


Welcome

 **Welcome** to the first edition of the Cancer Community Update from the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre.

This update is designed to keep you abreast of local research news, engagement activities and news from the wider cancer community in Merseyside and Cheshire.



My name is Emma Squibb and I am the Local Engagement Manager for the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre. As much of the work of the Centre relies on the generosity of the public, communicating different aspects of our research portfolio to our varied supporters is very important.

I will be co-ordinating public engagement opportunities for the Centre and seeking to raise the profile of our work in Liverpool, Merseyside and Cheshire. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information about my role, forthcoming engagement opportunities, or to contribute to the next edition of this update.

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Race for Life 2010

The region's Race for Life Season kicked off to a great start in May with a fully booked event in Delamere Forest. Scientists from the Centre have also supported Races at Chester, Preston and Aintree. If you haven't already, you might consider joining thousands of women across Merseyside & Cheshire as they walk, jog or run 5k to help beat cancer.

Organisers are also looking for volunteers (men and women of all ages) to help on the day, setting up, marshalling, handing out medals etc. During July there are events at Warrington, Wirral, Sefton Park, Knowsley and Haydock. (dates on page 3).

www.raceforlife.org or call **0871 641 1111**



Strawberry DNA Extraction Volunteers are sought to represent Cancer Research UK and demonstrate Strawberry DNA Extraction at Sefton Park Race for Life (18th July) event. It's a simple procedure and a great way to interest and involve both children and adults in research. Volunteer [here](#).



Genetic Information to improve lung cancer risk model

Researchers at Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre have improved a risk model that calculates a patient's chance of developing lung cancer. It includes genetic markers that predispose a patient's chance of developing the disease. Professor John Field (pictured) said of the model, "It will provide a powerful method for the selection of future patients in screening programmes."

Dr Rosemary Gillespie, Chief Executive of The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, added: "This is an exciting and important new development in the battle to defeat lung cancer. This is especially exciting as it is our 20th Anniversary year. This progress is good news for all our loyal supporters who have funded this important work."



Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre



Cancer Research UK Centre Strategy

The Cancer Research UK Centres Initiative is one of the charity's highest priorities and it plays a major part in our five-year research strategy. The vision of the initiative is to develop long-term, sustainable Centres of excellence in cancer, delivering world-class research, improved patient care and greater local engagement.

The Cancer Research UK Centres are virtual partnerships working on a local level with universities, NHS Trusts, cancer networks and other charities, and on a national level with government and industry.

The Cancer Research UK Centres will facilitate team work between patients and professionals, fundraisers and researchers. We hope that these partnerships will help deliver our 2020 [goals](#) and to achieve the greatest impact in the global fight against cancer.

In 2009 Liverpool became the second location to be awarded "Centre Status" and the Liverpool Centre was officially launched in November 2009.

[Cancer Research UK Centres](#)

Lab Tours

Volunteer staff from Cancer Research UK's shops in Old Swan, Huyton and Formby and local fundraising groups have been enjoying tours of the laboratories at Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre lately.

Comments left in our visitor's book include:

"Incredible..awesome..so clever..inspiring..so glad I came..what an eye opener...now we really know what the money gets spent on"

Further lab tours are planned for June and July 2010. Please contact Cancer Research UK LEAD Manager [Emma Squibb](#) for details of how to get involved.

Dr. Maria Maguire shows visitors around the GCLP Laboratories 27/05/10



Cancer Research UK Science Communication Roadshow

Staff from Cancer Research UK's Science Communication Team came to Liverpool on Wednesday 9th June to host the Science Communication Roadshow.

23 researchers from the Liverpool Centre attended the event which was designed to help researchers explain their work to supporters.

Activities included planning lab tours, getting involved with local media and fundraising, and dealing with common supporter questions like "Will there ever be a 'cure' for cancer?"



Back to Netball Festival

England Netball are a partner of Cancer Research UK and are trialling a Back to Netball festival on Saturday 24th July in Wavertree which will see 200 netball players from across the North West coming together to play a series of matches.

Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre has been asked to participate in the event, please contact [Emma Squibb](#) for more details.



**Cancer Research UK
in Merseyside
and Cheshire**



Thank you to everyone who has brought in donations for Cancer Research UK's Merseyside and Cheshire shops.

Since February 2010 over 100 bags of unwanted, good quality items (worth around £3000) have been gratefully received by our shop staff.

There are 2 Donation Stations, one in the foyer of Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre and another in the General Office of the Dept of Surgery and Oncology.

[Click here](#) for details of how to set up your own Donation Station.

Below: West Kirby Shop



**Cancer Research UK
Merseyside & Cheshire
Events Calendar**



= Researcher/ Scientist opportunity

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

July 2010

- 02 Boothwood Garden Party 🖐
- 02 Bernie's Charity Night (Leasowe Castle)
- 04 Warrington Race for Life
- 04 Wirral Race for Life 🖐
- 06 Lab Tour 🖐
- 08 Knowsley Race for Life (7.30 pm)
- 14 Retail Staff Conference (Chester)
- 15 Lab Tour 🖐
- 18 Sefton Park Race for Life 🖐
- 24 Back to Netball Festival 🖐
- 25 Haydock Race for Life 🖐

August 2010

- 22 It's A Knockout 🖐🖐🖐
- 29 Isle of Man Relay for Life 🖐

Later in 2010: 🖐

- Supporter Conference
- Formby Fashion Show
- Run 10K Southport (men & women)

Cancer Research UK Retail Conference

Dr. Joe Slupsky represented the Centre at the Paterson Institute in Manchester on 16th June, where he spoke at a conference held for Liverpool and Greater Manchester Cancer Research UK shop managers. Joe gave a presentation and answered questions about the Centre's areas of research. Shop managers from Warrington, Southport, St. Helen's and Widnes have expressed interest in arranging lab tours in Liverpool for their staff after hearing from about the work of the Centre.



