WELCOME TO THIS EDITION

Don’t know about you, but this year seems to be running ahead faster than ever! Although only in July, we are already planning for Christmas here at The Walton Centre, finalising our designs for this year’s Christmas cards. This year, one of the cards has been designed by a member of staff so look out for them when they go on sale towards the end of September.

Since we were last in touch there have been a number of initiatives and events held to raise money for the hospital. In May our third charity golf day took place, once again at the wonderful Formby Golf Club, with more teams than ever taking part. You can read more about the event on the next page of this bulletin.

We were also very fortunate to have benefitted from an event organised by the Bentley Drivers Club. They raised money for our Sid Watkins Innovation Fund as part of a weeklong Tour of Yorkshire—again you can read more about this event in this bulletin.

In addition to the events organised and promoted by the Fundraising team, there are many wonderful fundraising initiatives and events taking place in the community on our behalf. We continue to share some of our supporters’ stories and efforts to give you a flavour of the generous support we receive, but they are only a snap-shot of what goes on all across the region. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of our amazing donors for your continued support!

Madeleine Fletcher
Head of Fundraising

Don’t forget to keep up with what is happening at The Walton Centre on our social media platforms. Follow us on Twitter using the handle @WaltonCentre and also our Facebook page TheWaltonCentre.
Now in its third year, the golf event once again welcomed supporters to the beautiful Formby Golf Club on 25th May, to raise money for the Walton Centre Charity. The event was hosted by David Fairclough, who was joined on the day by other Liverpool FC legends including Gary Gillespie, Jim Beglin, Dean Saunders and Phil Thompson.

Head of Fundraising Madeleine Fletcher said: “We are delighted with how this event is growing each year—the weather was glorious, and our teams all enjoyed the beautiful and challenging course at Formby as well as David Edwards’s Trick Show and the dinner in the evening. Over £12,000 was raised for the charity which is amazing, and we are so grateful for the continued support of so many!”

The charity also received a pledge during the evening from one of the guests, who offered a significant donation to support innovation at The Walton Centre—an amazing end to an amazing day!

The four man tournament was won by the Stellar Group Team and special thanks goes to Lynx Golf who once again donated the tournament prizes and Porsche Centre Chester who provided the Hole-in-One prize—a Porsche 718 Boxster!

To register your interest for next year’s Golf Day please contact Madeleine Fletcher on 0151-529 4029 or email fundraising@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk
THANKS TO OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS!

Bentley Drivers Club

On the 6th July, staff and patients at The Walton Centre were treated to a parade of Bentley cars as part of a tour of the North of England. The Bentley Drivers Club chose The Walton Centre Charity to benefit from the money raised from their weeklong tour of Yorkshire, organised by Rita Jonas from the club.

The parade of vehicles, ranging from 1920s models to modern day super cars, started their journey with two laps of the old grand prix circuit at Aintree Racecourse before driving through the hospital site. Some of the members brought cars from as far away as Australia and America, as well as Monaco, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands.

The Club wanted to pay particular homage to the Sid Watkins Building, named after the eminent neurosurgeon Professor Sid Watkins. Professor Watkins played a key role in introducing safety measures in Formula 1 racing, and patients and staff gathered to wave off the procession as they drove past the building on route to Knowsley Hall, where a Gala Dinner was held to raise money in the evening.

Organiser of the tour and a Bentley Drivers Club member, Rita Jonas said: “It was an easy decision to nominate The Walton Centre Charity for our latest tour. With the hospital’s links to Sid Watkins and the fantastic work they do in treating patients after traumatic head injuries, we couldn’t pass up the opportunity to visit. The patients loved seeing us drive through the hospital and it made for a brilliant start to our Yorkshire tour.”
For the fifth year running the Love Leah family cycled 28 miles from Salford Royal Hospital to The Walton Centre in memory of Leah Davies. Leah’s dad, Andy, who organises the cycle each year said:

“Over the last 5 years we have been raising money for the Home from Home in memory of the beautiful Leah Davies who during her life loved to help others and continues to do so even after her early passing. The Hospital to Hospital bike ride takes place every spring and is supported by friends and family, from the very young to the ‘not so young’. Each year we have an amazing day and Leah would be so proud of all the people who come together and help in such a great cause”

Clare Riley bravely took on the Yorkshire Warrior on Sunday 30th April this year in memory of a dear friend, Howard Walmsley.

Howard sadly passed away in October 2016 due to an undiagnosed brain aneurism. Clare decided to fundraise and raise awareness of this condition.

Clare raised a fantastic £562.50 for the Walton Centre Charity!

