advance, or by turning up on the day. Proceeds go to our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project. 'FAST FRIDAY' will be priced at just £30 for 5 laps, this will be a great opportunity to be driven around the famous Castle Combe Circuit in classic style. Watch out for further news to be published on our website and social media or contact emmabowles@ hopefortomorrow.org.uk





# **Autumn Classic** at **Castle Combe Circuit**

Once again we are the official charity for this year's Autumn Classic at Castle Combe Circuit taking place on Saturday 1st October the day after our FAST FRIDAY event.

With eight races the fabulous cars speak for themselves; a mixture of very ancient, vintage sports cars to sixties single seaters. The whole circuit will step back in time, with numerous club stands, displays and period style a plenty.



**CIRCUIT** 



### **Inaugural** Somerset **Volunteers Meeting**





At Hope for Tomorrow we really value our volunteers and as they undertake all sorts of tasks for us we thought it would be lovely to get our Somerset volunteers together to share ideas, and also to brief them on the detail of our Volunteer Programme. In fact it worked so well we are now planning to repeat this elsewhere across our MCU areas.



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# Meet one of our Patrons - Martin Brundle

In each issue we like to introduce you to the stories and the people behind the scenes. As a charity we are very lucky to have the support of our Patrons and we decided to ask Martin Brundle, who recently launched our West Suffolk MCU, to tell us why he supports Hope for Tomorrow and of course we couldn't resist the chance to ask some motor racing questions as well!

### What does the West Suffolk Launch mean to you and your family?

It means a great deal. First of all to know that this Unit is going to help a great deal of people, and those close to them, at an especially difficult time in their lives. It's a wonderful concept and I'm truly delighted that the tenth Unit on the road is associated with my grandmother.

### How long have you been involved with Hope for Tomorrow?

I really can't remember when Christine first approached me. It was probably for a fundraising event at Lord's Cricket Ground. I do know that having been seen great friends such as Stirling and Susie (Moss) and Ross and Jean (Brawn) launching Units I've been eagerly awaiting our chance to do something in East Anglia! Hopefully there will be more in the future.



### You must get asked to help with lots of charities; What made you want to support HfT?

HfT clearly has a motor racing background, but more importantly it has a clarity of purpose for a most important and impressive concept, and is a very efficient and enjoyable charity to be associated with.

### What did it feel like racing with your son at Le Mans?

As father/son experiences go, handing over a 210mph Le Mans car to your 20 year old son in the middle of the night at the incredible Le Mans 24 hours has to be up there somewhere. As I helped tighten his seat belts and briefed him quickly about the car and track I couldn't help thinking, 'this is madness, but brilliant'

### Tell us a little about your work with Sky...

I went kicking and screaming into the commentary box with the great Murray Walker in 1997 because I still wanted to be an F1 driver. 19 years later it seems that my racing career was a fact finding mission for my TV career. I've been very lucky and I now present and commentate for Sky F1 where we cover every lap of all of the 21 F1 races live on our dedicated F1 channel. Live television gives me about 30% of the buzz of being a racing driver which is as good an adrenalin 'fix' as I have found.

# Do you have any heroes in motorsport?

I have many heroes of course, and I'm lucky enough to have driven over 40 F1 cars stretching back to Fangio's 1954 Mercedes up to Hamilton's 2015 Mercedes to remind me of the greats. Not many people will actually believe that I was a team mate to Sir Stirling in the works Audi touring car team in 1981. I used to stand on the spectator bank at Silverstone and Brands Hatch in the 60's and never dreamed that one day I would count as friends the likes of Sir Stirling and Sir Jackie Stewart. They were pioneers and remain legends. Outside of motorsport my hero was Bobby Moore, the West Ham and England player who I briefly met once. He was a stylish and professional sportsman.



# What particular challenges do you think face the new and up and coming drivers?

Today's drivers have to tolerate a lot more media and PR work than we used to but at least the cars don't constantly try to kill or burn them. They are super fit and adapt their skills to suit the challenges and equipment of the day. It's impossible to accurately compare generations but the

truly skilful ones who can make the most of winning opportunities will always shine through in any era.

# What is the most exciting race you have competed in and why?

It has to be Monaco in an F1 car and Le Mans in a works Jaguar. Man and machine versus the elements on tracks which will punish you hard for any mistakes.

### ...Oh and one last question, who is going to win the F1 Championship this year?!

I'm not a betting man, I took too many risks to earn it, but Lewis Hamilton and Mercedes look solid again. I hope that his team mate Nico Rosberg and the Ferraris really make him sweat for it though.



Next February marks the 10th Birthday of the world's first MCU which we launched in Gloucestershire and named 'Helen' in memory of a dear friend of our Founder Christine Mills.

We are busy fundraising for a new next Generation MCU for Gloucestershire which as you know contains many



developments and improvements through our experience over the last 10 years. The original 'Helen' is much needed as a 'reserve' vehicle. With a growing fleet there is more demand for a reserve MCU for occasions where MCUs are undergoing routine maintenance. This makes sure that there is continuity of service for patients whilst their own MCU is off the road.

