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Dear Friends and Supporters,

MAY I FIRST OF ALL WISH EVERYONE A BELATED BUT HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT (E.B.U.S. for short)

During the past eighteen months we have concentrated our efforts on raising funds for special medical equipment to assist in the early detection of lung cancer without the need for invasive surgery. I am delighted to report that, despite the current difficult economic climate, response has been overwhelming and we are only a few thousand pounds short of our original objective – to raise £83,000.

Our Trustees would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many Businesses in Gloucestershire who supported us, as well as local Town and Parish councils, Charitable Trusts, Masonic Lodges, Service Clubs and, of course, many private individuals.

However, we still need to raise a little more money – can you possibly organise a fund raising event or secure a donation to make our dream come true?

Your support of the Christmas Draw and Social Evening was excellent – thank you

We had some excellent draw prizes and I am pleased to report that after expenses a satisfactory surplus of £373.00 was achieved.

The Christmas Social was well attended and everyone enjoyed a delightful fish and chip supper and a glass of wine. Once again Dennis Johns entertained us, ably assisted by his lovely daughter Linda with Joan on the piano. We were 'well fed and watered' and entertained for only £7.00 each!

**Norman Mitchell
(Trustee – and a happy one!)**

**Keith, Len and Carol
(Keeping the drinks flowing!)**

**Our Vera (Evans)
still working well!**



**Julia Wintle with
her certificate**



The Doreen Roberts Award for 2008

The Trustees very readily agreed to present Mrs Julia Wintle, from the Forest of Dean, with the Doreen Roberts Award Certificate in recognition of her dedicated, continuous support over many years. Julia, who is not a well person,

has raised considerable funds for us by making and selling hand made greetings cards. The official presentation was made by Dr. Roy Lamb, Trustee, who thanked Julia for her very welcome support over the last 10 years.

Mrs Jo Astbury's C.O.P.D. Awareness Day, in the Beechwood Shopping Centre, Cheltenham, is an annual event and continues to be very successful.

**Jo Astbury (right)
and Daughter Heather**

**Just keep taking the cash
Heather!**

**The Chest Fund Display
(All Jo's own work!)**



On this occasion Jo was assisted by her glamorous daughter, Heather, who is competing in a triathlon this year for the benefit of the Chest Fund. Anyone wishing to sponsor Heather please contact me. Every year, usually the third Wednesday in November, Jo makes the general public aware of the plight of C.O.P.D sufferers and the contribution that the Chest Fund endeavours to make to improve their well being.

Now to 2009

I would welcome your help and support to make the following events successful:

Saturday 9th May 2009. We will operate the car park at Rikenel Health Centre, Montpellier, Gloucester from 8.00am till 4.00pm. To ensure we raise the maximum from this event I need eight volunteers each working for 2 hours. Its easy work, the public are happy to pay £2.00 to park all day in a city centre location. Just sit at the entrance and take the money.

Saturday 19th June 2009. We will man the 'Members car park at Shire Hall, Gloucester. The same arrangements as Rikenel's car park, easy work, good money, 8 volunteers needed.

Sunday 22nd. June 2009. We have four supporters who will walk up to 26 miles in the Cheltenham Circular Challenge. They will do the work, will you sponsor them? Will you ask your friends and family to sponsor them? I will send sponsor forms nearer the date.

Tuesday 11th. August 2009. The Annual sponsored skittles match will take place in the Rising Sun, Hartpury. Just come along for a great evening out. Remember, all pubs are non-smoking these days!.

Saturday 5th. September 2009. Rikenel car park again. 8 volunteers to make the best of it.

Sunday 6th. September 2009. The Cirencester Charity Run. At least one team, including one of our Trustees, will run 10k for the Gloucestershire Chest Fund. No work to be done but how about supporting Bernard Cooper with a donation or just come along for a good day out in Cirencester Park.

We are also considering a 'Charity Meal'. This would be an evening meal on an 'Eat as much as you like' deal with a short talk on the Chest Fund and a raffle. We may also have 'anonymous donation' envelopes at each place setting to give the audience the opportunity to donate should they wish to do so. Belinda Spiteri, a new and most welcome member of the Events Committee, is trying to sort out the details.

Our charity, thanks to all of you, is going from strength to strength. Your support at these events is one of the nicest things about the job, your company is another. Please help if you can. We will do our best to organise fundraising events but it's what you do that keeps bringing in the money. How about it – will you organize and run your own fund raising event? Run a raffle, have a coffee morning, put 5p in a pot every time you make a phone call and donate the money to us once every 3 months? Anything will help.

Thank you for your continued support

Ron Hannam