

A BIG HIT



Colin Brumpton and Ian Mitchell

impressive demonstration of golfing skills. A shot gun start was the order of the day and everyone made their way to their respective tees to keenly compete for the CUSA Cup. The Cup was presented by Ian Mitchell,

the Club President and loyal supporter of the LCSA and at his invitation, Colin Brumpton, a Director of Man Group plc has unstintingly given sponsorship and organised teams which has made the event a resounding success. Before returning to the Club House for dinner

there was a putting competition to sample on the 18th Green.

During dinner prizes were awarded to the top teams and the charity auction raised a stunning £22,000 attracting high bids for tickets for next year's Augusta National Masters in Georgia, USA and a week's stay in a two bed roomed villa in Spain including flights and golf.

A grand total of £60,000 is a remarkable achievement and we feel very privileged to be part of such a highly successful day, it is very much appreciated.



Practice makes perfect

Clandon Regis Golf Club once again hosted a prestigious pro-am golf day in May for our Appeal and this year we shared the proceeds with The Prostate Project.

The teams, 24 in all, each with three amateurs and one pro gathered together to watch the Jeremy Dale Trick Shot Golf Show - a very

A SURGEON'S PERSPECTIVE

During the long years of my training, it was clear that patients with secondary liver cancer from primary cancer of the bowel received very poor treatment. To a large extent they received a little palliative chemotherapy but certainly no attempt was ever made at removing the tumour from the liver. This was in marked variance with what was standard practice in France and the United States.

On my appointment to the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford in 1995, it was my intention to set up this service. The Health Service, being strapped for funds, could not contribute towards the purchase of the equipment necessary to perform this surgery and it was out of the need to raise money to get this equipment that the Liver Cancer

Surgery Appeal was started. With the use of the equipment that has been generously donated to the Royal Surrey by the Liver Cancer Surgery Appeal, nearly 250 patients have now been offered surgery, many of whom are long term survivors. As the service has become well established, we have started to receive patients from all over the South of England and, in addition, have had patients from as far away as Stornaway and Cornwall. Our objectives for next year are to achieve funding for a fulltime data entry clerk for maintenance of records and follow up data on all patients undergoing liver surgery. In addition we wish to start a research programme to look at the effect of new chemotherapies on liver tumours and new treatments, such as radiofrequency ablation. In addition we wish to fund the appointment of another Consultant Liver Surgeon so that the service may be seamlessly delivered throughout the year.



Nariman Karanjia performing a liver resection

Nariman Karanjia MS FRCS (Gen)

Consultant Hepatobiliary and Gastrointestinal Surgeon

GIFT AID - Please will you help us

Just a reminder . . . If any UK taxpayer donates to our Appeal, as a registered charity we can reclaim the tax. Assuming the basic rate of income tax, for every £1 donated we can reclaim 28p from the Inland Revenue. For example, for every £100 donated, the Liver Cancer Surgery Appeal will receive an extra £28 at no extra cost to the donor. The Appeal has its own printed form. Please write to The Old Farm House, Epsom Road, Merrow, Surrey GU4 7AB or ring 01483 546321.

NEWS - The Surrey University's chosen charities for this year's concert are LCSA and Make a Wish. Andy Blair who wrote our website put our name forward.

CHRISTMAS AND EVERYTHING



Festive flowers

There was a feeling of Christmas, as Crabtree and Evelyn opened its doors one November evening in support of the Appeal. The shop was bursting with ideas for stocking fillers and that special gift. Music played whilst the shoppers sipped wine and sampled such goodies as whiskey cake and biscuits with relishes. Tucked in one corner there was a hand massage on offer whilst just at the entrance some gathered to watch the creation of stunning flower arrangements. Both were



Spilt for choice

donated to the raffle and made very popular prizes. The baskets filled, some left with gift wrapped purchases but everyone was delighted with a goodie bag from either the rosewater or lavender range. Such a happy occasion raising £750 from ticket sales, donations, the raffle and, of course, a generous donation from Crabtree and Evelyn - a percentage of the sales that evening.

