



The Hope Foundation, which funds local research into cancer, has now been established for eighteen months and during that time we have made steady progress. The office at 5 Castle View is well-equipped, with a permanent administrator and several volunteers – of whom we would like more.

The Charity is at present funding two PhD researchers and will shortly be awarding our first Clinical Fellowship. This month the Allison Wilson Fellowship will be awarded. This is an annual award of £15,000 to support junior members of clinical staff to undertake cancer research in Leicestershire and Rutland.

All our funding is for research only and we are committed to funding research locally in Leicestershire and Rutland. There is much support for local charities in both these counties, so why not give this particular Charity your consideration? The number of cases of cancer both locally and nationally is not abating, and the possibility of our contracting this invidious condition is now one in three.

We have a first class medical school in Leicester and excellent medical facilities in both Leicestershire and Rutland. The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research gives us the opportunity to support local research and to ensure progress in this field.



James Wilson
Chair of Trustees

Asda Helps Hope Foundation Fight Cancer

We are thrilled to announce that ASDA Fosse Park has given us its backing by naming the Foundation as its charity of the year. The supermarket will be donating money from its many fundraising events

in 2005 and helping us to raise awareness.

The store has set a target of £15,000, which it would like to use to fund next year's Allison Wilson Fellowship.

Companies Urged to Join Fight Against Cancer

We are calling on businesses to help us fund local cancer research.

We would urge Leicestershire and Rutland companies to think of the Hope Foundation when choosing which cause to support this year. We have a policy of spending 95 per cent of our income on funding research here in Leicestershire and Rutland, so this doesn't leave very much for admin costs and producing materials such as these quarterly newsletters. While large donations

are always welcome, there are other ways in which firms can help, such as sponsoring this newsletter, payroll giving, or helping run an event.

As a way of saying thank you, we like to include sponsors' details on our website and newsletters.

If your company would like more information about how it can help us, please call the Foundation on 0116 262 2020 or e-mail enquires@hfcr.org

Cycle Challenge Update

Twenty intrepid riders have signed up to take part in our Scottish cycle challenge in May and they are all training hard for the 300-mile ride. Starting in Stirling on 21 May, the riders will take in some stunning scenery as they make their way to the Isle of Mull and back again.

Each rider is paying for his or her own travel and accommodation and all have agreed to raise at least £1,000 in sponsorship.

We have received some generous donations from local firms, but we are still looking for more. Walkers has helped with crisps for the lunches for riders and support crew and Everards has donated funds for transport costs. If you can help us please do get in touch.



Donation

The Hope Foundation would like to thank John and Karen Gaughan, parents of Anthony Gaughan, for their donation in memory of their son. Anthony was a keen cyclist, but was tragically knocked off his bike while cycling to work.

John and Karen asked for donations instead of flowers at Anthony's funeral and the donation of £407 will go towards sponsoring the cycle challenge.



Regulars Raised More than a Glass



Generous drinkers at two county pubs have raised an incredible amount of money for the Hope Foundation.

Customers of the Dog and Gun in Enderby and the Plough in Littlethorpe have raised almost £1,200 in a series of fundraisers.

Dog and Gun regulars Jackie Mosley and Neil Cook organised a disco, raffle, tombola and auction, which raised more than £800. A Valentines disco at the Plough was a great success, bringing in around £400 in donations.

These aren't the first events for the Foundation held at the two pubs owned by David Cunningham. Thousands of pounds have been raised, so many thanks to David and his big-hearted regulars.

Lecturing for a Good Cause

Dr Tom Duncan is giving a lecture at the University of Leicester to raise money for us.

The talk 'Deadly Rivals: Lord Arundel, The Duke of Buckingham and Art and Power in Early Stuart England' will take place on Tuesday, April 12 in Lecture Theatre One in the Ken Edwards Building, starting at 7pm.

Dr Duncan will talk through the lives and works of art of Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel and George

Villiers, the first Duke of Buckingham, son of an unknown Leicestershire gentleman. Both men were great art patrons who competed for the attention of Charles I.

Tickets for this fascinating lecture are £5, or £20 including supper. For more information, or to book a place write to Caroline Tahany, 78 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 6TF by April 1. Alternatively call the Hope office on 0116 262 2020.

News from the Lab

Our first two PhD students Rebecca and George have spent the last six months settling into their respective laboratories. This has been an intensive period of training in how research laboratories operate and learning about crucial health and safety issues.

They have been familiarising themselves with the scientific background to their projects and are becoming experts in using the essential technology they

need to use to do their planned experiments. They have both written reports outlining their views on the long-term aims and objectives of their research,

and presented their preliminary results in informal seminars attended by the other members of the research groups. Their progress and preliminary results are excellent and interesting data are emerging.



We will have more on their progress in our next newsletter.

High Flying Event

Lady Sarah Campden, President of our Rutland branch, is offering a unique opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Exton Hall.

As well as drinks and canapés, guests will be treated to a fly-past by an RAF Harrier jet. This has been arranged by ex-Wing Commander and Chairman of the Rutland branch, Rod Cassidy.

Tickets for this special evening are £25 and are available from the Hope office on 0116 262 2020.

FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

To sponsor the newsletter and see your company's name on this banner, call Emma Taylor on 0116 254 4472



Simon's in the Saddle Again

Former top-class cyclist Simon Crouch got on his bike again to raise money for us.

Simon cycled 50 miles from Lutterworth to Banbury and donated a healthy Christmas bonus to his favourite charity.

