The UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre: Focus on Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy daycare, on the second floor of the new Cancer Centre, is a large area consisting of treatment bays and a central social atrium. It holds new, vibrant and comfortable furnishings and offers more treatment space to help us care for more patients.

The waiting area, located at one end of the atrium near the reception, is where patients will wait until being called by a nurse to the treatment area for their chemotherapy appointment.

The atrium is a unique space with seating, natural lighting and aims to provide an area that feels less clinical. This area can be used by relatives and patients alike and certain patients will be able to receive their treatment in this space.

The general chemotherapy treatment areas surround this atrium, with chairs and beds, are available to patients in a spacious setting, each with their own television. The nurses’ stations and medical equipment are based within these areas.

The Ambulatory Care Unit is also located on the second floor with an open bay treatment area and side rooms. Ambi care patients will come directly to this unit to receive their treatment.

Other benefits for patients receiving care in the centre include free Wifi, allowing patients to use their laptops freely. Patients will also be offered hot and cold food whilst receiving treatment and there is a café based on the ground floor. Pharmacy is also located within the building.

For more information about the new University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre please visit www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU and click the link on the homepage.
We welcome to the spring Wardlines and good luck to all those who are planning to run, walk or cycle for us this year. We look forward to seeing you at our regular events – the UCLH Charity Bike Ride, the British 10K London Run, the London Bridgeathon and the all new London Stadia Trekathon.

Special thanks to Janice Walker who raised £4,000 from a wonderful dinner and auction in memory of her husband Tony and to Lucy Hancock. After walking from Cornwall to Devon in four days with a team of six she organized a successful a dinner at the Woodberry Common Hotel. Thanks also to Robyn Koh and Penelope Whinnett for Recitals and to David Power for his Variety Evenings all in support of the Unit.

Funds raised by all these events and donations allow us to continue supporting and improving the patients experience within the Unit. We have raised an amazing £300,000 this year thanks to you all and you can read how we spend the donations and how we are improving our service in this and the next edition of Wardlines. Our Wish List can be viewed on our website www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU and how to make donations information is on the back page.

If we have inspired you with any of the activities in Ward Lines we would love to hear from you. We can keep you in touch with news and events via email – just send us your email address.

Lastly, if receiving Wardlines has inconvenienced you in any way, please accept our apologies.

Editorial
Sara Goldman, Editor
Welcome to the spring Wardlines and good luck to all those who are planning to run, walk or cycle for us this year.

At last, we are finally in the new Cancer Centre and I’m very pleased to say that the wait has been worth it.

Countless hours have been invested by staff and patients into the design and organisation – and it shows. I think the staff we have here finally have a working environment befitting of their skills and enthusiasm. It was a poignant moment when one patient proclaimed to Helen Keane our Haematology Daycare Sister that the building was great but their main concern was that the nursing doesn’t change. Looking now at a very empty, old, tired and cramped Rosenheim Building, it is clear that the staff were making the difference. The good news for patients – apart from that the nursing will not be changing – is that far from resting on our laurels in this great new environment, we intend to use it to continue to improve the service in all areas. There are many staff involved in complex work that will help us reduce waiting times and other aspects of the patient experience.

Apart from innovative services such as the new UCH Macmillan Support and Information Centre (which has to be seen to be believed), there are many excellent features in the cancer centre worth a look. The roof garden, the teenagers’ gadget clad floor and the art, to name a few. My favourite is the 2nd floor lounge that sits right in the middle of the largest chemotherapy floor I’ve ever seen. In the planning stage, patients told us that they would like an alternative to their chemotherapy chair, especially when undergoing long duration infusions. So we built an amazing lounge area that gives patients the choice to go and sit with their friends or other patients and chat over a coffee whilst having treatment – and all still under the care and observation of the same nursing team. Brilliant!

Haematology Life
by Stephen Rowley, Lead Cancer Nurse UCLH, Divisional Cancer Nurse

Date for your Diary
ROBYN KOH
HARPSCICHORD RECITAL
Royal College of Music
Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BS
Thursday, October 18th 2012 at 7pm

All proceeds to the Unit. For more information, please contact 0203 447 9526 or visit www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU

Red Cell Unit News

Members of the Red Cell Patient Group get together after a meeting in March to discuss Red Cell matters in the new Cancer Centre.

