



Hope for Tomorrow

Bringing cancer treatment closer to home

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Pictured: Christine Mills - Founder of Hope for Tomorrow, Ross Brawn, his wife and father at the launch of our Berkshire MCU

Our 6th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit launches in Berkshire

On **Page 3** you can read about our brand new Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit - the sixth to be launched by us and the latest in a national roll out programme

A new Patron

We have just welcomed a new Patron on board. Turn to **Page 7** to find out who it is

Highlights from our Gala Dinner

You'll find photos and the grand total raised from our 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner in December on **Page 8**





Dear supporter

What better way to start the New Year than with the launch of our 6th Mobile Chemotherapy Unit in Berkshire, which was launched by Ross Brawn OBE and is named 'Teddy' in memory of his late mother. You can read more about the Berkshire launch day, and also the forthcoming launch of Unit 7 for Lincolnshire, here in our February 2014 Newsletter.

Also enclosed, you'll find important dates for your diary with regards to fundraising events that we're planning to hold during 2014.

Best wishes,
Christine Mills MBE
Founder & Trustee


Our 7th Mobile Unit to be allocated to Lincolnshire

We are delighted to announce that United Lincolnshire Hospitals will be the seventh NHS Trust to receive a Mobile Chemotherapy Unit from Hope for Tomorrow.

The unit will operate out of Pilgrim Hospital, Boston with treatment locations likely to be in Grantham, Spalding, Louth and other coastal areas.

The Trusts haematology and oncology teams identified a Mobile Chemotherapy Unit as the ideal option for the delivery of chemotherapy closer to home, across the county.

Dr Kandeepan Saravanamuttu, Clinical Director, said "Securing a Mobile Chemotherapy Unit is great news for cancer patients in Lincolnshire. It will allow us to extend our chemotherapy service across the county and significantly reduce the amount of travel time for some patients who currently have to attend either Lincoln or Pilgrim hospital for their treatment. We are grateful to Hope for Tomorrow for their support and look forward to launching the service in May".

United Lincolnshire Hospitals 
NHS Trust



The Pilgrim Hospital in Boston which has recently undergone extensive redevelopment including a new Accident and Emergency Department and a £4 million state of the art Intensive Care Unit



Grantham Hospital which is mainly an acute hospital built in 1874 and serves Grantham and the local area

Berkshire Launch

Launching our Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit

On Thursday 23rd January 2014, Ross Brawn OBE launched our sixth Mobile Chemotherapy Unit, which will work out of it's launch location of the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, and will be operated by qualified staff from Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

The Unit will visit West Berkshire Community Hospital, Thatcham and Townlands Community Hospital, Henley.



Ross cutting the ribbon

Alistair Flowerdew, Acting Chief Executive and Medical Director of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, said; "We are delighted at the generous support being provided by Hope for Tomorrow."

The Mobile Chemotherapy Unit will make a huge difference to the many people who will be able to have their treatment in their own neighbourhood rather than having to travel considerable distances to hospital."



Ross, his wife Jean, father Ernie, sister Lisa, brother Roger and sister-in-law Susan

We'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone who made the launch of the Berkshire Unit possible, including the countless supporters who have raised funds towards the build and running of the Unit. Also to the staff of the Royal Berkshire Hospital for making us so welcome and of course to Ross and his family for joining us and making the day even more special.

Our Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit was funded by the Derek Butler Trust

"I am deeply honoured to have been asked to launch Hope for Tomorrow's Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit. I know how much difference this facility can make to patients meeting the challenge of beating cancer. My mother succumbed to cancer and the vehicle has been very kindly named after her with the nickname my dad gave her, which is 'Teddy'."

Ross Brawn OBE, former British Motor Racing Engineer and Formula One Team Principal

 The Derek Butler Trust

Events Calender 2014

May



The official launch of our Lincolnshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit, Pilgrim Hospital, Lincoln ~ date to be announced shortly.

The official launch will be followed by smaller mini-launches where the public are invited along. If there is anyone in the Lincolnshire area who would like to see this MCU out in the community, then do let us know.

Thursday 29th May: Le Mans Dinner, The Clothworkers Hall, London, organised by Aspire, in aid of Hope for Tomorrow and Aspire

To celebrate the Le Mans road race, taking part on 15th June, the organisers look to invite a number of motor enthusiasts to enjoy a French themed evening in the City.



June



Saturday 28th June: Hope for Tomorrow Polo Day, Beaufort Polo Club, Gloucestershire

This will be the 9th event we've held at Beaufort Polo Club and this year our main sponsors will be ARI Fleet UK. Over the years, the event has raised a staggering £257,000 for our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project. Both VIP and Day Tickets are available.

Sept

Friday 12th September: Golf Day at Sonning Golf Club, Berkshire

In partnership with the Royal Berks Charity, raising funds for the Berkshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit and the Berkshire Cancer Centre.

