



Welcome and update from Karen & Kevin

A warm welcome to our spring/summer newsletter. At last after what seemed like a long winter we are now enjoying longer days and warm sunshine. Spring is seen as the start of the year and a time to plan for the year, to put in place new ideas and new approaches.

For us spring is a busy time planning our two events for this year and putting in place a campaign which aims to make drugs available at the earliest possible opportunity to paediatric researchers.

In February we attended a SIOPE (European Society for Paediatric Oncology) conference on new European regulations restricting the use of data. This new regulation which is still being drafted is seen as a potential issue with respect to patient data gathered during research. We gave our opinion in the open forum that data availability was key to vital research and that this should not be compromised. After the conference we met with Glenis Willmott MEP to discuss the EU Paediatric Regulations.



ABOVE: L TO R: Kevin, Glenis Willmott & Karen

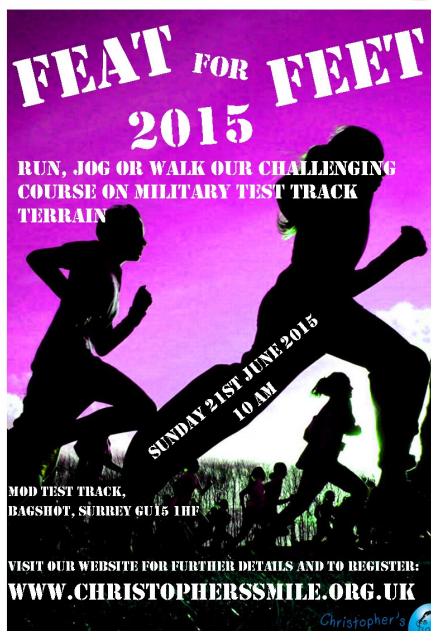
This year we will be participating in a number of paediatric conferences as we did last year with the aim of enabling change in delays to getting new treatments into frontline use for children with cancer. We have a meeting scheduled in June in Brussels with Glenis Willmott MEP, European Commission members and paediatric oncology experts to highlight and address paediatric regulatory issues. We hope that this will be a catalyst for much needed change in improving early access to new, potentially life saving treatments. We continue to raise our concerns in the media wherever possible and again, we were invited to speak on national radio in connection with the Ashya King case. We read a great article in Friday magazine (part of The Gulf News paper) by Colin Drury outlining the reasons why we set up the charity and what we have achieved. There's a link on

the home page of the website if you'd like to take a look. In addition, British Airways "Up to Speed" magazine featured Kevin in it's 'Other Life' section in the April edition. We feel proud to see the charity's message spread in the wider world and we hope that it is making a difference. We believe it is...

Recent activities to keep our knowledge up to date include attendance at an Aston University Alumni "Research to Reality" event hosted at The Royal Society where Professor Malcolm Stevens, instrumental in the discovery and development of the drug Temozolomide presented on the changes in research over the past 30 years. (Temozolomide is one of the drugs Christopher was treated with and one of a very small number which can cross through the blood brain barrier. In over 30 years it has not yet been superseded by anything more effective). The ICR hosted a Discovery Club evening on paediatric research and it was encouraging to see that our efforts are bearing fruit. We anticipate some positive news at our next progress meeting with the team and will update you fully in our next July newsletter. In the meantime, as always we hope you enjoy this edition.

Karen & Kevin

2015 Events



On 21st June we are hosting our second Feat for Feet walk, jog or run on a military training ground near to Lightwater. We hope to build on the success of last year's event and this time the event will be slightly longer at 8 km (with the option of doing 4km.) It will be a great event on the longest day of the year and it's open to the whole family.

www.christopherssmile.org.uk/feat-for-feet/

*Ascot Rotary Family Fun Day 26th July
(Details to follow)*

Cakes, coffee and shopping at Lightwater Leisure Centre Bake a Smile event. From 10 onwards till 12 o'clock on Wednesday 6th May.

