

Newsletter



Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund

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Spring 2015

Smokie



Gala Dinner Dance 2015

The Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Smokie Gala Dinner Dance on 6th February at the Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford – over £13,000 was raised for the Charity.

A huge thank you must go to Smokie and their crew, without whom this ever popular and successful event would not be possible. The band are extremely busy all year round, touring all over the world, but never fail to take time out of their busy schedules to perform this one charity gig in their hometown of Bradford in aid of the Fund.

This year was the 23rd year Smokie have performed for the Charity in this way, a massive achievement. Over those years they have helped to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds, for which we are extremely grateful.

The next Smokie Gala Dinner Dance is set to take place on Friday 5th February 2016.



THORNTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



In December 2014 the Fund took part in the very first Thornton Christmas Tree Festival, which was held at St James' Church, Thornton, along with 40 other charities and voluntary organisations.

Each Charity was given a tree to decorate in it's own colours or theme. The Annette Fox tree was decorated with special memory tags, which visitors were able to write messages on and hang on the tree, they then dropped a donation into the Charity bucket.

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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 collect loose change at home - every penny really does count!
- You could collect used stamps and send them into the office. Ask your work colleagues or friends and family to join in too.
- Maybe you could organise your own fundraising event, we have various ways in which we can help and support you.
- Why not take up a challenge like the Tough Mudder or a 10k run and raise sponsorship for the Fund.
- 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.

JustTextGiving™
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We receive 100% of your donation!

An easy and quick way of making donations is to send a simple text message

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

Forthcoming Events

Back T't Moor Family Fun Day

Sunday 3rd May 2015 – Aberdeen Farm, Oxenhope, BD22 9QD



Following on from the success of last year's Annette Fox Tour On't Moor (our Tour De France fundraiser), Rachael and Bob Atkinson have invited us back to their stunning location in Oxenhope for the Tour De Yorkshire.

The race will once again pass along the side of the field, ensuring a prime view of the cyclists. There will also be lots of things going on for the whole family, including bouncy castles, face painting and games for the children, music, refreshments, food and stalls.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Gates open at 11.30am

There is no entrance fee, all we ask is a donation to the charity on the gate.

Run For All – York 10k

Sunday 2nd August 2015

The York Run for All 10k is taking place on Sunday 2nd August 2015. A number of runners have already signed up to take part in aid of the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund.

Each runner has agreed to raise a minimum of £75 in sponsorship money. 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 coach will be leaving from the Smith Lane car park at the Bradford Royal Infirmary at 7.15am on the 2nd August and returning from York at approximately 4.00pm, at a cost of just £10 per person return. Runners, supporters, family and friends are all welcome to travel on the coach.

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.

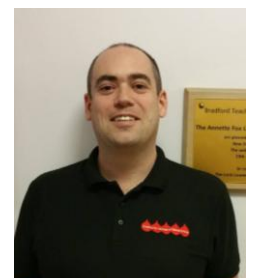


News

We are proud to be associated with Bradford Disability Services who, with a Grant from ourselves, are able to provide the services of a dedicated Welfare Rights Officer, Jonathan Brearley.

Jonathan is able to offer patients free, confidential and unbiased advice on a wide range of money issues.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jonathan and look forward to working with him.



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.

Bradford St James's Market Tenants Association

Thank you to Jonathan Kershaw, President of the Bradford St James's Market Tenants Association for choosing to support the Fund at the Association's Annual Charity Dinner for the 4th year running.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this annual Dinner such a huge success, the proceeds of which were an incredible £29,000.

The Kershaw Family donated a further £5,000 themselves – taking the total to £34,000!



Alhambra Theatre Bradford

Thank you to the Alhambra Theatre for inviting our team of volunteers to hold a bucket collection at a matinee performance during Pantomime season.

We took our mascot 'Foxy' along for the afternoon and had great fun. Everyone was very generous and 'Foxy' was a big hit with the children.



Reliant Sabre & Scimitar Owners Club

For the second year running, David Caswell and Phoebe Rothwell-Knee presented a cheque to Prof. Parapia on behalf of the Reliant Sabre & Scimitar Owners Club. The funds, totalling £460, were raised at the Owners Club Christmas Party in Beverley. Thank you to David, Phoebe and everyone at the Reliant Sabre and Scimitar Owners Club for your continued support.



Peter King

Thank you to Peter King who presented a donation of £300 to the Fund on behalf of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB). The group raised the money through various fundraising activities including a sponsored walk, cycle and hike of one of the three peaks and a garden party, and shared the proceeds between ourselves and other Bradford cancer charities.



Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who supported the Charity by purchasing our ever popular Christmas Cards in 2014. Over £2000 was raised for the Fund.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to our supporters who celebrated Ruby and Diamond wedding anniversaries in 2014. Both couples choose to request donations to the Fund instead of gifts and we received £680 in donations from their friends and families.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets are available from our Office on Ward 7 at just £2 for a book of 5 tickets. To be in with a chance of winning a Brand New Adult Cycle or one of the many other fabulous prizes, get your tickets now. The draw will take place on 6th May.

Merchandise

Annette Fox merchandise is available to purchase from our Office on Ward 7. We have pens, wristbands and note pads, all just £1 each, eco shopping bags just £2 each and t-shirts in various sizes at only £8.

Donations

Donations can be made directly to the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund in person at our office on Ward 7 at Bradford Royal Infirmary or can be sent through the post to the address at the foot of this page.

Cheques should be made payable to Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund. Please DO NOT send cash through the post.

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 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.

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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