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Newsletter 2/10

Dear Friends,

There's no fool like an old fool!

Last year our younger, fitter Chairman, Bernard Cooper, and a much younger, fitter Karen Goard walked the 26 + miles of the Cheltenham Circular Challenge to benefit our Charity. This year I decided to have a go myself; I did it, the last 3 or 4 miles on 'autopilot'. When the money is in I hope to have raised £300 for our new campaign. Are there any volunteers for next year?

What's News?

The campaign to raise £84,000 to provide Endobronchial Ultrasound for Gloucestershire is near to a conclusion. Following clarification of some technical and financial aspects of the proposal a decision should be received from the N.H.S. very shortly. You all did brilliantly; thank you for your loyal support.

What's next?

The Consultant Chest Physicians on the Board of Trustees have asked that we try to raise sufficient monies to provide portable Ultrasound Imaging Equipment for both Cheltenham General and Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals. This equipment will aid the clinicians to find out exactly what's going on inside the chests of their patients. It will also provide a fast accurate means of determining where chest drains should be inserted. Sonosite Ltd, based in Hertfordshire, is the preferred supplier for this equipment



These scanners are very portable allowing the physician to get the information that is needed quickly, accurately and **at bedside!**. Definitely something our hospitals need.

The two scanners will cost £40,000 and we'd like to provide them to both facilities within 12 months.

Will you help please? Send a donation or run your own fundraiser – you'll be surprised how many new friends you can make that way. Tactfully suggest that your friends and relatives remember us in their will but stress that we don't want to collect in a hurry!

Of course, the most welcome way is for you to sign a monthly banker's order backed up with a Gift Aid Declaration, that way we get the tax back as well.!!

Whatever you do will be greatly appreciated and the chest sufferers in Gloucestershire's hospitals will benefit.

Remember them?



They did it last year and now they are going to do it again. Heather Somerville, Matt Smith and Simon Smith completed the Cheltenham Lido Triathlon for our benefit.

They're going to do it again on Sunday 12th. September 2010. This year they will be joined by Matt Somerville and Nessa Matthews, Matt Smith's partner. They are Jo Astbury's wonderful family competing for us and supporting Jo.

500 metre swim, 15 kilometre bike ride and a 2.7 kilometre run. **THEY ARE DOING ALL THE WORK.**

Please will you sponsor them?

Just send your cheque to me; I'll make sure they get it.

We have fundraising events on most Saturdays – if you're prepared to help please let me know.

Moving on.

Our Dragon emblem has adorned our letterhead, our tee shirts and our fundraising posters since our Charity was formed in 1991. The Trustees have decided that it's time for a change – after all few people even remember the BBC Children's T.V. programme that featured Dewi, the asthmatic dragon.

Our new motive is the outline of our county in red with the name of our charity printed across it in black. I hope you like it – We do.

Christmas Social – Friday 3rd. December at St. Georges Hall, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester. Please put the date in your diary and please come along, enjoy the evening and meet friends old and new.

Take care and thank you for all your support.

Ron Hannam

