

The Gloucestershire Chest Fund Ltd

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

A BELATED HAPPY and HEALTY NEW YEAR to EVERYONE

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT

The Trustees are delighted to report that Willie Carson, the retired Champion flat racing jockey, has agreed to become our new President.

Dr. Willie Carson O.B.E. , to give him his full title, now successfully breeds horses at his stud at Barnsley, near Cirencester as well as being a well known presenter of racing on B.B.C. television.



Willie said “he was flattered to be approached” and he is more than pleased to be associated with a charity intent on improving the quality of life for many chest disease sufferers in the county.

The Trustees have also written to Mr Tony Allcock M.B.E. , the retiring President who no longer lives in the county, to express their appreciation of his long and happy association with the Chest Fund.

Changes to Trustees

At last year's Annual General Meeting, Dr. Andrea Penketh tendered her resignation due to pressure of work and Mr Philip Evans also retired due to ill health. The Trustees greatly miss their sound advice and wise counsel which was freely given. The Trustees are also saddened to report that Philip passed away last November following several months of declining health.

However, on a brighter note, the following appointments have recently been made:

Dr. Simon Message PhD MRCP

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital

Dr. Ananthakrishnan Raghuram MD. MRCPI. FRCP

Cheltenham General Hospital

Mrs Kathy Cambell RGN

Gloucester Primary Care Trust

Mrs Fiona Miles

Recently retired from Cheltenham General Hospital

ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT (EBUS)

During 2007 we have concentrated on raising funds for this special equipment to aid the early diagnosis of lung cancer. I am delighted to report that currently the fund stands in excess of £50,000. We were extremely fortunate that when this project was launched, one of our Trustees readily volunteered to make a substantial donation to 'kick start' the fund. In addition we have received substantial support from many local authorities and Masonic lodges in the county. The Trustees also greatly appreciate the assistance we have received from many businesses in Gloucestershire as well as numerous private donations.

However, we still need to raise another £30,000 before we can place an order for this equipment. Are you able to help? Can you organise a coffee morning, a table top sale or arrange a sponsored event? Please ask your children or grandchildren if their school will organise an event. We desperately need your help to secure these additional funds.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW and CANDLE LIT SUPPER

Terry Adams(our Treasurer thanks pianist Joan for her excellent work)



Please! Will you come next year?

Some of the many prizes

Bob Fletcher and Margaret Brown enjoy the entertainment

I am once again pleased to report that due to many prizes being donated by local businesses, Members of Parliament and our loyal group of supporters the Annual Draw was a great success and a net surplus of over £400 was achieved. There were 21 excellent prizes; all have been delivered to the winners. The winning numbers of the first three prizes are:

1 st . Prize	Sony DVD player and recorder	Ticket No. 811
2 nd . Prize	£80.00 voucher for Everyman Theatre	Ticket No. 4682
3 rd . Prize	Luxury Christmas Hamper	Ticket No. 3247

A full list of winning numbers is available but Data protection Act forbids showing names.

Unfortunately the attendance at the Candle Lit Supper was down. However the entertainment was enjoyed by everyone and the tasty food and delicious wine ‘went down a treat’.

At this year’s event, provisional date 5th December, we may provide a fish and chip supper, what do you think? Please talk to us – any suggestions will be seriously considered by the Events Committee.

Awareness Days.

Jo Astbury manned a stall in Beechwood Centre in Cheltenham, Jeff Beetham and Ron Hannam ran one in the Eastgate Mall, Gloucester. We hope to do this every COPD day. This year the date is to be Wednesday 19th. November – why not come along and say ‘hello’?



We desperately need **YOUR** help:

1. Rikenel Car Park, Montpellier, Gloucester on Saturday 10th. May 2008-can you spare 2 hours to help collect the parking fees? (Can be done seated)
2. Tewkesbury Half Marathon on Sunday 11th. May, this is the sixth time Simon Smith has run for the benefit of Gloucestershire Chest Fund – will you please get him a few sponsors?
3. Store Collection at Tesco, Stow-on-the-Wold Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th April
4. Store collection at Tesco, Stroud on Wednesday and Thursday 18th and 19th June.

These store collections are extremely useful to raise money and create awareness of our charity. Chairs can be provided if you wish but please, please, please can you be available to do 2 hours work, that’s all we ask.

Thank you for your continuing support which is very much appreciated.

Best Wishes

Ron Hannam (Fundraiser)