

Newsletter



Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund

Registered Charity No. 516208

Spring 2013

1st Annette Fox Service of Celebration & Remembrance

On Saturday 1st December 2012, over 200 people attended the very first Annette Fox Service of Celebration and Remembrance, which took place at Victoria Hall in Saltaire.

St Winefride's School Choir led the audience in the singing of Christmas Carols, accompanied by Godfrey Nield on the wonderful Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ.

Personal message tags were hung on the 10ft Christmas Tree (kindly donated by Keelham Farm Shop) and the Christmas Lights were lit as a roll call of names were read out.



The Fund would like to thank everyone who supported the service and all those who volunteered their time on the day, helping to make the event such a success. A total of £2,000 was raised.

Smokie Gala Dinner Dance

Friday 1st February 2013, Cedar Court Hotel Bradford - that was the date and venue of the annual event which many of our supporters look forward to year after year. It was also the 21st year that Smokie have very kindly supported the charity by taking time out of their busy schedule to perform a live gig in aid of the Fund.

A fantastic evening, which raised £15,000 for the Charity.

This is what Terry Uttley of Smokie had to say:

"Another great night at our annual ball this year, which was held at the Cedar Court Hotel in Bradford, once again.

We so much look forward to our night with the funds loyal supporters. It's always Smokie's first show of the year and so it helps us shake out the cobwebs for our year to come. This being because our January's are always part of the little free time that we allow ourselves during our touring and recording year.

I hope some of you folks who haven't had the opportunity to experience this great evening try to take time out for the next outing which will be on 7th February 2014.

See you there!"

Terry Uttley
Smokie Xx



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Text AFOX22 to 70070 and the amount you would like to donate, either £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10.

We receive 100% of your donation!

Buttercross – Otley Market

The Charity is holding a fundraising stall at the Buttercross Market in Otley on Friday 10th May. Why not come along and support us and meet some of our volunteers.

www.annettefox.co.uk

Don't forget to check out our website for all the latest news and events.



Or why not join our Facebook page for regular updates.

Forthcoming Events

Run For All 4th August 2013 – York 10k

The York Run for All 10k is taking place on Sunday 4th August 2013. A number of runners have already signed up to take part in aid of Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund.

Each runner has agreed to raise a minimum of £60 in sponsorship money, obviously if they can raise any more it would be greatly appreciated. The Charity will be providing all runners with a place in the race, a race t-shirt and sponsor forms. Just Giving pages can also be set up by participants to help with their online fundraising.

A double decker bus will be leaving from the car park at Manningham Ward Labour Club, Bullroyd Lane, Bradford, BD8 0LJ at 7.30am on the 4th August and returning from York at approximately 4.00pm, at a cost of just £6 per person return. Runners, supporters, family and friends are all welcome to travel on the bus.

If you would like to take part in the Run For All, if you would like to travel to York as a supporter or if you would like any further information then please contact the office on 01274 364168.

Family Fun Day and Donkey Derby 25th August 2013 – Wibsey, Bradford

The third Family Fun Day in aid of the Charity is taking place on Sunday 25th August 2013 at the Wibsey Rugby Club Ground, just off the High Street.

If the last two years are anything to go by, then a fun filled day is in store for all the family. There will be plenty of stalls to browse around selling everything from crafts to cakes, face-painting and games for the children, food and drink stalls, Junior Rugby matches and lots, lots more including one of the highlights of this year's event, a Donkey Derby.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun - put the date in your diaries now.

If you would like to get involved, either by sponsoring a Donkey or a race, or if you would like to enquire about stall availability, please contact the office on 01274 364168.

1000 Year Swim Laura Goodyear

Laura Goodyear is fundraising for the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund by taking part in the 1000 year swim.

This involves Laura swimming in every Victorian and Edwardian pool still open in England, doing a length for each year it has been open. There are 12 pools still open (although Laura will be adding one extra from her home town of Reading, which opened just a few months too late to be counted, and will replace Manningham baths which unfortunately closed last year) which totals 1486 lengths. Most are 25m or more which will mean Laura swimming approximately 23 miles (about the same distance as the channel swim).

