

Welcome to the latest 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. Please contact Local Engagement and Development Manager Emma Squibb to contribute or comment. emma.squibb@cancer.org.uk 0151 794 8823 or 07770 597 185

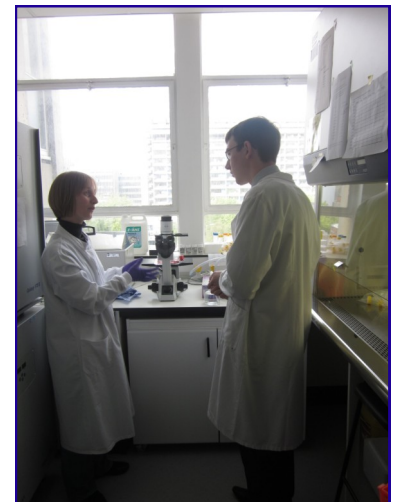
Councillor Jake Morrison Visits the Centre

Liverpool City Council's youngest member, Councillor Jake Morrison, (Wavertree) paid a visit to the Centre on September 14th, meeting with Senior Research Nurse Lorraine Turner and LEAD Manager Emma Squibb. As well as his City Council and constituency duties Cllr Morrison also works as a health care assistant at the Royal Hospital, so he was very interested to hear more about cancer in Liverpool, the work of our researchers and Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit.

Cllr Morrison also visited Steve Royle's lab and met with Fiona Hood who spoke about her research project and showed Cllr Morrison HeLa cells.

Cllr Morrison later tweeted, "Fantastic, inspiring and motivating visit to the Liverpool Cancer Research UK Centre."

Deputy Leader of Liverpool City Council, Cllr Roz Gladden, is due to visit the Centre on 24th October.



A huge thank you is due the Research Nurses at the Royal who have raised more than £1000 for Cancer Research UK with their Sandstone Walk, on Saturday 17th September.

Thank you to Helen Jeffrey, Laura Brown, Lorna Fleming, Mercy Mbuyongha, Pembe Yesildag, Lorraine Turner, Jane Armstrong, Diane Latawicz, David Fleming-Bird, Brian Hennie, Ann Leech, Christina Rigby and Clare Reid for helping to raise such an incredible sum. The group are planning to make the event an annual one and will be looking for more Liverpool based staff to accompany them

next year. You can still donate [here](#).

Cancer

news in Mersey-side and Cheshire



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

One in eight women will develop breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Do your bit to help us raise funds for future research.

Liverpool PCT urges girls to go for the jab

With cervical cancer currently the focus of a high-profile soap storyline, young women in Mersey-side are being encouraged to take a jab which could cut their risk of contracting the disease. As pupils across the city gear up to go back to school, the NHS is issuing a timely reminder to parents to ensure their daughters receive the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine (also known as the cervical cancer jab) if they're offered it this term. It comes after Eastenders character Tanya Jessop's recent discovery that she has cervical cancer. Cervical cancer kills around 1,000 women in the UK each year. The HPV vaccine protects against the most common high-risk types of HPV which are responsible for about 70% of cervical cancer cases, so opting for the vaccine could be a life-saving decision. [More](#)



"What's Yours"

Liverpool PCT's free alcohol awareness training

4 Oct: Picton Health Centre **13 Oct:** Garston Hospital

9 Nov: Yew Tree Health Centre **22 Nov:** Speke Health Centre

8 Dec: Picton Health Centre

11 Jan: Everton Health Centre **25 Jan:** Yew Tree Health Centre

7 Feb: Picton Health Centre

To book your place email info@healthdc.co.uk with your preferred date and venue and which session (morning or afternoon). For more information contact Val Andrews on 07968 711 779.



Congratulations to Carlos Rubbi, Nikolina Vlatkovic and Mark Boyd on the publication in JCB of their paper [The nucleolus directly regulates p53 export and degradation](#) . [more](#)

Congratulations also to Dr Joseph Slupsky who has been awarded a 3-year project grant from Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research for his project *Analysis of the functional interactions of Lyn, Lck and ZAP70 in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia cells undergoing BCR stimulation.*

Chris Holcombe, consultant surgeon at the Royal Liverpool Hospital has been appointed a trustee at Clatterbridge Cancer Research. Mr Holcombe is also an honorary senior lecturer at the University of Liverpool and is already working with the Wirral cancer charity's team of research scientists, led by Professor Rob Sibson. As a consultant general surgeon specialising in breast surgery, he has a particular interest in breast reconstruction and complex surgical aspects of recurrent breast cancer. [more](#)



Nic Jones
Chief Scientist

Professor Nic Jones formerly of the Paterson Institute in Manchester has been appointed Cancer Research UK's Chief Scientist.

Local Engagement



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.