*Lightwater Leisure Centre
Bake a Smile event 6th May*



Bake A Smile

In October we are holding our 2015 Ball at the prestigious Wentworth Golf Club. It will be a chance to dress elegantly, enjoy a sumptuous dinner, dance and socialise into the small hours. If you would like tickets, please check on the website for a booking form.

www.christopherssmile.org.uk/christophers-smile-ball/



*13th June - Windlesham Village Fete
11th July - Pyrford and Wisley Flower Show
18th July - Byfleet Parish Day
25th July - Rosie's Tea Rooms, Hartley Wintney
31st August - Camphill Social Club, Family Day*

*Saturday 19th September
Collection at Waitrose
Sunningdale*

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Recent Events & Supporters' News & Activities



ABOVE L to R: Joy Barden and Karen

Joy Barden, one of the St James's Place partners presented Karen with a cheque for £1,000 at the start of the year. This is the second cheque that Joy has presented and every penny of this donation will be used to fund our research. A great start to 2015!

Earlier in the year we applied to become **Spectrum Leisure Centre** Charity for 2015. With help from many of you who voted for us, we were successful! We hope for a great partnership with the team at Spectrum and their members. Christopher's Smile will benefit from members donating their points which we can turn into fun experiences for children and volunteers.

The month of January was a month of denial for **Sarah Gadson**. Sarah bravely gave up chocolate for the month and raised £145!



ABOVE: Karen receiving the £500 cheque at Lakeview

Lakeview Care Home in Lightwater opened its doors in November. They have been awarded a design prize for the fantastic building. Part of the shortlisting process was to be granted an award of £500 to donate to charity. Christopher's Smile was selected by Lakeview to receive this brilliant donation. Thank you for your support!



ABOVE RIGHT L to R: Karen, 'Specky' and Steve, Spectrum Manager



The good people of West Byfleet deposited their green Waitrose tokens at the start of this year to support Christopher's Smile. This resulted in us receiving a donation of £440 from **Waitrose West Byfleet Community Matters**.

LEFT: Trustees Rosemary and Denis Conroy receiving the cheque for £440 from Waitrose West Byfleet partners

We are pleased to have a continuing great relationship with **SITA** in Hayes. The team lead by **Daphnie Bray** recently organised their annual SITA Easter egg raffle and raised £419 for Christopher's Smile. A big thank you to everyone at SITA who helped to raise another great amount of money for us. (We were reassured that all the chocolate eggs were low calorie, fat and sugar free!)

RHS: The SITA Easter Egg raffle



In the run up to Easter Christopher's Smile volunteers packed customer bags in **Sainsbury's Camberley** and **Waitrose in Frimley**. We had extra "manpower" at Waitrose from four volunteer ladies from **Waterfords Estate Agents**. Thanks to the help we received from everyone who gave their time, the bag packing days raised almost £1700.

BELOW : Some of our fabulous Christopher's Smile volunteers at the end of a long day!



ABOVE: Waitrose partners and our Waterfords volunteers

During the last week of February and the first week of March **The 3 Mariners** in Bagshot held their 10th Anniversary Celebration Fortnight. Over this celebration period £920 was raised for Christopher's Smile through raffles, beer sales and other activities. Our huge thanks go to **Linda Northwood** the landlady of the 3 Mariners and to **Chris Darvell** for the support given during these celebrations to the charity.



As you already know, we are continuing our Bake a Smile throughout 2015 and we're delighted that Bake a Smile events were held by **Natalie West** at **Cignpost** who raised £60 and by **Sandra Payne** who raised £270. Thank you Natalie and Sandra for organising your events. We are really grateful for your help in spreading the word about what we do and for raising much needed funds.

LHS: Natalie's Bake a Smile Cake Swap hosted at work

On the 12th April local pharmacist **Erol Ali** braved the unseasonal April sunshine to finish the Brighton Marathon. Erol raised almost £2,000 for Christopher's Smile.

RHS: Erol's Brighton Marathon experience—in action and well deserved celebrations on Brighton beach after completing the run in 3 hours 33. A great achievement!

British Airways Cabin Crew Entertainment Society (BACCES) raised £2,500 for Christopher's Smile from their Jack and the Beanstalk performances back in December. We were one of the charities they chose to support this year. The presentation was made by some of the BACCES members at the local Lakeview care home who provided a meeting room and refreshments.



