


Welcome

 Welcome to the fifth edition of the Cancer Community Update from the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. This update is designed to keep you informed of local research news, engagement activities and news from the wider cancer community in Merseyside and Cheshire. To comment or contribute please contact Local Engagement and Development Manager Emma Squibb on 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185, email [emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk](mailto:emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk)

### Southport Run 10K

Runners joined celebrities in an emotional 10K run for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 17 October. Taking part were Hollyoaks stars Phina Oruche, Emma Rigby and Melissa Walton, as well as 90s pop pin-up Anthony Kavanagh.



Phina Oruche ran on Sunday in memory of her sister Roxanna Floyd who died in January.



The Southport 10k was supported by researchers from the Centre and Bill Greenhalf gave the opening speech. The run is expected to raise more than £198,000. [Read more](#)

### *Fearless Fundraising for Clatterbridge Cancer Research*

Clatterbridge Cancer Research's first Firewalk took place on Saturday 16th October. Walking on coals heated to four times the temperature required to make skin blister and burn is not an undertaking to enter into lightly but the training given by Tony Ferrol from [BLAZE Firewalking](#) had the participants pumped up and ready to go.

A large crowd of friends, family and well-wishers gathered to offer their support, crowding around the 20ft pit and applauding the firewalkers as they assembled. If any remaining doubt lingered in the minds of those taking part it didn't show for a second as one after another they marched across the burning embers to the cheers and encouragement of those watching.

*"Strangely enough, when my turn came around I wasn't scared, I was energized... The rush I felt was amazing and I actually wanted to go again! I really would recommend this challenge to anyone – once you've done it, you genuinely feel like you can do anything."* - Laura

[Watch video here](#)



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## Yoga in the Park Saturday 2 October

Martina Angi, Kerryanne Crawford, Neville Cobbe, Alan English and Emma Squibb represented the Centre at the Liverpool Yogathon on Saturday 2 October in Sefton Park. The event was organised by Liverpool Yoga & Wellbeing Centre, with proceeds to Cancer Research UK.



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## Widnes

The CRUK shop in Widnes has raised £1.35m since it opened in 1987. Now Cancer Research UK, on Widnes Road, aims to top this total with a store re-launch following a complete refurbishment.

CRUK thanked Halton residents and the store's 35 volunteers for their 'unrelenting support'. Mayor of Halton Marie Wright attended and cut the ceremonial ribbon with long-serving volunteer Joan Cubbon, of Widnes, on October 6th.



Joan has served at the shop since it opened. Store manager Iain Morley said: "The volunteers are the heart and soul of any charity, and the way they hold our vision and policies so dear can be seen in the fantastic service they have provided over the years."



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The Mayor and Mayoress of Halton (pictured above top) will be visiting the Centre on 15th November.

### CRUK Supporter Conference

On Friday 15th October, 29 local CRUK Supporters attended a conference here at the Centre. As well as hearing an update from the charity's Regional Volunteer Manager Edith Laidlaw and science presentations from Prof Francis Barr and Dr. Sarah Lake, the supporters were also shown the labs by Prof Barr, Dr. Ulrike Gruneberg, Dr. Lakis Liloglou and Dr. George Nikoldaidis.

A further Thank You event for individuals and companies who supported Race for Life will be held at the Centre on Monday 15th November.


## Cancer Research UK Merseyside & Cheshire Events Calendar



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Please contact Cancer Research UK Local Engagement Manager, [Emma Squibb](#) for details of how you can get involved.

### November 2010

- 8/9 [NCRI Conference](#)
- 13 Bangor Supporter Conference
- 15 Race for Life Thank You Event
- 17 Centre Visit - Liverpool City Council
- 19 [HPV Conference](#)
- 24 Speaker— [Dr Andrew McAinsh](#)
- 25 Priestley College Visit 
- 26 Fundraising Day at House of Fraser Birkenhead
- 29 Speaker— [Dr John Diffley](#)



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### Fundraising News

Unstoppable fundraiser Bernie Singleton, and Chris Jones, both of Wirral, raised over £1000 with their two night show "With a little help from my friends" on 15 and 16 October.

Bernie is now organising an event for **26th November at House of Fraser Birkenhead**. The store will be raising money for CRUK all day, with entertainment from in-store musicians and cheerleaders. There will also be a Fashion Show at House of Fraser on 4th December, proceeds to CRUK.