If you would like to join the Red Cell Patient Group please contact Sharon Robinson, Red Cell CNS on 0794382 6529 or email sharon.robinson@uclh.nhs.uk
For the past three decades, the standard treatment for patients with asymptomatic, advanced-stage follicular lymphoma has been a watchful-waiting approach, in which the use of chemotherapy is delayed until the cancer progresses, as this type of cancer is often slow growing before it becomes symptomatic.

This strategy has been based on research showing that there is no overall survival benefit in treating these asymptomatic patients immediately after diagnosis with chemotherapy. A watchful-waiting approach can on average defer chemotherapy for 2.5 years and this strategy is often preferred as it is thought to result in a better quality of life for patients. It spares them from experiencing the potentially debilitating side effects associated with chemotherapy at a time when they are feeling well.

Follicular lymphoma develops when a white blood cell – a ‘B’ cell – becomes cancerous. Rituximab is a monoclonal antibody that selectively depletes cancerous B cells. Rituximab has a more favorable side effect profile than chemotherapy and researchers wanted to determine if there was any benefit to treating this particular type of lymphoma with rituximab immediately after diagnosis in order to further delay the time until chemotherapy is needed.

Researchers funded by Cancer Research UK and sponsored by University College London randomized a total of 463 patients with asymptomatic stage 2, 3, or 4 follicular lymphoma to one of three treatment arms. In the first arm, 187 patients underwent a watchful-waiting approach. In the second arm, 84 patients received 375 mg/m² of rituximab once a week for four weeks. In the third arm, 192 patients received 375 mg/m² of rituximab once a week for four weeks followed by maintenance therapy with rituximab that was given every two months for two years. The primary endpoints of the study were time to initiation of a new therapy (chemotherapy or radiotherapy) and overall effect on quality of life. With a median follow up of 34 months the study has found that far fewer patients required a new therapy in both of the rituximab containing arms compared to the watchful-waiting arm. At 3 years from randomization 48% of patients in the watchful-waiting arm had not required new therapy, whereas 80% of patients in the rituximab induction arm and 91% of patients in the rituximab induction and maintenance arm had not required new therapy. Patients receiving rituximab maintenance had significantly less anxiety about their lymphoma and felt more in control of their situation compared to patients on watchful waiting. A total of 95% of patients in the study remain alive, with no difference in overall survival between the three arms at this time. The investigators are hoping to continue to collect information on these patients for many years in order to determine whether the responses to the first new treatment (which is likely to be chemotherapy plus rituximab) are any different in those patients who have already been exposed to rituximab compared to those who were initially observed.

“This study demonstrates that treating asymptomatic patients with rituximab can significantly prolong the time until a patient may require any chemotherapy” said lead study author Dr Kirit Ardeshna, “These results will increase the options for the management of newly diagnosed patients with advanced asymptomatic follicular lymphoma and it is likely that upfront rituximab therapy will prove popular with patients when compared with a watchful waiting approach”.

This was an intergroup randomized trial in patients with Stage II, III, IV, Asymptomatic, Non-Bulky Follicular Lymphoma (Grades 1, 2 & 3a).

### Nautilus Tip Location System

**Nautilus Tip Location System**

by Lizzie Holt, CNS for Central Venous Access

The Central Venous Access Team, within Cancer Services, is responsible for central line insertion, maintenance and aftercare for patients undergoing treatment for cancer and haematological conditions.

Traditionally, once a line is placed, a chest x-ray is taken to ensure it is in the correct position within the patients’ chest before being safely used.

The Vygon Nautilus Real Time Tip Location System is a tip-location system (TLS) that enables us to track the progress of a line on insertion. Patients will no longer need to have chest x-rays (and wait for results) and the line can be used immediately after insertion. Overall, line insertion procedure should be much more efficient for the patient and the team.

Thanks to a donation from the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit fund from Patricia Bernie in memory of her brother John, we were able to purchase one of these new units. We are in the process of evaluation – it looks great so far – and look forward to confirming its use instead of a chest x-ray soon.
The haematology daycare unit’s new apheresis machines have now been officially named after a competition open to staff, patients and families.