ROLE OF THE LCSA

What the Appeal does

Inform

- the patient's Guide of treatment options for secondary liver cancer
- glossary
- website links for the medical profession and the lay person

Fundraise

- newsletters
- forthcoming events

What the Appeal does not do

- offer medical advice - referrals may only be taken through a general medical practitioner or specialist

What the Appeal hopes to do

- set up a clinical training centre
- set up a research and reference centre



Blackheath and Bramley Choral Society

CANDLES AND CAROLS

A pretty Norman church in Wonersh was the perfect setting with its flickering candles and garlands of holly and ivy for carols and Christmas readings. Forty members of the Blackheath and Bramley Choral Society led by Robert Gillman sang a selection of lesser known carols and excerpts from the Messiah. There was a Bach organ recital followed by one of two readings, the matchstick girl by Hans Christian Andersen which was read with great feeling by a choir member. Nariman Karanjia, the surgeon, then explained how surgery gave those with liver cancer a better quality of life and possible cure. Everyone joined in 'O come, all ye faithful' and on leaving contributed to the retiring collection which amounted to just over £500 raising £1350 in all for the Appeal.



Choir member, Frank Taylor presents a cheque to Nariman Karanjia

MESSAGE

It is always difficult to say 'thank you' without it sounding bland and without depth of feeling, but nevertheless the Appeal wishes to say 'thank you'.

There is no doubt the participation of supporters in our fundraising events, donations, gift aid and grants all make a huge difference to fulfilling a real need to support the liver cancer services here in Guildford.

"I know you will understand surgery, particularly liver surgery, is my vocation and job but I do very much appreciate all your help in allowing me to achieve my goal of giving those with liver cancer a better quality of life, if not cure" Nariman Karanjia

"Envelopes addressed to the LCSA tumble on to my door mat and there is always a sense of anticipation as I open each one, so often containing cheques but, it is always the accompanying letters which tell the story, written sometimes in sadness but mostly happiness and with a sense of looking to the future: often it is for a ticket to one of our events. These are fun - do come and join us, just ring or write to me" Margaret Taylor

TICKLE YOUR TASTEBUDS

A lovely old barn with its original early eighteenth century beams and brick patterned walls was the venue for a wine tasting followed by supper on a warm summer evening. Each table had a European flag as decoration to set the scene.

Old versus new was the theme. The owner of Wine Odyssey, Peter Cobbett, brought two merlots and cabernet sauvignons from France and Chile for a comparative tasting which was repeated with two chardonnays and sauvignons. With a description of the grape and the niceties of how to taste wine, we all had an informative and interesting time, whether a wine buff or novice.



Decisions, decisions - the wine quiz

There was much conviviality during supper and the wine quiz, dished out during the first course, was fun and a box of wine was won by Alan Keat. At the end of the meal everyone joined in 'Heads and Tails' - raising an extra £90. The winner was given a blue ceramic fish casserole dish.

LEAVING A LEGACY TO CHARITY

Most of us have every expectation of going on for years - perhaps this is the reason why seven out of ten people in this country die without ever making a Will.

Many people support charities during their lifetime. A legacy to a registered charity is free from Inheritance Tax. It usually reduces your Inheritance Tax liability, because any legacies to charities are deducted from the value of your estate prior to taxation. By leaving a gift to the Liver Cancer Surgery Appeal you will enable the work of the charity to continue after your death; perhaps in the purchase of diagnostic and surgical equipment, research or informing patients of choice of treatment.

There is information about our legacy programme. Please accept our apologies if it is a time of sorrow or illness.

Please write to: The Old Farm House, Epsom Road, Merrow, Surrey GU4 7AB if you would like more information. www.liver.org.uk



Once again, donations to the Appeal were received in lieu of floral tributes at the request of the families, one in Wales and the other in Surrey. We very much appreciate being chosen.

BANG ON TARGET

Our first clay pigeon shoot was highly successful. It took place at Bisley Shooting Ground with its 3,000 acres of heath and woodland. On arrival the expert shots and novices tucked into bacon rolls and Danish pastries

and drunk jugs of coffee before disappearing in teams to their first stand. Each one experienced, with tuition, the challenge of the highest clay pheasants, of rising teal, bolting rabbits, driven grouse and bursting partridges. Everyone had 100 'birds' and each team a name such as The Longshots, The Allsorts and The Barn Doors. During the morning most were tempted to the 180 foot high tower which can present clays from 50 feet to over 200 feet. For each attempt £10 was donated to the Appeal.