Sunday 14th September: Badminton 10k Run, Badminton Estate, South Gloucestershire

The run is back in September by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort. The feedback from the 2013 participants was fantastic, so we're aiming to make this year bigger and better! The event is family friendly and is open to first time or seasoned runners as well as walkers, families and dogs.



Sunday 28th September: Bunbury Celebrity Cricket Match

In 2012, the Bunbury Celebrity Cricket team (captained by our very own Patron, Dr David English), came to Bath to help us put on a fundraising event like no other! It was a fun-filled day which raised over £12,000. In September they're coming back with a bang... this time to Canterbury.

In their 27 year lifespan, the Bunbury Cricket Club has raised £15.75 million for different charities, which is a fantastic achievement. See www.bunburycricket.com for more details.

Dec

1st - 7th December: National Awareness Week

Raising awareness about what we do, all over the UK. More details to follow, so watch this space!

If you're organising an event to raise money or awareness for Hope for Tomorrow and would like it listed online, please get in touch.

New Year, new you...

Challenge events are a fantastic way to set yourself an achievable fitness goal to make new friends and go on an adventure. There is a huge variety of events out there now, most people don't know where to start! So we've picked some of the best experiences out there, available from Discover Adventure. They have been in the industry for 20 years and recruit leaders who are professional, friendly and experienced at running challenges all over the world.

w: www.discoveradventure.com

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Hadrian's Wall Weekend

Hadrian's Wall originally ran from coast to coast and spanned 72 miles. Today we are left with only sections of this famous landmark, which cuts through Northumberland National Park. Starting at Lanercost Priory, we trek for 25 miles (41km) alongside the only remaining sections of the wall, admiring ancient monuments, beautiful scenery and the skill of the Roman engineers who built this famous landmark, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



A group of walkers trekking alongside part of Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland

Chasing the Sun

This is a long, tough day which serves as a demanding challenge with excellent opportunities for adding team-building or competitive elements. It combines the use of bikes, being on foot and water in the beautiful Lake District. The sense of achievement and camaraderie at the end will be unforgettable!

London to Paris Cycle Ride

Cycling from London to Paris is one of the great cycle experiences in Europe. Passing through picturesque Kent countryside, we cross the Channel and continue through the small villages and medieval market towns of Northern France. With long days in the saddle and some strenuous hill-climbs, the sight of the Eiffel Tower, our finishing point, will evoke a real sense of achievement. Our last day in Paris allows us to explore the sights and soak up the romantic atmosphere of this majestic city!



Cyclists on various legs of the London to Paris cycle ride - taking in beautiful countryside and sites in the capital city of Paris

Supporters in the Spotlight

Welcoming a new Patron

"I first met David and Christine Mills in the early 1980's. My company, at that time, was launching a range of mobile workshops and needed professional PR. A mutual friend effected an introduction and the rest, as they say, is history.

David and Christine, or as I often referred to them 'the dynamic duo', played a significant part in promoting a business concept that ultimately led to my wife and I creating a successful nationwide fleet management company, Fleet Support Group.

Following David's untimely passing my wife and I offered Christine whatever help she needed in establishing her vision for Hope for Tomorrow and, as a result, our company Fleet Support Group became a major sponsor.

Christine's invitation for me to become a Patron is very humbling and I feel very privileged to be a part of this dynamic organisation."

Geoffrey Bray, Patron, Hope for Tomorrow



Geoffrey Bray, Hope for Tomorrow's newest Patron

The Abbey View Medical Centre raises £1,000!

The staff at Abbey View have been fundraising for our MCU project through a book exchange. By not putting a price on the books it catered for all pockets, with some patients being very generous. Sarah Bradford-Pike, IT and Data Quality Manager said "The practice always tries to fundraise for local services so their patients get the benefit, and the Chemo Unit is a good example of improving our patients experience of cancer treatment when we are not close to our local hospital."



Staff at the Abbey View Medical Centre. L-R From left to right, Carol Jay, Sarah Barford-Pike and Jackie Hodson

Chosen charity for Kingsdown Golf Club

This year we've been nominated as the charity of the year for Kingsdown Golf Club, in Corsham, Wiltshire. They have a number of events planned throughout the year and have already raised £703 through their Captains Drive In event.

Ladies Captain Lynn Thornton said "The reason I chose the charity, and persuaded the other Captains to do the same, was because we have a number of members who have suffered from cancer or have relatives and close friends who have had cancer."



All four Captains together for the 'Captain's Drive In' event at Kingsdown Golf Club

"Many of them talk about the distances they have to travel for chemotherapy, the time they wait and the unfamiliar surroundings, in buildings without a personal touch. I felt strongly that the type of care provided on a more personal and individual level, closer to their homes in a less fraught environment would aid progress and definitely help with morale."