Helen Keane, Sister, said the new machines, donated by UCLH Charity, add to the existing six (named Kevin, Kylie, Ant, Dec, Ginger and Baby) enabling the expansion to meet the increased demand. Apheresis machines are used for stem cell transplants for patients with Leukaemia & Lymphoma, critically support patients with Myeloma and Sickle Cell Anaemia and are used in our National Referral Centre which provides the only 24/7 service for patients all over the UK with TTP (Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura).

There are to be eight new machines in all. The six winning names, all taken from Greek mythology and starting with an A – for Apheresis – were suggested by patient Andrew Buchanan. These include the two further machines, donated by LALU from the Kevin Steeds Lymphoma Fund and from Bluefin Solutions, in memory of Ian Curtis, due to arrive in May. Two machines have been named after the Rosenheim Building and Professor Sam Machin, for his contribution to haematology and especially TTP, who is retiring from UCH.

The eight are named as follows: Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Atlas, Rosie & Sam J.

The Apheresis Machines are Named

Education Fund

WITH THANKS TO TONY SACKER, THE ESTHER & IVAN KAPELUS EDUCATION FUND, THE LYNEE HORSMAN EDUCATION FUND AND DONATIONS FROM FUND 009, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PART SUPPORT NINE NURSES TO CONTINUE THEIR CLINICAL PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT.

MSC DISSERTATIONS: SIODHAN MCGUCKIN, IN CANCER CARE, JONATHAN HANBURY, IN LEADERSHIP & VIVIENNE JONES, IN EDUCATION

YEAR 1: BSC MODULE LEVEL 6: ANN-MARIE MARSHALL STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION HAE MAT / ONCOLOGY PRACTICE

ADVANCED ASSESSMENT FOR NON MEDICAL PRESCRIBERS (TOWARDS AN MSC): CLAIRE NICHOLAS & NIKKI BEAUMONT, CLINICAL PRACTICE PORTFOLIO TOP UP START OF BSC IN CANCER CARE: AMY COLADA

HAEMAGLOBINOPATHY COURSE: KRISTINA EKQUIVIST

HAEM-ONC COURSE THE ROYAL MARSDEN: STEPH RILEY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT NURSES EDUCATION OR SET UP A FUND IN SOMEONE’S NAME, PLEASE CONTACT SARA.

Brian’s Trek to Utrecht by Brian Kotz

On Sunday June 17th, I will be setting off for a walk from Crouch End in North London, where I live, to Utrecht in the Netherlands. I am walking to Da Capo, the wonderful record shop owned by my great friend Michel Terstegen who sadly passed away in July 2011 after battling stomach cancer.

Long distance walking is something that I love to do – so what better way to commemorate Michel than to challenge myself to walk from a city he visited dozens of times to enjoy some of his favourite music, to the shop where he shared his passion with the rest of the world?

The purpose of the walk is to raise money for the following:

The Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit of University College London Hospital (UCLH) is where I am proud to have been employed for much of the last five years; where my medical colleagues save lives as part of their job, where friends have been patients, and where patients have become friends.

http://www.uclh.org/aboutus/Campaignsandcharities/LLU/Pages/Home.aspx

The Oncology Department of the Diakonessenhuis in Utrecht, who looked after Michel and made him comfortable, the wish of his wife and son, Saskia and Ramses.

www.diakonessenhuis.nl/vrienden

It would be great if you could sponsor me for whatever amount you can!

Twins Kate and Lucy raised £80 for the Unit by selling cakes at Mill Vale Middle School, Dunstable.

The girls are great nieces of John Stevens who was treated in the Unit. His family donated £1,000 in his name towards backpacks and CADD Pumps for our Ambulatory Care Service.

Colin in OZ

You may remember Colin Craythorne who drove across Canada (Halifax to Vancouver) in his Citroen 2CV raising funds for our complementary therapy team. At the time of writing, he is driving across Australia (Melbourne to Cairns and back, approx 5,000 miles) in another Citroen. Our thanks – and admiration – goes to Colin.

The Julia Thornton Fund is supporting a day of complementary therapy, two MSc Dissertations and improving the Quiet Room on T13, plus other equipment for the ward.
Thank You for the Music
by Isobel Salisbury, the UCLH Complementary Therapy Team, Haematology

In February, Tom Hoyland and I had the pleasure of attending a Variety Evening organised by David Power. We enjoyed opera, magic, comedy, piano and song, ably compered by Jeannie Mitchell.

