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Welcome

It has been a real honour to return to St Ann's Hospice and, since I took up the role of Chief Executive in July, it has been an incredibly busy time meeting former colleagues and meeting new staff, volunteers and supporters. I have spent a significant part of my career at St Ann's Hospice, first as a staff nurse at the Heald Green site in 1997. I then moved over to our Little Hulton site where I worked as the Inpatient Services Manager for a further two years. Following a brief period working for the NHS, I returned to St Ann's Hospice as Director of Clinical Services, a position I held for five years before joining East Cheshire Hospice as Chief Executive in 2007. Within days of starting my new role as Chief Executive at St Ann's Hospice, several events confirmed what an amazing and inspiring organisation St Ann's is.

Ministerial visit

Firstly, we enjoyed a visit from new Care Services Minister Paul Burstow, accompanied by local MP Mark Hunter. This was Mr Burstow's first official ministerial visit to a UK hospice and it came as the new Government announced a much welcome review into the funding of end of life care. Providing the very best palliative care is something which we are extremely proud of. In my second week back at the hospice our national newspapers were proudly reporting that end of life care in this country is the best in the world.

3000 fundraisers

I started at St Ann's Hospice just a couple of days after the hugely successful fourth Manchester Midnight Walk and the buzz from staff who took part and the pride of the fundraising team for organising such a well run, imaginative and fun event was evident everywhere I went in my first week. The event is set to raise an impressive £200,000.



Praise and excellence

It was with much pride that I also heard that our Little Hulton site had received an 'outstanding' report following an unannounced inspection from the Care Quality Commission.



How can you help?

People support us in so many ways from giving their time as volunteers to making regular donations to the hospice, organising and taking part in fundraising events, giving clothes to our charity shops, and encouraging community groups, schools and businesses to choose St Ann's Hospice as their charity of the year. Each and every single person who helps St Ann's Hospice is truly valued by us and, most importantly, by our patients, their families and carers.

We are 40 years old in 2011!

This is an exciting but also a challenging time to be leading St Ann's Hospice into the future. 2011 marks our 40th anniversary, an occasion which we will take every advantage of to further raise the profile of St Ann's Hospice both in greater Manchester and beyond. But let us not forget that we have to raise £16,000 every single day to keep St Ann's Hospice open and are struggling to raise the money we need to balance our books. We are looking carefully at every part of our business to make sure we are as efficient as possible but we really rely on the general public's help. If there is one time in which I would urge everybody to choose St Ann's Hospice for an extra special year of support it would be our 40th anniversary.

More fantastic news

St Ann's has become the first UK hospice to achieve first year Practice Development accreditation having clearly demonstrated our commitment to putting our patients at the heart of everything we do. And not just in the clinical areas but across the whole organisation too. This builds on all the fantastic work done over the last few years throughout the hospice and 2011 will see a number of exciting projects come to fruition as we aim to achieve full and final accreditation.

Thank you

We have so much to be proud of – thank you to everybody who supports the hospice. It is now my job to make sure we continue to build on our successes and look at how we can further enhance the care and support that we provide to so many people each year. We hope that you are able to continue to support St Ann's Hospice and we look forward to working with you as we develop new and innovative ways to ensure that our income streams remain stable.

I hope to meet many of you over the coming weeks and months and welcome your ideas as well as your feedback on any aspect of the services that we provide. Please feel free to contact me at jbessant@sah.org.uk or telephone 0161 498 3639.

Jayne Bessant,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Care Minister Visit

Speaking at his first official hospice visit since being appointed Care Services Minister, Paul Burstow MP said: "Everyone who is seriously or terminally ill should be properly supported. I have been to St Ann's Hospice to see for myself the work that is going on and to meet the families that use the services." Mr Burstow's visit to the hospice in July 2010 came as the Government announced a new review into hospice and palliative care funding. The review will look at how Government makes sure that money intended to help look after people who are approaching the end of life is spent in the right way.



New Chief Executive Jayne Bessant met with Mr Burstow (above left) and Mr Hunter (above, centre) during their visit. She said: "We were delighted to welcome the Minister and show him first hand the tremendous work carried out here. It was a great opportunity to discuss what services would be needed in future to give our patients and their families greater choice when facing a terminal illness."

