

Cancer Care Club Newsletter September 2010

Forthcoming Events

If you require further details of any of these events please contact us through the contact section of our website www.cancercareclub.org

- **Coffee morning 23rd September 10.30am** given by Richard Ovenden, Sunrise, Marshborough Road, Woodnesborough, Sandwich CT13 0PQ
- **East Kent Ploughing Match 29th September** There will be a Cancer care Club stall;
- **Chaucer Hospital Wednesday 6th October** at 7pm, a talk by Mr Terry Hobson, Pathologist, "What happens in Pathology and you don't like to ask"
- **Jacky Guyver, 7 Stone Cross Leas, Sandwich, 19th October 10.30am**, coffee and sale of Christmas cards and wrapping.
- **Morrisons Wednesday 20th October**, we will be fundraising for the Club with collection tins. ***We need volunteers.***
- **Abbots Barton Hotel Thursday 21 October**, our usual monthly meeting plus there will be a photoshoot at about 1pm of all the people who have raised significant funds for the Club (more below)
- **United Reform Church Whitstable Saturday 30th October**, Christmas card sale 9.30am-1pm
- **Pfizers Social Club Saturday 6th November** Fireworks, Club tombola and Xmas gifts, Funfair and music, Adults £5, children £1.50. Further details Pfizer 01304 645671
- **Landmark Centre, Deal Saturday 13th November 10am-4pm** Heather Morgan's Christmas Craft Fair, admission 25p, proceeds to Cancer care Club
- **Abbots Barton Hotel Thursday 18th November** The Club monthly lunchtime meeting
- **Cathedral Day Unit, Kent & Canterbury Hospital, Wednesday 1st December, 7pm** Christmas Quiz with prizes, all welcome, please bring a plate of food to share
- *****Abbots Barton Hotel, 9th December, 12.30 for 1pm, Christmas lunch, menu and application form enclosed***** We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. It's a great opportunity to get together.

The new therapist

The club is funding a part-time therapist for the Supportive Therapies Unit at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. This should help to reduce waiting times for appointments for cancer patients. The new therapist is called Basma Gale and she started on 3rd August.

.Fundraising and Donations Photoshoot

We are always very grateful to people who make donations, large and small, to our funds and we would like to thank all of you who have helped us in this way. There will be a photoshoot at the Abbots Barton Hotel on 21st October for some of the people who have raised significant sums recently, in particular Sue and Nick Double, Richard Pallister, Margaret Connolly and Philip Hadlow. Thanks also to Heather Morgan, Richard Ovenden and Des Connolly. There isn't room to name everyone but be assured that we appreciate your help.

We welcome suggestions from members about ways in which we can help and support cancer patients so if you have any ideas, contact us via our website

*****Fundraising day at Morrisons on 20th October We need volunteers!**

East Kent Locality Group, Kent & Medway Cancer Partnership

The first meeting was held on 12th July at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. The topics discussed were 'Psychological support' and 'Financial Benefits'. Discussions focused around the psychological support Partnership members had received throughout their pathway and the ease of access to additional psychological services if required. In addition there was a long discussion about car parking charges for patients who have to return to the hospital very regularly for treatment. The group have decided to write a letter to the East Kent Cancer Board proposing changes to current car parking charges.

If you would like more information about joining the Kent and Medway Cancer Partnership, contact the Partnership Facilitator, Holly Till. Tel: 01622 713146 or email holly.till@nhs.net

Partnership members get a regular newsletter and invitations to Locality Group meetings.

Christine Dawkins

Earlier this year our programme secretary Christine Dawkins was diagnosed with cancer which progressed rapidly. She died on 15th June 2010. We pay tribute to her committee work, her unfailing efforts to secure speakers for the Wednesday talks, and for her great fortitude and good humour in the face of her many difficulties. Her family asked that any donations in her memory be made to Cancer Research UK and/or the Cancer Care Club and people have so far generously donated more than £300 to the club in her memory.

Raffle Prizes please

As ever, we would be very grateful for donations from members of any items that could be used as raffle prizes, both at the barbeque and for our regular raffles at lunchtime meetings. Get in touch via our website if you have items you would like to donate.

If you have any Cancer Care Club news or events you would like to publicise, please contact us via our website.