Michelle Hallwood

Michelle and her team of friends took on the St Helens 10k this year in memory of her mum, Dorothy Sams. Michelle was so pleased with the level of care her mum received that she wanted to do some fundraising!

Michelle and her friends raised an amazing £487.75 for the Walton centre Charity.

Look at those smiles—Michelle has plans for her, family and friends to do more fundraising soon, with her sister already having run the Manchester Half Marathon recently!
This year’s Visually Impaired Cricket Match between Walton Warriors and the Cheshire Cobras saw the Walton Centre bring home the trophy once again (a very close result!)

Each year Ben Darby organises this cricket match in which the Walton Warriors wear glasses which simulate different types of visual impairment.

Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the day and plans are already afoot for next year’s match! Contact the fundraising team if you are interested in taking part!

Our Community Fundraiser, Anne visited the Isle of Man for the weekend in June to meet some of our lovely Isle of Man supporters!

To name a few, Anne attended and supported the Parish Walk with our kind fundraisers Jeff and Karen (pictured) and Rob and Katie.

She also featured on the radio show ‘Women Today’ to talk about our Home from Home Fund, before visiting St Ninian’s School to talk to pupils who are currently organising a Jim Jam day on 14th July for our Home from Home Fund.

Calum Quinn and his family have generously continued to raise funds for the Walton Centre since his stay last year.

Calum turned 21 in April this year and selflessly asked for donations in lieu of presents at his 21st birthday party. He raised an amazing £6,711.74 for the Walton Centre’s Home from Home Fund which means over 100 families can stay an average of 3 nights in our accommodation!
‘Ain’t no mountain high enough’ for a team of employees from Santander at the Bootle branch who climbed Pen-Y-Ghent in the Yorkshire Dales to raise money for the hospital in support of their colleague Connagh, who is currently being treated here at the Walton Centre.

The group raised an amazing £1,841.25 which will be matched by Santander!

As mentioned above, Connagh is receiving so much support from family and friends! His brother Ian Stokes and 5 work colleagues completed the Liverpool Half Marathon in April this year.

Connagh supports Liverpool FC and Ian supports Everton FC. Ian set a donation target of £500 with a promise that if that target was reached before the race, he would run in a Liverpool shirt!

Ian raised an unbelievable £3,483.31—and stuck to his promise, pictured right!

Val Hollywood is a country and western singer who has kindly given up her time for years to fundraise for different charities.

Val held a cabaret music afternoon in Walton Social Club on Sunday 25th June and raised £400.00 for the Walton Centre Charity. Val has already said she wants to plan another event in the future.
Tickets for this year’s Jan Fairclough Ball are now on sale. Last year, tables sold out quickly so if you would like to join us please contact the Fundraising Team on 0151-529 5612 to reserve a table.

Friday 6th October 2017 at Liverpool Hilton Hotel.

Tables of 10 are £1,000 and includes champagne reception, three course dinner, charity auction and entertainment.

The ball is once again supported by

COLLECTING TINS & VOLUNTEERS

We are also looking to get our charity collection boxes out and about so if you know of an independent shop, a newsagents, a hairdressers etc. who would be willing to take a collection box, pin badges or some leaflets, we would love to hear from you.

This year we are also organising several bag packs and collections for which we need volunteers to help us in order to make the biggest possible impact.

If you would like to come give some of your time and help the charity please call Anne or Sam on 0151 529 5612.
Get Involved

Skydive

Ever fancied jumping out of a plane from a great height, watching the earth come tumbling towards you? Well now you can do just that and raise money for The Walton Centre Charity at the same time.

We are registered with Skyline, one of the leading charity event organisers in the UK, and they will help give you the best, most adrenaline fuelled experience ever!

Challenge Events

If you would like to push yourself to the limit and undertake something out of the ordinary why don’t you consider doing an overseas challenge? It’s an incredible achievement to complete an overseas trek or cycle, and with a little training anyone can do it.

Skyline is the UK’s largest organiser of charity challenge events! Working with over 3,000 charities yearly they have helped to raise almost £100M (and counting!). Treks and cycles take place year round and in amazing countries all over the world so there truly is something to suit any adventurer. Whether it be trekking across the sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, or cycling from London to Paris they have the perfect challenge for you!

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For more information please contact the Fundraising Team on

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HOW CAN YOU HELP

There are lots of ways you can become involved and help The Walton Centre Charity to support the work of the hospital.

Whether it’s by taking part in our events; fundraising at work or school; or giving in memory of a loved one, your support makes a real difference to our patients and their families.

Make a donation

Raise money through an event

Get sponsored

Leave a gift in your will

Join our Great British Jim Jam

To find out more about our work and how you can help please contact the Fundraising Team:

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