Liverpool Carer's Day 17th June

LEAD Manager Emma Squibb, Alan English of Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit and fundraiser Bernie Singleton represented the Centre at Liverpool Carer's Day.

Around 1,000 people attended the event at St. George's Hall. Lady Mayoress of Liverpool Hazel Williams stopped at our stall and wished us well in our work.



Prof On Air

Centre Chair Professor John Neoptolemos recorded an interview with Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips on 6th May (Broadcast 23rd May.)



The Cancer Community in Merseyside and Cheshire

Early Awareness in Liverpool

Liverpool 
Primary Care Trust

Too many people in Liverpool discover they have cancer through A&E presentations. Liverpool PCT is working on raising awareness of cancer symptoms, to encourage people to consult their GP earlier.

The Liverpool Centre has been invited to be part of the steering group which will oversee the PCT's Early Diagnosis Action Plan.



Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service have joined forces with **Claire House Children's Hospice** to hatch the immense challenge of creating the first ever '[Liverpool Duck Race](#)'. This is the first time that thousands of rubber ducks will be set loose in the Liverpool/Leeds Canal at the Pier Head in a beak-to-beak race!

On Saturday 10th July 2010 at 12 noon in excess of 40,000 ducks will be released and the race will commence. With the chance to win some fantastic prizes and a 'quacking' atmosphere the day promise to be spectacular. What's more the day will also host the last ever abseil down the Liver Building and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service will be bringing along fire appliances, jet skis quad bikes and even the tallest fire-fighter alive!

Contact Helen on 0151 236 2933



Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an inspirational overnight event which brings together local communities to help beat cancer. Relay for Life events focus on fun for all the family—regardless of age or fitness—everyone is welcome.

On the day of the event everyone gathers at their local park, sports field or race track and take turns walking laps. Every team has one member on the track at any one time, while all around them, a party is in full swing. Every Relay for Life Event lasts between 12 and 24 hours and includes a Survivor's Lap of Honour and Candle of Hope Ceremony.

There will be a Relay event on Isle of Man on Sunday 29th August and there is currently a vacancy for a researcher from Liverpool to help launch the event. Please contact [Emma Squibb](#) for more details.



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Local People

Liverpool born MP and former Health Secretary Andy Burnham has taken a break from the Labour Party leadership campaign to be with his wife Marie-France Van Heel who recently underwent a double mastectomy operation. Miss Van Heel's sister Claire died of an aggressive form of the disease at the age of 39, and her mother and sister Louise are being treated for the condition. Miss Van Heel made the decision to have the mastectomy after a genetic test confirmed that she had the breast cancer gene fault known as BRCA1. [Read more](#)

Laura Pemberton (29) from Huyton married her fiancé Gareth Sumner on Friday 4 June. Doctors had advised the couple to bring forward their wedding plans 6 weeks ago after Laura was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer of the peritoneum. Local businesses helped organise a "dream wedding day" for Laura and Gareth after an appeal on Radio City by Laura's family. Sadly mum of three Laura passed away the following day. Laura's family have asked for donations to be sent to local cancer charities [Read more](#)

Useful

links, statements
and other local
news



Did you know 2010 is the Year of Health and Well Being in Liverpool and Knowsley?

[Click here](#) for a calendar of events across Liverpool including reading groups, family fun days, nature and culture walks, dance, arts & crafts, sports events and healthy cooking demonstrations.

As well as Cancer Research UK's Race for Life series, there are plenty of opportunity to get fit and raise money for charity at the same time in the following local sports events:

- [Penny Lane Striders 10k](#)—Sunday 4th July, Sefton Park
- [Liverpool to Chester Bike Ride](#)—Sunday 18th July
- [Big Heart 5k](#)—Sunday 8th August, Walton Hall Park
- Cancer Research UK's [Run 10k](#)—Sunday 17th October, Victoria Park, Southport

Liverpool LINK is an independent network made up of local people and organisations. The LINK's aim is to find out what people like and dislike about health and social care services and then work with the people who run these services to create lasting improvements.

Membership is free and open to all Liverpool residents and people who use health and social care services in Liverpool. Community based meetings are held throughout the year. In March 2010 Liverpool LINK published a report of their "Enter View" visit to the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. See a copy [here](#). For more information about Liverpool LINK, including how to join, [click here](#).

Also locally: [Knowsley LINK](#) [Sefton LINK](#) [Wirral LINK](#) [Cheshire West and Chester LINK](#)

More local news:

New Liverpool Lung Cancer Health and Well Being Clinic opens at Aintree. This joint venture, part of the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative, brings together University Hospital Aintree, Citizen's Advice Sefton, Woodlands Hospice and MacMillan Health Outreach. The Clinic will be held at the Marina Dalglish Centre. [read more](#)

Cllr Diane Reid has taken up the position of Mayor of Knowsley for 2010/11. Huyton-born Cllr Reid's chosen charities for this year include Lyndale Cancer Care, Woodlands Hospice Charitable Trust. [Read more](#)

Congratulations to Mark Boyd et al. for a successful submission to *British Journal of Cancer* - one of the top 10 cancer titles with the highest number of citations. Their paper, "Nutlin-3, the small molecule inhibitor of MDM2, promotes senescence and radiosensitises laryngeal carcinoma cells harbouring wild-type p53", "will be published, both in print and online, within the next couple of months.

REPRIEVED—Treasury Chief Secretary Danny Alexander has confirmed that the £451m project to build a new Royal Hospital will go ahead after all.

Useful Links

- [Cancer Research UK](#)
- [Cancer Research UK News and Resources](#)
- [Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre](#)

Contribute

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