Lunch was served in the Victorian club house, sausages and mash followed by apple crumble. The day ended on a high note with the auction. Larry Hagman - JR Ewing - sent his signed copy of a script of one of the Dallas episodes. The Surrey Cricket team autographed a cricket bat which raised £1200 and two champagne hot air



Margaret Taylor receiving tuition from Anthony Roupell, 'Bisley's' proprietor



The competitive edge

balloon flights were popular. Two water colours by a local artist were quickly snapped up, so was one day's fishing on the Test. Two shared lessons to include 100 clays and cartridges at Bisley and some clothing and sports bag were also donated. The video camera, a year's magazine subscription and restaurant voucher contributed to the grand total of £6,500 raised by a talented auctioneer.

LCSA WEBSITE

A visit to our website will reveal ways in which you can help us achieve our goals, the future of liver cancer surgery and treatments.

Most importantly it will inform those with liver cancer, their family and friends what to expect.

The site opens with general information about the LCSA, its role and goes on to how you can support us. The surgeon, Nariman Karanjia, is featured with links to his professional websites as is the Royal Surrey County Hospital with its own website link. There are facts on secondary liver cancer, a guide to hospital treatment and a glossary of terms as well as a patient's story.

DO VISIT US ON www.liver.org.uk

GRAND SLAM



At play

In August we held our third bridge lunch in Merrow at St John's Centre next to the church. Eighty players arrived on a wet morning clutching tables, cards and pencils and keen to participate in three rounds of bridge. A quick cup of coffee and everyone settled down with friends to enjoy the game. Soon after

midday, with a glass in one hand and a plate of kedgerree in the other, each player found the way to their table to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Pudding was served just before Nariman Karanjia arrived and he spoke of his liver surgery and what it means to his patients. Raffle tickets were sold and with so many tempting prizes - books, prints, flowers, several vouchers, silk cushion and wine - to be won, £345

was raised. Some of those who were unable to come sent donations bringing the final amount to £1200. Competition was fierce and prizes were awarded for the highest score, grand slam, small slam and random score. It all seemed to go very well.



Gifts galore

SURREY COMMUNITY ACTION

This is an organisation that is a county based operation and principally exists to support the voluntary sector. It runs with the support of two main funders, Surrey County Council and the Countryside Agency.

This year we successfully applied for a grant enabling the Appeal to set up its own website and publish an updated version of the patient's guide for treatment options for secondary liver cancer. There is a good response from those searching the web for information on liver cancer and from the GP practices in Surrey and beyond who have been sent copies of the Guide.

THREADS AT WHIPLEY MANOR

Many months of planning by Mary Gray and her team resulted in a rare exhibition of textile art which is becoming very popular and highly collectable. Artists all displaying a wealth of talent supported the Appeal enthusiastically bringing a huge range of pieces for sale from handmade cards, small items such as jewellery to silk cushions. Of course the highlight was framed pieces of work, mainly stitched with exciting original designs. There were some unusual items too and Mary Hainline, a local artist, was invited to exhibit her brightly coloured paintings and sell her cards.

The exhibition took place at Country Pictures at Whitley Manor Farm, a superb venue, a restored beamed barn which has a light and airy feel. Tim Clarke, the owner, hosted the preview auction, invited guests enjoyed wine and canapés whilst bidding for items donated by the artists and supporters.

The star items included an original watercolour by Alan Whitehead, a signed print of Ringo, David Shepherd signed one of his prints, the official story of the MacLaren F1 signed

by Professor Gordon Murray and a beautiful handmade quilt by Barbara Doyle-Davidson. A week of viewing at the Gallery followed and each day some of the artists ran

workshops giving students an insight into stitch related activities. It was both stimulating and fun.

Threads at Whitley raised over £3000 for the Appeal, a supreme effort on the part of all those involved in the exhibition.



Tim Clarke, gallery owner with Mary Clarke, exhibition organiser



Beavering away

Our Newsletter, it is hoped, will keep you in touch with the work of the Liver Cancer Surgery Appeal which is a registered charity No 1061703.

Please write to me, the Appeal Organiser at The Old Farm House, Epsom Road, Merrow, Surrey, GU4 7AB if you would like more information or wish to send a donation.

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