October

- 04 The Story of Henrietta Lacks
- 11 LFC for Health Men's Health Session at the Breckfield Centre
- 12 Duncan Society
- 15 CRUK Supporter Conference
- 20 MCCN 10th Anniversary
- 24 Liverpool City Council Visit

Phil Thompson urges North Liverpool Men to Stay Healthy

Life expectancy for men in Anfield and the surrounding area is on average 10 –15 years less than men living in other parts of the UK. Cancer is responsible for many of these early deaths. For the past 12 months the Centre has been supporting a series of local men's health events organised by LFC for Health. LEAD Manager Emma Squibb and Senior Research Nurse Lorraine Turner went along to the second annual celebration event held at Anfield on 22 September. Emma was pleased to meet former Reds star Phil Thompson, who spoke to the audience about his time as a player, and the importance of keeping fit for one's family.

Liverpool Children's University Day—12th November 2011

The Children's University is a national organisation that provides 7-14 year olds exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. The Centre will be holding it's first Children's University Learning Day on Saturday November 12th. Up to 150 children and their parents will be visiting the Centre, which will be transformed into a market place for the day with stalls offering advice and information about:

Healthy Eating and Lifestyles, Cancer Treatments, Volunteering, , Careers in science and medicine, Cancer Trials, What is Cancer?

We will also offer practical activities including Strawberry DNA Extraction and viewing cells under a microscope. This event is a Centre initiative including support from Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology, Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Network, Clatterbridge Cancer Research, Liverpool Cancer Trials Unit, The Royal Hospital and Liverpool University.

Please help make this event a success by volunteering an hour or two of your time. Seeking researchers to demonstrate strawberry DNA extraction and to supervise microscopes. Contact [Emma](#) to volunteer.

Local People

Lucy Connell, from **Aigburth**, will be taking part in a charity run to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research UK to honour love of her life Ricky who she lost to leukaemia just months after they met. Read Lucy's story [here](#)



Ginger McCain, the four-time Aintree Grand National winning trainer, has died aged 80 after losing his fight against cancer. The **Southport**-born former taxi driver was highly regarded in the sport for a remarkable talent for spotting and training winners. McCain's greatest achievement was the three-time winner Red Rum, who became a national celebrity in the 1970s, but he had to wait nearly thirty years for Amberleigh House to win in 2004. Tributes have poured in for "Mister Aintree" from admirers and sports personalities. His son Donald has said: *"I'd like to think he's a legend. If I can do half as much with my life as he fitted in I won't have done too bad."*

Crowded Scouse

A former patient at a Liverpool specialist cancer unit is organising a fund-raising music night to support the research programme of the doctors and nurses who saved his life. Head-On 2011, which takes place on 14th October at the PanAm Bar, is being put on by Vince Killen, a former patient at Aintree University Hospital's Regional Head and Neck Cancer Unit. Vince, 50, from Crosby, was diagnosed with oral cancer in 2005 after he noticed a lump in his neck. He said: *"At first I thought it was an inflamed gland, but after five weeks with the lump I started to feel unwell, so I went to my GP. I was referred to Aintree and it was diagnosed as oral cancer."*



Vince said: *"I've not had any problems for five years which is great, but I don't like to tempt fate by thinking that I've had the 'all clear'."* As a keen bass player in the band Crowded Scouse, Vince arranged his first charity gig in 2009. It was such a success that he has held one every year since, attracting crowds of up to 400 and raising over £15,000 in support of Merseyside patient and carer head and neck cancer research.

Professor Simon Rogers, Clinical Director for the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree, said: *"Head and neck cancer is one of the few cancers to be increasing in prevalence, including in younger patients, yet there is still a real lack of awareness around it. Vince is proof that it can be beaten so I would encourage everyone to be on the look out for any symptoms."*

Head-On takes place on 14th October at PanAm, Albert Dock. Tickets cost £10 in advance and £12 on the door, with all proceeds going towards research and support for patients and carers at the Head and Neck Unit at Aintree University Hospital. For tickets and more information, call 07880783101 or, visit www.justgiving.com/Head-On-2011 visit the Head-On 2011 page on Facebook.

Together we will beat cancer

Other news

Santa Dash? A team of researchers will be taking part in the 2011 Liverpool Santa Dash. Register [here](#) then contact [Emma](#) to join the group



Did you know?

You can order or download Cancer Research UK leaflets, posters, brief sheets and other resources from our [website](#).

A new series of Early Awareness posters is now available for mouth, ovarian, bowel, skin and breast cancers. Order them [here](#)

Mersey Walk of Hope

'Clatterbridge your cancer centre' in partnership with Liverpool Unites for Alder Hey, invite you to join hundreds of people for our first ever Mersey Walk of Hope. Anyone can take part in this starlit walk around the world-famous Liverpool waterfront, with a choice of 5k & 10k routes.

Starting at 8pm, we'll be providing fantastic entertainment before and after the walk, with your night ending on-board the Mersey Ferry for a special mid-night cruise, giving participants a unique opportunity to see our stunning waterfront at night.

The money raised from the Mersey Moonlit Walk will help thousands of cancer patients and children at both **Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology and Alder Hey Children's Hospital**, funding some of the life-changing appeals that make both hospitals so special in people's hearts.

We already have hundreds of people registered to take part, join them today!

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