## *Liverpool Pastors celebrate baby Anna Margaret after 22 years of trying*

A **Liverpool** couple have told of their joy now the baby they prayed would come for 22 years has finally arrived. Pastors Susan and Shane Comiskey's hopes were rewarded on October 2 when baby Anna Margaret entered the world at Liverpool Women's Hospital.

The 8lb 4oz baby's birth was even more of a wonder because last year Mrs Comiskey, 43, underwent treatment for thyroid cancer which could have made her infertile.

Mr Comiskey said: "She really is a miracle, She is gift." His wife said: "Liverpool has been so good for us. We don't know whether to call her our little Scouse or our English Rose. We feel so overwhelmed and so grateful."

[Read more](#)



## *Liz McClarnon opens her heart about her mum Janet's battle with cancer*

Ex- Atomic Kitten singer Liz McClarnon spoke to the Echo recently about her mum's battle with cancer. Janet was diagnosed with lymphoma, last year. The 56-year-old, who is mum to Liz, 29, and her brother Joe, 24, still requires medical care. But the **Garston**-born star told how the cancer had given her mum "a real lease of life".

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## *Crosby cancer survivors raise thousands with charity music night*

A music night organised by two **Crosby** men has raised almost £8,000 for a cancer charity. Vince Killen, of Chestnut Avenue, and Dave Holmes, deputy head teacher at Holy Family High School, came together to create the Head-On 2010 music night to raise funds for the Mersey Regional Head and Neck Cancer Centre. The cause is particularly close to Vince and Dave's hearts as both are currently recovering from tongue cancer. [Read More](#)

## *Me and my operation: Surgeons made me a new bladder - from my bowel*

Bladder cancer affects around 10,000 people a year in the UK. Many have their bladder removed and have to wear a bag for the rest of their lives. Trevor Park, 54, (pictured) a health and safety consultant from **Chester**, avoided this thanks to a radical, new procedure, carried out in Liverpool. [Read More](#)



Useful links,  
statements and  
other local news

### Nationally

Harris Charity Brand Index has put Cancer Research UK in **top position** in the UK charity sector. [Read more](#)

A one week target to test patients for suspected cancer, a Labour election pledge, will not be introduced because of the cost and concerns in the Coalition government that there is not enough clinical evidence to support it. [More](#)

### Local News

My Pride in Cancer Centre—a £17m radiotherapy centre offering vital treatment to Liverpool cancer patients is almost complete. The building of the centre was supported by Marina Dalglish Appeal and it is now hoped that the centre could open in February. [Read More](#)

Congratulations to **Mark Boyd** et al. for a successful submission to FEBS Letters - leading biochemistry journal which specialises in short rapid publication of work meriting urgent publication. Their paper, *MDM2 promotes cell motility and invasiveness through a RING-finger independent mechanism* will be published, both in print and online, shortly.

The annual **Wirral Christmas Bazaar** in aid of **Clatterbridge Cancer Research**, takes place at The Grange Country Club in Thornton Hough. Thursday 4th November 6pm - 9pm and Friday 5th November 9:30am - 1.30pm [More](#)

Congratulations to **Prof. Bertil Damato, Dr Sarah Coupland et al.** for a successful submission to **Clinical Cancer Research** - the journal of the American Association for Cancer Research whose focus is to publish innovative clinical and translational cancer research studies that bridge the gap between the lab and clinic. Their paper *Genotypic profiling of 452 choroidal melanomas with Multiplex Ligation-Dependent Probe Amplification* will be published within the next couple of months.

**Clatterbridge Cancer Research** is inviting the people of Liverpool for an evening of nocturnal enchantment as it holds its first **Midnight Candle Walk** on Friday 12 November. Registration will take place at 11.30pm with the walk starting at the stroke of midnight. The charity hopes to see hundreds of families and individuals turn out for a spell-binding five-mile stroll around Sefton Park in Liverpool to raise money for cancer research. Individuals as well as groups of families and friends are welcome to take part and participants are encouraged to don fancy dress to add some theatrical sparkle to their after-hours walk. To register please visit [www.midnightcandlewalk.org](http://www.midnightcandlewalk.org) or call Sam at Clatterbridge Cancer Research on 0151 343 4300.

Some links to try.

[CRUK Christmas cards](#)

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[designer fashion online](#)



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