10th Anniversary Gala Dinner

£55,000 raised!

On Tuesday 3rd December 2013 we held our 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner at Quaglinos in central London, where a host of very special guests including Hope for Tomorrow Patrons Sir Stirling Moss OBE and Lady Moss, Derek Bell MBE and Dr David English CBE MBE OSCA joined us to mark the occasion.

Also in attendance were television and radio presenter Gloria Hunniford, former 'Bond Girl' Fiona Fullerton fresh from taking part in 'Strictly', Ross Brawn OBE and Martin Brundle, former F1 motor racing driver and Sky Sports commentator.

Attendees at the event enjoyed a Champagne reception, followed by three course sumptuous dinner with fine wines, a live and silent auction (with our Auctioneer being none other than Lord Archer), and a diamond raffle.

We were then entertained by legends of rock including Kenney Jones (Small Faces, Faces, The Who), Josh Phillips (Musician with Procol Harum, Producer), Jim Cregan (Guitarist for Rod Stewart), Pat Davey and Jim Stapley, performing as 'The Hope Band', who were absolutely sensational and had everyone up singing and dancing to some favourite tunes including 'Maggie May', 'Desperado' and 'Whiter Shade of Pale'.

The evening raised a fantastic £55,000, which will go directly towards our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit expansion project, helping to bring cancer treatment closer to home for more patients.

We'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone who joined us on the evening and made the event possible.



NHS Trust special

Driving our Mobile Chemotherapy Units forward

A great many people contribute towards the success of our Mobile Chemotherapy Unit project, but where would we be without the dedicated Unit drivers?

Meet Ann Hollands, the Mobile Chemotherapy Unit Driver for 'Kayleigh'. She takes the MCU to each location and then sets it up ready for the arrival of the nurses and the patients. She has been involved with the Unit since December 2013.

What did you do prior to becoming a member of the MCU team?

I was employed as a driver for Facilities at Salisbury District Hospital, and was then used by SDU (Sterilization and Disinfection Unit) to deliver clean surgical equipment to, and collect the dirty instruments, from BMI hospitals. Before that I was a Police Officer in the Metropolitan Police, a Driving Instructor, car delivery driver and a Postie.

What particularly do you like about being involved in the MCU project?



Ann Hollands, the Wiltshire Mobile Chemotherapy Unit driver

Together with the team, actually being able to make a difference to the patients and their family's lives. It is such a unique resource, and as a Hospital we are very lucky to have the MCU based here.

How have you seen the MCU benefit cancer patients?

Some patients who don't have their treatment on board the MCU have to spend a few hours travelling to and from the hospital, and can experience a wait once they arrive before receiving their treatment. They could otherwise use this time with friends and family.

Do you recall a particularly nice comment that a patient has made to you about receiving their treatment on board the Unit?

One patient looked forward to having their treatment on the MCU as it made them feel special. Having their treatment with the same people over a period of time meant that it became more of a social gathering. They looked forward to catching up with each other's news over a cup of tea and because of this, the time passed very quickly.

What do you think about the MCU project?

I think it is a wonderful idea and can ease some of the burden felt by people, during a particularly stressful period of their lives.



Hope for Tomorrow have been chosen to benefit from Nationwide's Community Match Scheme between January and April 2014, where the charity with the most votes in each branch will win £500.

How Can You Help?

Each branch of Nationwide will be encouraging their customers to vote. We've been chosen in 5 branches:

Cheltenham : 225-227 High St
Cirencester : 26 Dyer St
Gloucester : 28 Westgate St
Swindon Croft : Pipers Way
Swindon : Regents Street

If you bank with Nationwide, pop in and cast your vote! We'll be announcing how we do later in the year.

Santander Foundation

UK bank Santander uses it's Foundation to provide Community Plus grants of up to £5,000 to small local charities or local projects of national charities.

The scheme is designed to be quick and simple to use and nominations can be made by charities as well as Santander customers and staff. Just visit any Santander branch and complete a Community Plus Nomination. The completed form should then be dropped into your local branch.

There are no closing dates and entries will be considered by a panel of staff drawn from across the region once every two months. Successful charities will be notified within two months of submitting their nomination.



Big Give Christmas Challenge 2013

A 'Big' thank you for all your help with the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

With your support we reached our target of £12,000! This online matched funding event raised an incredible £11million for over 387 participating charities.

Our thanks also go to the national women's magazine Candis who had selected us as one of their chosen charities.

Debbie Attewell, Editor of Candis said: "We are delighted that the Candis Big Give was able to help Hope for Tomorrow reach its target. Health is at the heart of everything we do at Candis, so being able to support Hope for Tomorrow's Mobile Chemotherapy Units for cancer patients was a privilege."

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.

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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