A fantastic amount of organisation, energy and time had been put into making this a wonderful evening – not only engaging the artists – but filling the venue! The atmosphere was buoyant and welcoming, and it was good to see quite a few children in the audience.

With amazing talent and variety, a great venue, easy transport and parking, the Variety Evening is well worth a try. We felt thoroughly entertained!

We were both extremely moved to attend this special evening and be part of something that has been put together for the sole aim of supporting our complementary therapy team in the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit.

Our grateful thanks to David Power for organising many successful Variety Evenings and we look forward to the next concert 27th October in Rosslyn Hill Chapel.

For details about the next Variety Evening please see the advert in this edition of Wardlines.

Britain V Cancer Trek including actress Charlie Brooks

Britain V Cancer is a very special and unique event – it is the first Open Challenge of its kind whereby everyone taking part will be raising funds for the cancer charity or hospice of their choice.

The Jordan Desert Trek entails five days of trekking starting at the Dead Sea and finishing in the red rock city of Petra. Accompanied by Bedouin guides you will trek through mountain and desert terrain using ancient trails. You will sleep under the stars en route to the beautiful city of Petra.

Gaby Stace and Mark Fincher are taking part in the Britain v Cancer Jordan Desert Trek to raise funds for the Unit. Read their story in the next edition of Wardlines.

For more about how to raise funds for our Unit on this amazing trek, please contact Sara or visit actionforcharity.co.uk

Running the Richmond 10K

Running the Richmond 10k was an incredibly emotional experience for myself and my wife, Samantha. The event was almost exactly on the fourth anniversary of my diagnosis. Our three children and their grand parents came to cheer us on during the day, which was by good fortune a beautiful, clear sunny day. The event gave us a prompt to get into good physical shape and to give something back to the Unit that gave us so much. We have both been overwhelmed by the generosity of friends, family and colleagues.

The run was both a celebration of my recovery and a celebration of us as a couple dealing with all the challenges of the past four years. Psychologically, I have been able at last to see my diagnosis and treatment as part of my past and no longer a part of my present. I would like to thank all the staff on the Unit for their compassion and professionalism, especially Professor David Linch and Jude Dorman.

Patients Christmas Party 2011

Thanks to the 120 patients, families and staff for coming to the 2011 Christmas party including special guests, Julian Rhind Tutt and Professor David Linch who addressed the guests and drew the raffle. Thanks also to Sophie Burdess for designing bespoke Christmas cards including the 2011 ‘Let it Snow’ which have all sold successfully and thanks to you all who bought the cards and raffle tickets!
The Virgin London Marathon 2012
By Daniel Court, Silver Bond Place

It’s been almost seven years since, aged 15 I was diagnosed with the rare blood disorder Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis and throughout my treatment was cared for by the Leukaemia and Lymphoma unit at UCLH. During my stay I benefitted from the expertise, love, and commitment of all the staff and my family was aware of the support given to the Unit by the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit fund.

For a fifteen year old, having to deal with the normal pubescent strains of the day to day, the work of the staff made such a hard period of my fellow patients’ lives and mine, bearable. When thinking back it is difficult to find the words to say exactly how grateful I am to them for all of their hard work. Perhaps it’s the simple day to day things, and the sensitivity shown towards the young patients that still stays with me to this day. Perhaps it’s the knowledge that available to me at UCLH, was such a devoted and hard working group of staff. Yet, it’s probably easiest to explain simply through the fact that during my five months in the Unit, when my fragile and still-growing body was struggling to overcome such aggressive treatment, I never once felt uncomfortable, isolated or alone. I hold all the committed members of staff solely responsible for this amazing and sincere phenomenon.

Since my recovery, I have finished school and am now in my final year of university at Bath Spa. I still firmly and passionately believe in the tireless and important work that all the staff on the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit are doing and have tried to fundraise and spread awareness of UCLH, the unit and its fund.

In 2010 I ran a half marathon in memory of two of the patients I befriended who were not as lucky as me to make it through. Running the Virgin London Marathon this year is but a small step towards showing my appreciation to everyone at the hospital and the unit who made my stay as welcome as it could have been. Words cannot convey this debt of gratitude that shapes me as a still growing adult; it is not down to a miracle or good fortune that has created such a worthwhile and important environment at UCLH – it is love, sincerity and a sense of purpose. I hope my donation is a small token of my appreciation to all those involved at UCLH.

