



Cancer Care Club

The Cancer Care Club needs Volunteers

Previously named 'The Chemoptimists' then 'The Optimists', the Club, which is based in East Kent, was formed nearly 30 years ago by Dr Mark Rake and Andrew Jackson, along with a committee, to raise money for a designated Cancer Unit to improve the care and treatment of cancer patients. It was one of the first Cancer Support groups in the UK. Patients, staff, local supporters and businesses joined them. The Mountbatten Centre, K & C Hospital was built and the club has continued to provide support and friendship to cancer patients. We hold informative monthly meetings, social events and funding for specially requested items and equipment within the hospital. Treatment now takes place in the Oncology Department, The Cathedral Day Unit and Supportive Therapies. We provided the special relaxing chairs for Chemotherapy patients to use whilst having treatment in the Day Unit. Recently we bought an ECG machine for the Cathedral Day Unit, a hi-tech treatment couch for the Supportive Therapies Unit and we are also funding a part-time therapist in the Unit. For further details about the Club, see our website at www.cancercareclub.org

We need three volunteers to help us continue our work:

- 1. Club Secretary.** To take the minutes and prepare agendas for committee meetings which take place six times per year in the Cathedral Day Unit at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Also to deal with the Club correspondence and to circulate newsletters and other information to Club members
- 2. Press Officer.** To prepare the Club newsletters (about 4 times per year) and to provide regular updates to the local media about Club activities
- 3. Fundraiser.** To support the activities of our existing fundraiser, to use the internet to seek out and apply for funding opportunities, to contact local businesses for support, and to organise collection days at local supermarkets

If you would like to help, or would like to enquire about volunteering, please contact Ann Clewer on 01227 455260