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Brokenhurst Speaker Supper

THE New Forest volunteer group held another of its highly successful Speaker Suppers at the Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club. This very well attended event enjoyed an excellent supper before listening to guest speaker Professor Iain Cameron, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and a Trustee of Wessex Medical Trust, give a fascinating talk reviewing the wide extent of the medical research currently being undertaken in Southampton.



We are extremely grateful to Professor Cameron who, despite many other calls on his time, has been able to attend a number of our events since he was confirmed as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine last summer. As well as providing a most convivial evening, the event was successful in raising over £1,000 for medical research.

On Sunday 5 June, New Forest volunteer group are staging a concert at the Nuffield Theatre, University of Southampton. Presented by Esther Rantzen, the programme will include a variety of operatic pieces performed by international stars Diana Montague and David Rendall and members of their family. Tickets at £18, £16 and £10.50 are available from wendy.burchall@wesmed.org.uk or the office on 023 8059 9028 or direct from the Nuffield Theatre: 023 8067 1771.

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Final Grant for 2010

WE were pleased to confirm in December that a further grant, of £75,000, had been made to Professor Paul Townsend and his team to continue and expand their work on breast, prostate and (now) ovarian cancer biomarkers. This research work is now making great progress and we are very pleased to be able to maintain our support. We hope to be able to include a 'situation report' in our autumn Newsletter.

Taking part for WMR

THERE are two important events coming up during the next few months where you might like to become involved (in a financial sense, at least!).

On 30 May, WMT Trustee Fleur Kitsell will be taking part in the BUPA London 10,000 Run. She will be running to raise money for Wessex Medical Research (of course!) and would welcome any pledges of sponsorship from our supporters.

The seemingly indefatigable Roger Allsopp is also in training, to undertake yet another Cross Channel Swim which is scheduled for late August. If he is successful (and we all hope he will be), he will qualify as the oldest Briton to achieve this feat. We are sure that many of our supporters will wish to be associated with what could be a pretty historic event by providing some sponsorship for Roger.

If you would like to sponsor Fleur or Roger (or both!), please contact Wendy Burchall on wendy.burchall@wesmed.org.uk or call the office : 023 8059 9028.

Midge Fieldhouse

WE are very sad to have to report the death of our Patron and former Trustee Midge, Lady Fieldhouse. The widow of Admiral of the Fleet Lord (John) Fieldhouse, Midge gave an enormous amount of support to Wessex Medical Trust over a period of nearly 20 years and was responsible for the formation and, until prevented more recently by ill health, the active support of the Gosport and Lee volunteer group. The very well-attended funeral service was held in St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent, where Midge and John had been married. WMT were represented by Pamela Kimber, Wendy Burchall and Peter Dawes.



Contacting the Office

IN recent years, our efforts to reduce the costs of running the Charity have meant that we have cut down on the number of staff employed. One of the results of this is that there are quite often times when the Office is 'unmanned', particularly on Mondays and Fridays (and especially when there have been events over the weekend which have required attendance). Whilst we are naturally sorry we cannot provide a full response service during the working week, we hope that our supporters will understand and agree with the reasons for this. We do of course have a voicemail on our main telephone line but for the same reasons, it may take some days to pick up any messages. If you need to contact us urgently, probably the best way is to email Wendy Burchall on wendy.burchall@wesmed.org.uk or telephone her on 07792 586243.

Winchester revival

AN interest evening was held at the home of Jenny and Chris Dixon with a view to re-establishing the Winchester volunteer group. The event was introduced by Mike Killingley, Chairman of Trustees, and contributions were made by Patron Pamela Kimber, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Iain Cameron, and Dr Roxanna Carare who explained to us how she is using her recently awarded Innovation Grant to further her research into the causes of Alzheimer's disease. The evening was well attended and we are now organising a 'real' fundraising event: an evening at the Bangkok Brasserie Thai restaurant in Winchester on May 8th. Tickets are £20. Sales to date are very encouraging and we are looking forward to a very successful evening: please join us if you can.

Please give us a regular contribution

We hope you are reading this Newsletter because you have an interest in furthering critical medical research in the Wessex region. As we try to show, in order to continue our vital work, it is very important that we can rely on a regular income flow. Therefore, if you are not already one of the significant number of our supporters who contribute to our funds by way of Standing Order, we would urge you to become one. Your regular contribution does not have to be large and it can be monthly, quarterly or annually at your choice. **Please complete and return to us the mandate form contained on pages 5 and 6.** This can either be in the "fold over and stick down" form provided or if you prefer, you can put the form in an envelope: in either case you can send it to the Freepost address at no cost. Thank you in anticipation.

Hungary comes to Romsey

DURING the dark days of winter, the enlightened members of Romsey volunteer group organised a very successful Hungarian evening. As well as a very tasty supper, the group served up some excellent entertainment in the form of a genuine Hungarian café orchestra. In addition, not only did they brighten up proceedings by liberally spreading lighted candles around



the room, their hard work both before and during the event was crowned with a sparkling profit of £2,500. A truly remarkable achievement and thanks are due not only to the members of the volunteer group but also to the many supporters who gave so generously to a very good cause.

In Memoriam

*Since our last newsletter, we
have received donations in
memory of:*

**Midge,
Lady Fieldhouse**

*We extend our sympathies to
her family and friends and our
gratitude for the donations
received*

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Quiz and Chips sell out

ANOTHER sell-out event was staged by Salisbury volunteer group when they held their latest in what is now becoming a regular annual Quiz and Chips evening. Graham Heely once again acted very capably as quizmaster and a very convivial time was enjoyed by all at Winterbourne Earls Village Hall, in the process raising over £1,250 for medical research. Well done,



and thanks to all concerned. Sadly, this also marked the last occasion when Beth Robertson (*pictured above, right, at an earlier event*) was there as Chairman. After some six years very energetically leading the volunteer group, Beth has decided to take a break: we thank her for all her hard work on our behalf and look forward to welcoming her and husband James to our events in the future.

Dates for your Diary

2011

Sunday 17 th April	London Marathon
Sunday 8 th May	Winchester Thai Banquet
Tuesday 17 th May	Romsey Coffee Morning & Plant sale
Thursday 19 th May	Volunteer Evening
Sunday 5 th June	New Forest Nuffield Concert <i>Compered by Esther Rantzen</i>
Thursday 16 th June	Gosport & Lee Soup & Sandwich
Sunday 3 rd July	New Forest Hog Roast
Sunday 16 th July	Romsey Cream Tea
Thursday 15 th September	Gosport & Lee Interest Evening

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Friday 10th February Salisbury Quiz & Chips

***Please check the website for additional activities and give us
your active support wherever you can.***

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