

Much activity at the UCLH Cancer Centre site

Anyone working or living near the former UCLH Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (Maternity) Hospital will be aware of the major building work taking place. As this photo shows the foundations are soon to be laid and a reduced level dig is taking place to construct the pile wall capping beams. The construction of a temporary loading gantry along Huntley Street (opposite the UCL Cancer Institute) will be operational imminently. The piling around the site perimeter has commenced and a second stage of digging to a reduced level in order to form the basement slab has commenced.

All this is very exciting for the new UCLH Cancer Centre and the contractors SKANSKA have said they are well on target and even slightly ahead of the timetable for completion of the building by late 2011! The site has received a visit by the Considerate Constructor Inspector resulting in a score of 35/40 – which is extremely good.

The fundraising is gaining momentum and hopefully more and more friends of UCLH will make donations. The Charitable Foundation are happy to meet people and patients to share how they might help in many different ways. This newsletter brings information regarding fundraising events and news. Congratulations in particular to those Cancer Consultants who are recommending their patients to assist in the fundraising. Contact is being made to Trusts and Foundations, Corporations, and philanthropists to give support.



Building work starting on the site of the new Cancer Centre on Huntley Street

Each further Newsletter will highlight work in progress and bring news of the various exciting developments.

PLEASE COMMENT THIS PROJECT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Major Donation received for UCLH Cancer Centre

Early in March a substantial donation of £750,000 was received from the Trustees of the Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund. This is very important to the fundraising campaign and will be an encouragement for others who are considering making a grant.

Kay Kendall was a well regarded actress and died at the young age of just 33. She was married to Rex Harrison who

cared for her throughout her illness with Leukaemia. She will be remembered especially for her starring role in the film Genevieve. In 1984 under the will of the late James Sainsbury the Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund was established.

The UCLH Charitable Foundation are very grateful for this tremendous gift.

Update on the Fetal Medicine Unit

The Fetal Medicine Unit (FMU) has a team of highly skilled consultants and midwives offering specialist care for pregnant women and their families when there is a concern about the health of an unborn baby. UCLH Charitable Foundation has recently funded the purchase of a new fetal scanning machine which aids diagnosis and treatment of conditions detected in the womb, allowing experts to identify a range of problems including Down's Syndrome, heart defects, Spina Bifida and growth problems.

Every day this new scanning machine enables staff to treat and support the families of 30 unborn babies, making a tangible difference to their lives.

We are looking to raise money to purchase these monitors, at a cost of £15,000 a piece. This technology does not come cheap, but every donation brings us one step closer to a better experience for families.

Dr Pran Pandya, Director of the Fetal Medicine Unit, says 'the aim of our unit is to reassure parents when there are no problems and in those circumstances where there may be a problem to help provide accurate information and to support the family through the pregnancy. Ultrasound technology is advancing at a rapid pace and new equipment ensures that we can provide the best diagnostic imaging available'.

Dressed for success

We have recently designed some UCLH Charitable Foundation t-shirts, specially for those dedicated supporters who take on our challenge events. Sign up to one of our events and you could be the proud owner of one of them!

Update on the Sarcoid/CFA Fund

Donations to the Sarcoid/CFA fund continue to be gratefully received by the team working in the Sarcoid Department at the hospital. Some of the current research, which has been ongoing over the past few years, involves using a combination of population and functional studies to develop transitional research tools that may ultimately provide valuable prognostic information and identify potential therapeutic targets in Sarcoidosis. In 2007 donations received by the Charitable Foundation for the Sarcoid/CFA Fund helped purchase a Nano Drop ND8000 UV-VIS Spectrophotometer which enables highly accurate analyses using tiny amounts of sample with remarkable reproducibility. Using this technology has significantly facilitated functional studies by reducing the number of cells needed for each experiment.

Good luck to...

Our awe and admiration goes out to the following people who are making the ultimate commitment to supporting our work through taking part in our events. Our best wishes go out to them on their personal journeys.

Jeremy Banks has already raised an amazing £7,000 by taking on the challenge of a lifetime and climbing Kilimanjaro. Jeremy has held an awe inspiring three events so far, widening support and raising awareness, with more to come before his final challenge in June – thank you Jeremy!

We already have twelve people who have committed to cycle 400 miles from London to Paris in July. Our very best wishes and support to: Brian Taylor, Kieran McDaid, Asma Ashraf, Simon Corben, Chantelle Donald, Gordon McInnes, Pam O'Donoghue, Matthew Huggett, Steve Pereira, Helen Gamble, Nick Benn and Kate Collister. There are still spaces available if you are interested in joining these fearless cyclists!

Star UCLH Fundraiser



From left to right: Steve Hopper, Representative of The John Hartson Foundation, Adam Bloom, Comedian, Hannah Persaud, Jeremy Banks and John Hartson

On the 24th June 2010, Jeremy Banks, a Financial Systems Analyst from UCLH, will set out on the challenge of a lifetime, to climb Kilimanjaro. Before he does this, he is tasked with raising £3,600 to go towards the new cancer centre. Not one to be defeated Jeremy has already raised over £7,000. From organising an online auction, to a live gig night, to a comedy night, Jeremy has proved that you can do anything you set your mind to. If you would like to support Jeremy please go to www.justgiving.com/JeremyclimbingKilimanjaro.