He said: "I get so busy in my daily work, I don't get much chance to cycle these days. However, I'm a big supporter of The Hope Foundation and before Christmas I thought it was a good time to dust off the cobwebs and do some good."

"I do have a vested interest in raising money for cancer research. I've lost quite a few family members to the illness, some of them around this time of year, so I have a real understanding of what it does to sufferers and people around them."

Simon received financial backing from his bosses at Lutterworth-based Satchwell Associates. No stranger to the saddle, Simon represented Great Britain at the Six Nations Championships in Liverpool, and finished in the top five for three consecutive seasons at the National Sprint Championship.

Simon will be taking part in our Scottish cycle challenge in May, so his pre-Christmas ride was good training.



Wanted: Eager Croquet Players

If you know your roquet from your croquet then we'd like to hear from you. Following a successful and enjoyable competition last year, which raised £2,000, the Hope Foundation would like to organise another one this year. **If you can help, please call the Hope office on 0116 262 2020 or e-mail enquires@hfcr.org**



Ways to give

Check out our website for all the ways you can help the Hope Foundation.

You will find information on payroll giving, standing orders, CAF Charity Accounts and the Just Giving website for credit card donations.

www.hfcr.org – and don't forget Gift Aid!

Collection Help Needed

We will be collecting at Sainsbury's on Belgrave Gate on Saturday, July 9 and need volunteers.

If you can spare an hour or two to help us raise some money and the profile of the Foundation call the office on 0116 262 2020 or e-mail enquires@hfcr.org

...thank you

We owe a big thank you to Northcliffe Retail's 60 ...news outlets in the county. Each has a collecting box and the latest total from these is an amazing £533, which has taken just three months.



Rocking and Rolling for Hope

Hope supporters Polly Sellicks and Nicola Wheeler raised a rocking £2,500 for us with a 70s evening. After working up an appetite dancing to disco music, guests enjoyed a fish and chip supper. A wonderful night was had by everyone and a lot of money was raised – thank you Nicola and Polly.



HOPE FOUNDATION DIARY

Call **0116 262 2020**
for more info on any
of the events

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2005

April

9 - University of Leicester Department of Genetics Open Day
Details available from www.le.ac.uk/genetics

9 - J for Jazz

An evening of jazz at the Coplow Centre, Billesdon
Tickets £15 inc supper. For further info please contact Gill Williamson on 0116 2596448

12 - Lecture given by Tom Duncan, University of Leicester
Deadly Rivals: Lord Arundel, The Duke Of Buckingham And Art and Power in Early Stuart
England. Lecture Theatre 1, Ken Edwards Building University of Leicester commencing at 7.00pm
Tickets £20.00 each, inclusive of supper, or £5.00 each, for the lecture only.

14 - Collection at ASDA, Fosse Park
Hope Volunteers will be collecting and publicising The Hope Foundation. Do let us know if you can help.

May

12 - Reception at Exton Park Estate
By kind invitation of Viscount & Viscountess Campden
6.30pm - 8.30pm Tickets £25 inclusive of drinks & Canapés

21 - 27 - Haggis and Hope' cycle Challenge' in Scotland
For further details on how you can support us please contact the Hope office

June

15 - Wartonby / Gaddesby Gardens Open day - Lady King / Sue Millward
Tickets approx £40 inc lunch (more details to follow)

23 - Oakham Arts Festival Charity Gala Evening
Victoria Hall Oakham, Featuring the Steve Foster Big Band
Tickets £20 each. Please contact Joy Everett for more information on 01572 723393

July

1 - Grand Yard Sale, Auction & BBQ
Hosted by Mrs Gina Bale. Auction by Andrew Granger
Free admission. For further info please contact Gina on 0116 2402225

2 - ASDA Fun Day
ASDA at Fosse Park are holding a Fun Day on behalf of the Hope Foundation

9 - Collection at Sainsbury's
Volunteers required. If you are able to help please contact the Hope office

August

6, 7 & 8 - Flower Festival, Wistow Hall
Proceeds to be split between The Hope Foundation and Wistow Church (more info to follow)

September

9 - 'Raising Hope' Ball
Featuring The Dark Blues Band. Further details to be announced asap

29 - 'Hit in Hope' Golf Challenge, Luffenham
Details to be announced asap. Please watch our website.

November

4 - 'Sparkle for Hope' Concert
Hosted by Lord & Lady Hazlerigg and to be held at Noseley Hall
Musicamici and Cantores Male Voice Singers (with Simon Headley)
Further details to be announced asap

For further information on any of these events please contact
the Hope Foundation Office on 0116 2622020



Speakers Corner

We have a list of very eminent speakers willing to talk at clubs and organisations.

If you think your club would like to hear from one of our interesting speakers call the Hope office on 0116 262 2020 or e-mail enquiries@hfcr.org

Thanks

We would like to thank all our fundraisers and volunteers, without whom we couldn't continue our vital work to fund potentially life-saving research.

Particular thanks go to Rock Kitchen Harris who designed this newsletter, our website and all of our printed material.

We would also like to thank hopwood for helping us with PR and marketing and Mr Browns caterers for kindly donating sandwiches for an event we held before Christmas.

Thanks are due to Martin Traynor and the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce for distributing this newsletter with the Easter issue of its magazine.

A final thank you goes to Martin Collins of Central Systems for donating a fridge for our offices. At last we can have fresh milk in our tea - thank you Martin!

Christmas Sell-out

Our Christmas cards were a great success. Sales of the card designed by Stoneygate school pupil Emma-Jayne Chell raised £950 for us. Thank you to all the individuals and companies who bought them. We hope to run another competition this year.