Daniel is running with Eva Levin, Wayne Vallentine, Craig Smith and Simon Quinlan for the Unit. Good luck to them all.

BRITISH 10k LONDON RUN

We have two places still available for the 2012 British 10K London Run on July 15th – 12 days before the opening ceremony for the London Olympics and some of the route will be used for the Olympic Marathon. The Run takes in the capital’s most famous landmarks. Runners have to raise a minimum of £250 for The Unit. Good luck to our 2012 runners: Chris Smith, Olivia Patton, Edward Patton, Alexandra Harrison-Dees, Please contact Sara if you would to join our runners.

Long-time supporters take an ‘Olympic’ challenge for LALU
By Jeanette Kemp

We first started doing the London Bridgathon in 2005 in memory of my husband, David who was a patient at UCLH and who we lost to lymphoma in 2003.

Once we realised that going on the walk helped benefit patients and staff in so many different ways – we carried on!

Like David and myself, our whole family are keen on sports but love of walking is something I share with our youngest daughter, Jeanette.

After six Bridgathons this year we are going for the London Stadia Trekathon on 1st September as well as the London Bridgathon on the 23rd! Why not join us?

The London Stadia Trekathon is a 26 mile walk around the 2012 London Olympic venues.

The London Bridgathon is a 6.5 mile walk which includes crossing over six Thames Bridges.

More information about both these events are found in this edition of Wardlines or on our website www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU or please contact Sara.

Supporting Sickle Cell
By Albert Williams-Baffoe

I’ve always wanted to raise money for Sickle Cell, not just because we lost our dear brother James to a sickle related illness, but because I got fed up of the lack of awareness and charitable funding this cause seems to receive. Look at all the popular charitable websites and you’ll see that Sickle Cell Disease sadly seems to be under represented. It still astonishes me that even today many people from African, Caribbean, Asian and Eastern Mediterranean descent don’t know what this disorder is about and how it affects people. Thank God blood screening is so much better these days...

In terms of my experience, I was invited by friends to join their Men’s Health Survival of the Fittest 10k obstacle run in Battersea, London. ‘Why would I do this to myself?’ was my initial thought, but then whilst painfully making my way around the course I got to thinking that this was really nothing compared to the years of pain Sickle Cell suffers go through in their lives. I then began to think about James and all the wonderful treatment the staff at UCLH gave him over the years, (despite him being a pain in the backside to them sometimes) and what their care really meant to him. UCH contributed to giving him and us many of his best years, so for that we thank you.
A year of fundraising for Julia Thornton

By John Thornton

Julia Thornton was diagnosed with leukaemia and admitted to UCLH in late December 2010. Julia was touched by the special and compassionate nature of care that she received. She felt as if she was being “looked after by her Mum”. Unfortunately, Julia succumbed to the disease on 14th January 2011 aged 46.

Inspired by the care that Julia had received at UCLH, her family set out to do a year of fundraising for the Unit. This started off close to home, at daughter Eliza’s old primary school, where there was a race night and a cake sale, organised by 10 year olds. This was followed by Eliza’s sponsored swim, in which she was able to complete the astounding feat of swimming 164 lengths in an hour, which raised £3,000.

Spring became summer, and the fundraising began to take to the outside, with a 26 mile night walk in Manchester, a 13 mile “Run To The Beat” and UCLH’s very own London Bridgathon being completed by loving family and friends. The summer highlight was a balloon race in Hatfield, a spectacular occasion, with the furthest balloon travelling an astonishing 75 miles, and raising over £3,000. Other indoor events included “Julia’s Tea Break”, and “Julia’s Toy Sale”, which was held to commemorate Julia’s wonderful work with children. Finally as the season of goodwill approached, over one hundred packs of UCLH’s very own “Let It Snow” Christmas Cards were sold at local fairs and by mail order.

By the end of the fundraising year, a staggering total of £19,000 had been reached. This was a true measure of how unique Julia was in her lifetime, as the money was made up of donations from so many different individual and communities, such as schools, choirs, places of work, and most of all from her friends and family.