Santa Fun Run 2009



Dr Pereira's team of Santas took on the challenge again in 2009

Last year, on Sunday 6th December, the rainiest morning of the year, hundreds of Santas descended into Greenwich Park. Grouped underneath the sparse protection of trees, huddled around umbrellas, or simply braving the elements and getting drenched, all of these people had one thing in common, they were all running 5k to support charity.

ULCH Charitable Foundation benefited from incredible support, with Fundraising Events Manager Hannah Persaud rounding up 19 people to take part.

A huge congratulations to all of those who braved the elements in the spirit of the festive season, and an extra special congratulations to Dr Matthew Hugget (Research Registrar), whose wife Jen gave birth to a baby girl later that very evening, four weeks early. Jen was responsible for recording race times on the day, but clearly her baby did not want to be left out of the running!

Update on the Young Person's Unit

The Young Person's Unit (YPU) cares for patients aged 13-19 with chronic and acute illnesses other than cancer (the Teenage Cancer Trust Unit shares a floor with the YPU). These illnesses include rheumatological, gastrointestinal and endocrine disorders, many of which are life-long and some of which can be life threatening. The YPU helps patients cope with their experiences.

Through UCLH Charitable Foundation the YPU was extremely fortunate to have benefited from 3 years of support from the law firm Taylor Wessing. This support included the funding of a multi-function room in the YPU which is used as a 'den' by most of the patients. This area is equipped with comfy sofas, a plasma screen and a DVD library, offering young patients a home from home. Taylor Wessing's support came to an end in early 2010 and we are now seeking new corporate support to help continue paying for equipment and resources for activities taking place at the YPU such as arts and crafts materials and books.

Update on the Cancer Clinical Trials Unit Fund

The UCLH Charitable Foundation is supporting research into Photo Dynamic Therapy (PDT) as a new, non-invasive treatment for pancreatic and bile duct cancers. PDT uses a low power laser combined with a light-sensitive drug (sometimes called a photosensitising agent) to destroy cancer cells. Depending on when a diagnosis is made, most patients with pancreatic or bile duct cancer usually live for just a matter of 6-9 months, even with palliative chemotherapy. Given the currently dismal survival rates for patients treated with the established regimes, a minimally invasive treatment capable of local destruction of tumour tissue - with low side effects - may have a place in the treatment of these diseases.

Over the last year, the UCLH Charitable Foundation has part-funded a second gastroenterology oncology research nurse within the Trust, to support the national phase III PHOTOSTENT-02 trial of photofrin PDT in locally advanced or metastatic biliary tree cancer, led by UCL/UCLH. Ongoing funding has also enabled a phase I pilot study of verteporfin PDT for patients with locally advanced pancreatic cancer to commence at UCLH in 2009, the first such trial of pancreatic PDT in the world. It is expected that further support will lead to a continued expansion of our portfolio of studies aimed at improving the survival and quality of life of patients with these deadly cancers.

Update on the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital/CAMLIS

The Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital has been a place of research and education in Homoeopathy since its foundation in 1849, and later on in other complementary therapies as well. But when the library collections of the Faculty of Homeopathy and the British Homeopathic Association were dispersed to various parts of the country, the hospital was left without a library service. A plan was made to start a new specialist library for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, and with the help of the UCLH Charitable Foundation the amount of £120,000 was raised to kick-start the project. Gerhard Bissels took up the post of librarian in April 2007, and developed a funding concept under which the Complementary and Alternative Medicine Library and Information Service (CAMLIS - www.cam.nhs.uk) is a joint venture between the RLHH, other healthcare providers, academic programmes and professional bodies in CAM in the UK and beyond. CAMLIS has since grown to a membership of 3,000, serves two universities and a fast-growing number of professional bodies, and has built up a substantial collection of both print and on-line resources.

Without the start-up funding which the UCLH Charitable Foundation and the League of Friends of the RLHH raised, CAMLIS would not have been possible. CAMLIS is open from Mon - Fri, 8.45 - 5.00 pm.

UPDATE ON THE NEONATAL UNIT

Donations received for the Neonatal Unit are vital in allowing the staff to maintain a high standard of care whilst using the best equipment possible. The donated funds go towards the purchase of state of the art incubators, research and equipment for the developmental care of babies on the Unit. The Neonatal Unit are extremely grateful for all the donations and support given to them.

Events in 2010

SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2010

THE ASICS BRITISH 10K RUN

This is a fantastic 10k run through London's city centre, taking in some of the world's most famous and historic landmarks, including Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral and Tower Bridge. Last year around 30,000 people took part in this event and the atmosphere was incredible.



Runners for UCLH Charitable Foundation in last year's 10k

WEDNESDAY 14TH-SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2010

LONDON TO PARIS BIKE RIDE

Join in on this trip of a lifetime and raise valuable funds for the new UCLH Cancer Centre.