So far we have raised over £60,000 towards our £247,500 total and we are hopeful that we will achieve this in the coming months – Please help us reach our target!





# Challenge Yourself

# Why not set yourself a personal challenge or target to raise?

We have fundraisers doing everything from running marathons, non stop cycle rides for 24 hours through to dinner parties for paying guests. Have fun whilst you're fundraising...







## Get in touch with HfT fundraising team...

by calling us on **01666 505055** or emailing: clemencyrubinstein@hopefortomorrow.org.uk We will put you in touch with our Regional Fundraisers who can help you decide how to challenge yourself!

# Supporters in the Spotlight



## Corporate

We welcome Andover based Active Staff Employment Agency, who were so inspired by the concept of Mobile Chemotherapy and its benefits to the community, that they have chosen Hope for Tomorrow as their Charity of the Year.

Lisa Armstrong, Director, said, "Active Staff are delighted to be supporting Hope for Tomorrow. We were made aware of the

Mobile Chemotherapy Unit (MCU) back in September, and we all soon realised what a valuable and inspirational service was being offered, right on our doorstep.

Several of our team have had their lives affected through friends or family members suffering with cancer. As such, this is a cause that we feel extremely passionate about. Active Staff will be doing all we can to support Hope for Tomorrow."

### Individual

The late Michael Dingwall was a keen supporter of Hope for Tomorrow having been treated on board Elaine in Lincolnshire.

He spoke eloquently to local press who visited the Unit in January, having rearranged other appointments to be there. He also expressed his appreciation in the form of a generous and unexpected cheque donation on the day.





Hadley O'Dwyer from Sussex heard about Hope for Tomorrow via Kent supporter Sue Cheesmur and decided to run the Brighton Marathon for Hope for Tomorrow. He completed the run in 3 hours 31 minutes and has raised nearly £1,000 so far. Not content to stop there, on 17-18 June, he is participating in the gruelling Vätternrundan in Sweden, a 300 kilometre 24 hour bicycle ride around Lake Vättern. If you would like to see how he is getting on or to sponsor him, please visit his fundraising page:

https://www.justgiving.com/hopefortomorrow2016



# Community

John Morgan, Provincial Grand Master for Somerset Mark Master Masons, as his 2015/2016 charity chose to supply a replacement NSV, for the Somerset MCU named 'Big Bumble'! The plan was to work towards a fundraising target of £15,000 from the many charity events planned across the length and breadth of the Province.

Happily, congratulations are due to brethren of the Mark Province of Somerset, as by 12th April 2016, the target had already been exceeded and the princely sum of £17,548 had been raised.

On Monday 25th April 2016, The Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by his Deputy Philip Voisey and nine members of his Provincial Team, travelled to Musgrove Hospital in Taunton where the Somerset MCU is based. There they met the replacement NSV nicknamed 'Little Bumble', for the first time and joined NHS staff and Hope for Tomorrow Fundraisers.

The Provincial Team were invited to view the very comfortable interior of the MCU. After a short explanation about various items of equipment within the unit and a few happily answered questions about ever improving the facility, John Morgan was pleased to announce, to the delight of the nursing and fundraising staff, that further funds for 'Big Bumble' would be forthcoming in the near future.



# Community

February 6th, and London Welsh Male Voice Choir arrived to sing in the stunning Gloucester Cathedral.

Cobbles glistened in the rain as keen ticket holders, sheltering under umbrellas, dashed inside. They were rewarded with wonderful renditions by the choir in English and Welsh in many styles and punctuated by special guests; the enchanting soprano Carly Owen and Gloucestershire rising star, 12 year old violinist Hannah Brookes-Hughes. This magical evening, organised by Gloucester Rotary Club, raised over £2,500 for Hope for Tomorrow including match funding from Barclays Bank Cirencester of £1,000. These funds have been put towards our appeal for a new Gloucestershire Unit (see more on Page 8).

These are just a small selection of our amazing supporter stories – please visit our website's 'News and Events' section to catch up on all our supporter news.

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. All donations, however big or small, make a difference and we appreciate the hard work that goes into making these events a success.

### And in the next issue...

We'll be telling you all about:

Chemotherapy in the Community our 2016 awareness week which will take place from 10th -16th October... Save the date!



#### Summer event round-up

including Le Mans Dinner and the 11th Charity Polo Day and more from around the country.

### Colchester Launch!

Our 11th MCU

#### Gloucestershire New Unit Appeal update



### **Preparations for Christmas!**

Yes, too early to mention the word, 'Christmas', but we are already choosing our selection of cards for this year and plan to have them on sale in time for your return from summer holidays; keep checking the



website for updates and be ready in plenty of time this year!

# Giving with confidence

We know that when you make a donation, whichever charity you support, you will want to know that the organisation is committed to best practice, that they are responsible in the way they fundraise, dedicated to honesty and accountability.

We respect your privacy and if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter or to be contacted by the Charity, please let us know, and we will update our records accordingly.

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