Laura has set up a Just Giving page where you can sponsor her and keep up to date with her progress.
<http://www.justgiving.com/Laura-Goodyear1000yearswim>

Fundraisers

The Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund is extremely grateful to everyone who fundraises on our behalf or organises their own fundraising event. These are just a handful of our much valued supporters.

Machu Picchu

A huge thank you to Rosie Wells, who raised over £2,400 for the Fund by taking part in the Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu in Peru. Well done Rosie for completing the challenge and thank you for your support.



Sarah Packham Theatre School

Thank you to Sarah Packham Theatre School in Keighley for donating £100, the proceeds from their Christmas Raffle.

70's Night

Thank you to Shirley Taylor and friends for organising a 70's night, complete with fancy dress. They raised over £2,300 on the night.

Edinburgh Marathon

Thank you to Zoe Baxter and Louise Cantley for taking part in the Edinburgh Marathon – they raised over £370 between them.

Great North Run

Thank you to Stewart Thorp for, once again, taking part in the Great North Run and raising £570 in sponsorship for the Charity.

Leeds, Hull & York 10k

In between organising numerous events for the Fund, Shirley Taylor managed to find the time to complete three 10k Run For All events at Leeds, Hull and York – Well done Shirley and thank you!

Bradford St James's Market Tenants Association

Thank you to Noel Kershaw, President of the Bradford St James's Market Tenants Association for, once again, choosing to support the Fund at their Annual Charity Dinner. An amazing £14,500 was raised.

2013 Calendars

Thank you to everyone who purchased a 2013 "Ye Olde Barmaids" Calendar in aid of the Fund and a huge thank you to the very brave ladies who posed for it. Over £1,300 was raised from the sale of the calendars.



Mascot & Merchandise

Some of you may have already met our new mascot – Mr Fox! Or possibly seen him in the local newspaper. He made his debut appearance at our Fun Day in 2012 and shows up at most of our events now. He works very hard on our behalf and we would like to say a very big thank you to him.

Merchandise will very soon be available to purchase with the Charity logo on. We will be selling T-shirts, pens, Eco cotton shopping bags, wrist bands and more, all at very reasonable prices. The items will be available from our office on Ward 7 and will be on sale at the various events and stalls being held throughout the year.

How you can Help

- As well as monetary donations, we are always grateful for good quality items which we can sell or use as raffle prizes.
- Have you thought about asking your local shop / hairdresser / pub to put a collection tin on their counter? Or perhaps you could have one at home to collect loose change - every penny really does count! Just over £1000 was raised throughout 2012 from collection tins alone.
- You could collect used stamps and send them into the office (address at the bottom of the page)
- Maybe you could organise your own fundraising event, we have various ways in which we can help and support you - just give Michelle a call (01274 364168).
- You could attend one of our forthcoming events, keep your eye on our website and facebook page as well as our newsletters for details of future events - and don't forget to bring your friends along too.

JustGiving™

Many of our supporters now choose JustGiving as a way of raising funds. They can set up their own fundraising page which they then e-mail to all their friends and colleagues and can also share on facebook and twitter. Donations are then made online, the money is automatically gift aided (an extra 25% on top of the donation) and transferred to our bank account. Simple!

For step by step instructions on how to set up a fundraising page, to view other fundraisers pages and see the challenges they have set themselves, to make a donation or for further information go to www.justgiving.com/aflr

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Making your donations go further

Through Gift Aid and Transitional Relief, you can help us make your donations go 25% further - and it won't cost you a penny!

How does it work?

As long as you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid enables you to boost the value of your donations by 25p for every £1 you give. So, for example, if you decide to give £10, we will be able to reclaim an extra £2.50 from HM Revenue & Customs. It might not sound like a lot, but every penny really does count!

What do you need to do?

To donate through Gift Aid, all you need to do is complete a simple declaration form (available from our office) confirming that you are a taxpayer and that you are happy for us to claim tax relief on your donation. Just one declaration can apply to all donations that you have made to us over the past 6 years and to any forthcoming gifts you make, until you notify us otherwise. It is that simple.

Please contact Michelle on 01274 364168 to request a Gift Aid form or see our website where a printable version is available.

Contact Us

Our office on Ward 7 is open 4 days a week – Monday and Wednesday 9.00am – 2.30am and Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm. You can telephone, e-mail or write to us at the address below.

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