Connecting two of the world's most chic capital cities, embark on this challenge of a lifetime. Cycling through beautiful English villages and into the stunning countryside of rural France, you'll pass historical landmarks, soaking in the richness of both cultures before arriving at your final destination in Paris.



Brian Taylor in Paris at the end of the London to Paris Bike Ride 2009. Brian is cycling again for UCLH Charitable Foundation in 2010

Twelve people have already signed up to do this bike ride - places are going fast, so please get in touch if you are interested.

AUGUST 2010

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

Scaling the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales is not everybody's cup of tea - but for some determined individuals it will become a reality this year. This physically and mentally demanding challenge is perfect for those wanting to test both themselves and the strength of their team - this is a great one for companies to pitch themselves against each other!



Our three peaks team in colder times in August 2009

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2010

ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON

The perfect taster for those considering doing a full marathon, this is a truly beautiful route that takes in the Royal Parks of London. This autumnal run provides superb views of Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Marble Arch, the London Eye, and the Royal Albert Hall. There are limited places left for this challenge so don't delay!

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2010

LONDON BRIDGATHON

Join us on the annual UCLH London Bridgathon across eight miles and six of London's bridges. This gentle meandering walk is the perfect opportunity for friends and families to get together and have a great day out.

DECEMBER 2010

SANTA FUN RUN

Join more than 1,000 Santas next Christmas in Greenwich Park as they run 5k. A free santa suit is provided with every entry.

Legacies make a difference

Since the Cancer Centre development was started there has been real interest in a number of individuals letting John Gray at the UCLH Charitable Foundation office know they are making the 'UCLH Cancer Centre' a feature in their will. One lady has made provision that when she dies her house will be sold and the proceeds used for the ongoing work of the UCLH Cancer Centre. Another gentleman has agreed to make a substantial gift of money to the Cancer Centre when he dies. If this is of interest to you then please let your solicitor know that you wish to make a provision in your will. You will need to ensure that you give the correct information, this being: **UCLH Charitable Foundation, Registered Charity Number 1077638, for the UCLH Cancer Centre.** The address of the Charitable Foundation is: 3rd Floor East, 250 Euston Road, London NW1 2PG. If you intend to do this then please let John Gray know. A gift in memory is a wonderful way to say 'Thankyou'.

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UPDATE ON THE EARLY LUNG CANCER DETECTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMME

We continue to support ground breaking research being led by Dr Jeremy George and his team in the Early Lung Cancer Treatment Programme.

The UCLH Early Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment Project set up by Dr Jeremy George has now been running for 8 years and has recruited over one hundred patients with lung abnormalities that are thought to lead to lung cancer. Lung Cancer is the biggest cancer killer in the world and little is known about its early development, or how to stop early lesions progressing to full blown cancer. This group of patients had been followed by Dr George in the hope that first and foremost he can detect lung cancer early in these patients. This has been a huge success with over 20 lung cancers being detected early enough for their successful treatment. These patients kindly donated samples taken from their lung (tiny biopsies) to laboratory based projects. Dr Sam Janes, another lung cancer physician at UCLH, has been recently recruited to examine these samples. One of the first projects he proposes is to examine why some of these early lung cancers progress to full blown cancer but others disappear. He believes looking at the differences between these samples will lead to clues in the design of new therapies to stop lung cancer progression. Dr Janes said ".....the samples generously donated by these patients are a unique resource in the world and they may answer many questions about the early development of lung cancer.....".

The Early Lung Cancer Detection Project is now seeking funds that can purchase the assays required to answer these important questions.

It's not only the taking part...

If you are keen to support us, but events just aren't your thing, there are many other ways in which you can help. It may be that you could approach a local bike shop for discounted products for our London to Paris cyclists, or that you have a car boot sale on our behalf – perhaps you are best friends with Gordon Ramsey and could persuade him to host an event for us! Whatever you think you could do to help us will be greatly appreciated, please email Hannah on hannah.persaud@uclh.nhs.uk if you would like to brainstorm some ideas or propose a new one.

DONATION FORM

Please support UCLH Charitable Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ E-mail _____

I would like my donation to support;

- The new Cancer Centre
- The Fetal Medicine Unit
- The Young Person's Unit at UCH
- Research taking place in the Cancer Clinical Trials Unit
- Research into Early Lung Cancer
- Research into the treatment of Sarcoidosis
- The Neonatal Unit

I enclose a donation of £ _____ (state amount)

Please make cheques payable to "UCLH Charitable Foundation"
To make a donation by credit or debit card please call 0207 380 9558

- I want my donation to be eligible for Gift Aid. I pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity will reclaim on my donations in the tax year.

Signed _____ Date _____

Request for information (tick appropriate box)

- I would like information about making a regular donation
- I would like information about leaving a bequest in my Will
- I am not on your mailing list for UCLH Fundraising News but would like to receive it in future
- I would like information about payroll giving
- I would like to be sent a brochure containing information about the new Cancer Centre
- I would like to receive information about events

**Please send your completed form to UCLH Charitable Foundation,
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