

Hope for Tomorrow & Tenovus Update – November 2011

Fellow Lions,

I am delighted to be able to advise you of another addition to our total. **Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions** have contributed a further **£100** to Tenovus' MCSU, which brings the total raised for Tenovus to **£4,660**. The grand total for both charities now stands at:-

£27,028!

Please may I impress on all clubs to contact me to confirm any donations made to either Hope for Tomorrow or the Tenovus MCSU, as I can then report these in my updates and, just as importantly, advise our District Treasurer so that he can include them in his report to MD. Many thanks for this.

I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation from Swindon Lions Club on 21 November to present to them on our fundraising efforts. It was a very enjoyable evening and the response from everyone was extremely positive. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Swindon Lions for the kind hospitality. It was well worth the trip!

The great news does not stop there! Lion President Richard Munden of Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club has made Hope for Tomorrow his charity of the year. I have no doubt that they will be working extremely hard for the charity during this Lionistic Year and I wish them all the very best with their efforts.

Now let's hear from the charities.

This month, we welcome Rosa Woodley to Hope for Tomorrow. Rosa is the new Head of Fundraising for the charity following Belinda Bertie's recent departure. Welcome Rosa from myself and my fellow Lions. Rosa writes:-

“My name is Rosa Woodley, I joined as Fundraiser on 21st November and will be supporting the team with all aspects of fundraising and volunteering. I come from a fundraising background and have worked at other local charities. I'm very excited to be here and looking forward to what 2012 has in store!

We have been very busy this month preparing for our event – ‘An evening with Sir Stirling Moss and Friends’ on 8th December. The event is approaching fast and the team are hugely excited, especially now with the confirmed attendance of Jenson Button, Murray Walker and Martin Brundle!

We were delighted to be the joint nominated charity again this year at the Westonbirt Fair where we ran the tombola, which was hugely popular. We are waiting for an updated total, but we believe it will be in excess of £500, which is fantastic.

This month we have launched text donating! Supporters wishing to donate £1-£10 are now able to text the word DONA35 £X to 70070 and every penny will come to the charity. You can also now catch up on all our latest news on Twitter, our Twitter name is: HfTcharity.”

Thank you, Rosa.

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Richard Pugh of Tenovus writes:-

“Hello Lions,

With the new year quickly approaching we are happy to announce that we have put plans in place for a second MCSU to be launched in the first half of 2012.

The second unit will be providing Lymphoedema clinics and education initially in mid and south Wales. Here is a quote from Melanie Lewis

National Clinical Lead Lymphoedema Welsh Government on the potential of a new mobile unit.

'To be treated locally, in their own home town without the hassle of hospital car parks will be amazing.

It will be treating the right patients with the right treatments and in the right location for the first time'.

Although it was sad that IPDG Lion Terence Mangan of 105I was unable to visit our unit during his recent visit due to time constraints, we very much look forward to welcoming him when he returns in the future. We welcomed the National Board of the Nurse Medical Council to the unit this month and the feedback received has been extremely positive, one of the board members highlighted that mobile units should be the way forward for other illnesses.

On the fundraising front we were extremely grateful to receive a donation of £100 from Cowbridge and Llantwit Lions

We are holding are lovelight concerts in the following locations

LLandaff – Monday 28th

Newport – December 1st

Wrexham – December 1st

Brecon – December 3rd

If anyone would like tickets please contact us on 0808 808 1010.”

Thank you Richard.

I am now able to bring you further news of interest in fundraising for the MCUs from outside of our District. Lion Rachel Addy, a founder member of Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Lions Club, which is in Districtg 105A, has been showing a keen interest in our fundraising efforts. On Saturday 19 November, her club held a Race Night and named one of the Races after Hope for Tomorrow. Each horse was sponsored to the princely some of £3.50. Following on from this, Lion Rachel is looking at doing more fundraising for Hope for Tomorrow in the New Year.

As Christmas is now nearly upon us and the next News Update may well fall during the Christmas break, I want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you for all your efforts during the past year to raise money for this very worthy cause. Your response has been absolutely fantastic and I am sure you will carry on your efforts in the New Year. To you and your families, I extend my sincere best wishes for the festive season and see you in 2012!

Lion Tony Buchan

District Advisor

Mobile Chemotherapy & Oncology Units