Bluefin finds Solutions

Colleagues of Ian Curtis, at IT Consultancy Bluefin Solutions, found an interesting mixture of ways to raise £20,000 for the Unit. A nine strong team ran from London to Land’s End, staff entered a beetroot bake off, which was followed by a Comedy Night at the Sway Bar, Covent Garden.

The funds raised will go towards purchasing the last of the eight new Apheresis machines for daycare which will be situated in the new UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre.

Our thanks to all those at Bluefin for working so industriously and creatively to make this significant donation in Ian’s memory.

Maratona d’Italia 2011 by Jerry Holmes

“I have never run a marathon before, and promised myself I would do so when I am 50. Well I am now 50, and I have a place in the Maratona d’Italia on 9th October 2011, run from Maranello to Carpi in northern Italy.

It would be a missed opportunity to run the marathon without raising money for charity, so I asked Russell Hamilton to name a charity of his choice. I work at Candy & Candy, so am a friend of Russell and am familiar with his courageous fight. He is my inspiration for the marathon attempt, as is my father-in-law Roy Gaskin, who is fighting lymphoma.

I will be revising my fundraising target upwards to £10,000, all of which will go to your Unit.”

Jerry raised £15,500 for the Unit and completed the Marathon in 4 hours 16 minutes and 24 seconds. To add inspiration for his fundraising he visited the Unit in October together with Russell to – in his own words – ‘witness the amazing work the team does day in day out’.

Equipment and amenities have been purchased with Jerry’s donation.

Sadly, Russell passed away in March 2012 and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

The Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit UCLH

The London Stadia Trekathon 1 September 2012

Support us by taking part in this brand new event just after the London 2012 Olympics. The London Stadia Trekathon is a 26 mile walk including many of the Olympic venues and London’s historic sights and parks:

- The Olympic Park in East Stratford
- Regents Park
- Lord’s Cricket Ground
- Green Park
- Buckingham Palace
- Horse Guards Parade
- Greenwich Park
- North Greenwich Arena.

Trekkers must register individually with ‘Discover Adventure’. You must agree to raise at least £150 for the Unit and on this basis your entrance fee will be paid for by the Unit Fund.

To register for one of our places please contact Sara on 020 738 0 9526 or visit www.uclh.nhs.uk/LLU (the registration link is in Fundraising Events).
Foreign Currency Campaign

Currency from most European countries is still of value to us, with the following exceptions: Greece, Portugal (coins), Belgium (coins) and France (coins). Please dig out any foreign currency from the back of drawers and bring it up to Sara on the 1st Floor Rosenheim Building. To take a Foreign Currency or standard collection box for home or work, please contact Sara.

Donations made simple and how they help

The Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit Fund 0099 helps improve the patients' environment and experience for T3 North, T16 South, daycare and outpatients. We buy state-of-the-art medical equipment and amenities, support free complementary therapy for patients and families and postgraduate education for nurses. We have an Education Fund 0829 which is ideal for those who wish to set up an education fund in someone's name.

To make a donation to the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit, UCLH make a cheque payable to UCLH Charity 0099 and send it to us at the address below. UK taxpayers can ask in a letter that their donation be treated as gift aid or ask for a gift aid form. Through gift aid we claim back an additional 25% on your donation, which is 25p per £1. Our registered charity number is 229771.

A standing order is a convenient way of spreading out a donation. A £10 or £1,000 donation can be spread over a year or ten months at £10 or £100 per month.

For those taking part in sponsored events please register with www.justgiving.com (look for the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Unit UCLH Charity) so friends and family can support you online using credit and debit cards.

To set up a fund in someone's name, for 0099 or our Education Fund 0829, to request our current Wish List where items are listed from £25 or to find out more about how to support the Unit please contact Sara or visit our website – see below. Donations to our Sickle Cell Anaemia Fund are via 0099 a/c 23032.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Donations have been received by the families of the following patients in their memory. Thanks to them all.

As part of Vocalink’s Corporate Social Responsibility activities, each of the three sites chose a charity of choice for a dress down day. On 27th January the Dunstable site supported the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Unit, UCLH Charity, nominated by ex Rosenheim Lymphoma patient Gary Shadbolt. Many thanks to staff at the Dunstable site for their donation of £350 to the Unit.

Thanks to the following people for undertaking challenges and raising funds for the Unit:

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Jerry Holmes
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