

The Gloucestershire Chest Fund Ltd

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Newsletter summer 2008

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It seems a very long time since I wrote to you in February. Because of the considerable increase in postal charges the decision has been taken to produce the newsletter three times a year instead of the usual four.

Geoff Beetham

Geoff Beetham, who was of our most active supporters, sadly passed away on 30th June after a short but painful illness; he was 81. Geoff and his late wife Beryl raised a great deal of money for the Fund by organising charity golf days and soliciting contributions from individuals and companies. He was always available, always helpful and he will be greatly missed.



What's News?

Last August the Consultant Respiratory Physicians of our county's hospitals asked if we would undertake the mammoth task of raising £83,000 to provide an Endobronchial Ultrasound service for patients in Gloucestershire that were suspected of suffering with lung cancer. The Trustees of the Gloucestershire Chest Fund decided to take up the challenge because this equipment would put our hospitals in the forefront for detection and early diagnosis of this disease.

So what did we do and how have we done?

We asked you all to help. You were kind enough to sell draw tickets, organise fund raising activities and, wherever possible, to involve friends and relations in store collections, coffee mornings etc..

Many of you did. Audrey Bottomley discovered that her interest in genealogy not only helped her friends to build their family trees she but encouraged them to donate to the Fund in appreciation of her help. Julia Wintle, though far from well herself, produced beautiful hand made greetings cards for sale at Awareness Days and the Christmas Social. She has also made regular donations from sales of craft activities. Colin and Mary Cavanagh, Hilary Howe, Les and Pat Davies and Bob Fletcher turned out to staff the Rikenel car park and Steph and Charlie McKeever and their family staffed the store collection at Stow-on-the-Wold.

Simon Smith, son of Jo Astbury, again ran the Tewkesbury Half Marathon and raised over £500. We think he has now raised over £2,000 by pursuing his favourite pastime.

Many of you chose to make personal donations. Whatever you did to help and contribute "Thank you and God bless you"

In addition to you individual efforts we approached many firms in Gloucestershire, Charitable Trusts, local authorities and service club for their support., The overall response has been brilliant and we have now raised £70,000 towards our goal.

John Winfield,(on the left)
Worshipful Master of the Zetland
Lodge of Freemasons, is seen
donating a cheque for £1,650 for the
Fund to Dr. John Prior. This sort of
wonderful support has helped to get
us well on the way to achieving our
target. The support from the Masonic
Lodges in the county has been most
impressive.



What Next?

Please help us to raise the last £13,000. Sometimes the end bit is the hardest to achieve so we need your help. I will shortly be sending out tickets for our Annual Draw. Please do not put them aside and forget them. Postage is expensive and we don't want to waste it. If any of you are no longer able to help by selling draw tickets or if you do not wish to receive the newsletters please let me know – I will understand.

What's on?

A sponsored skittles match between the Chest Fund All Stars and the Rising Sun at Hartpury was held on 19th. August and looks like raising £600 or £700..

Sunday September 7th 2008 – all day.

Sponsored Fun Run in Cirencester Park. Our involvement has been organised by Bernard Cooper but I will attend in case I'm needed. Why not come along and have a day out?

Saturday September 13th 2008

A Musical Evening presented by the Wide Valley Singers at MidGlos Indoor Bowls Club, Green Street, Brockworth. Tickets £4.00. Available now please apply to me by phone, email or letter.

Wednesday 19th. November 2008

Awareness Day stalls in Beechwood Centre ,Cheltenham and Eastgate Mall, Gloucester. Come and say 'Hello'

Friday 5th December 2008 at 7.30pm

Christmas Social to make the draw for the Annual Raffle. Good food, great entertainment, nice people. Put the date in your diary, tickets will be available soon.

Rikenel car park

This activity has always proved successful and we have been offered two dates for next year.

Saturday 9th May and Saturday 5th September. We will need staff from 8.00am till 4.00pm on both days. Please make a note of the days, if you can help, if you can bring a friend to help, whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy what's left of the summer, stay healthy and remember, where would we be without you!!!

Ron Hannam.

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