ABOVE: BACCES & RHS: Kevin (not in control of his llama!) Samantha and Grace Bucksey and The Menzies Team

Our thanks to **Liz Blunt** for organising a second Easter egg hunt on 17th April raising £100, to **TASIS** for their recent fundraiser sale and "rags and tags" day which achieved £1800 and **LVS** in Ascot for your donation of £4,000. It's all great support which makes a big difference to our research.

We remain grateful to everyone who supports or has supported our charity in the many and varied ways you do so. Please stay in touch with us and be part of making a difference for children with cancer.

2015 : MUSIC at THE THREE MARINERS

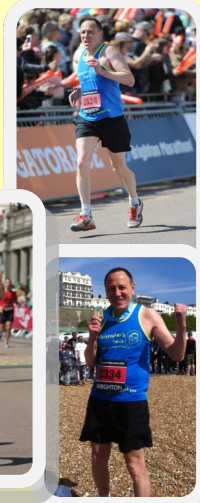
Would you believe that we have been running the Mariners for 10 years this year? To celebrate, we are having 2 weeks of partying :

| FEBRUARY | |
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| Fri 20 th | 21 - 23.00 Land of Cakes |
| Sat 21 st | 15 - 17.00 Children's Party with Anna (from Frozen) Mariners are holding a raffle. There is a great chance of £2 per ticket - party food & prizes included |
| Sun 22 nd | 21 - 23.00 Singing: Rob Tildery |
| Tue 24 th | 20 - 22.00 Our usual Sunday Quiz & Music with Andy |
| Wed 25 th | 20 - 22.00 Singing: Dan Brewster Play's (very popular) monthly Quiz |
| Fri 27 th | 20.30 Bitter Blues & Steve Brookes |
| Sat 28 th | 20.30 Music & Dance Party with Andy (This is the day we look over the pub and - you can't have a party without Cakes, Scones and Pudding, now can you?) |
| MARCH | |
| Sun 1 st | 20.30 Our usual Sunday Quiz & Music with Andy |
| Wed 4 th | 20 - 22.00 Singing: Jan Merchant |
| Fri 6 th | 21.00 The Skyettes |
| Sat 7 th | 21.00 Reggae - bringing our party to a close!! |

Charity Raffle: from 20th Feb to 7th Mar we will be drawing at least one cash ticket every day. There are some really great prizes, so **buy your tickets now @ £2 per ticket!** All proceeds going to: **Christopher's Smile**.
There will also be a **Charity Beer Festival**. So, if you or your charity wants to sponsor a cask of Ale speak to Linda, Simon or Tracy.

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ABOVE: 3M schedule of anniversary activities



Menzies (Egham branch) currently supporting Christopher's Smile took part in a great activity organised by **Samantha Bucksey** on 18th April in Hambledon. It was a llama walk! We were invited to meet the team—and to walk with the llamas. It was a great activity, great weather and a great bunch of people! We hope you all enjoyed it and laughed as much as we did. We mustn't forget the llamas who were great too!



Neil Frediani took part in his first Marathon—the London Marathon on 26th April. Well done for rising to the challenge and raising over £1000 for the charity.

LHS: Neil at 19 miles in the London Marathon

Regular Giving

You can help Christopher's Smile by setting up a standing order to give on a regular basis. Any amount helps, a few pounds a month makes a huge difference and 100% of your donation will go to childhood cancer research.

STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

(Please complete in block capitals)

To: THE MANAGER

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Please pay to the account of:

Christopher's Smile
HSBC Bank plc
29 High Street
Camberley
GU15 3RE
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Please tick the 'Gift Aid' box below if you are a UK taxpayer* so that Christopher's Smile can reclaim the tax you will have paid on your donation. For every £1 you give us we can claim 25p more. To qualify for Gift Aid, it is vital you give your FULL NAME, HOME ADDRESS, POSTCODE,

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Print this form, complete your details and return to Christopher's Smile, PO Box , 1363 Lightwater, GU18 5ZS. We will then forward the information to your bank.

Please continue your support—it is important to us. We look forward to seeing you soon. Karen & Kevin.

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