Martin sings for St Ann's

A warm welcome to operatic tenor, Martin Toal, as he joins Coronation Street actresses Kate Anthony and Sue Nichols and Key 103 radio presenter Chelsea Norris as one of our hospice patrons.

Martin, who has performed for Her Majesty the Queen, Fabio Capello and Sir Alex Ferguson among others, kick started his support for St Ann's Hospice with a rousing rendition of Nessun Dorma as he sang out walkers at this year's Manchester Midnight Walk.

Meanwhile Kate led out the walkers as they took to the streets of Manchester and was also the guest of honour at our recent Summer Fair at Heald Green.

Chelsea and Sue have long been supporters and active patrons of St Ann's.



Hospice patrons Martin Toal and Kate Anthony with two of our walkers



Sue Nichols Chelsea Norris

Martin is donating 25% from sales of his CDs, ARIA CELTICA and COCKLES, MUSSELS & ARIAS, to St Ann's Hospice. The CDs are available in our charity shops and at our hospice sites. To find out more please visit www.martintoal.com. You can also link to Martin on Facebook and Twitter from his website.

Practice Development Success

St Ann's Hospice has become the first UK hospice to achieve first year Practice Development Unit accreditation, having clearly demonstrated its commitment to putting patients first in all aspects of its work, clinically and across the entire organisation.

Practice Development is a framework that allows everyone in an organisation the chance to offer ideas and suggestions which, when acted on, will improve the quality of care for patients. Led by staff nurse Alison Christopher, the steering group has done a fantastic job to reach this milestone building on the fantastic work in the organisation in the years leading up to this work. As we thank Alison as she steps down from this role we welcome Ann Norris who works at our Little Hulton site as the new lead on this project. Ann and the lead group will now help steer us as an organisation to hopefully achieving full Practice Development Unit status by 2011.



Ann Norris

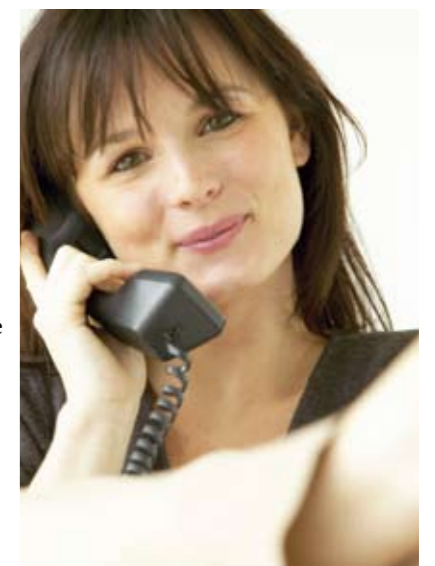
Stop Press: 40th Anniversary in 2011

We are busy planning lots of innovative and profitable new fundraising ideas and special events to mark our 40th anniversary next year. To pledge your support and get involved or if you would like to host your own fundraising event in 2011 please contact the fundraising team on 0161 498 3631 or email 40th@sah.org.uk

Telephone Campaign Success

Our recent telephone campaign to raise further awareness and additional funding has been a great success so thank you to everyone who has signed up to support St Ann's Hospice on a regular basis.

As a direct result of the telephone campaign, 500 new supporters signed up to donate money to the hospice by monthly direct debit. A number of supporters made one-off cash donations and others who already make direct debit donations generously agreed to increase the amount they donate each month. As a result we expect to increase profits by more than £22,000 within one year and, over five years, generate an additional £175,000 to provide care for our patients and families. Stable, reliable income like this is much needed to allow us to plan ahead for our services. So a big thank you to all of you who responded with such warmth and generosity.



Thank you Mr Mayor

WHEN THE MAYOR OF SALFORD NAMED ST ANN'S HOSPICE AS ONE OF HIS CHOSEN CHARITIES DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE (2009/2010) WE HAD NO IDEA JUST HOW MUCH MONEY ROGER LIGHTUP AND HIS MAYORESS VALERIE FLEET WOULD RAISE.

As the Mayor presented our former Chief Executive Terry McDonnell with a cheque for an incredible £22,500, he talked of his decision to support St Ann's Hospice: "My own father died in a hospice in London and I had been very impressed by the team at Little Hulton when I visited as Deputy Mayor last year," he explained.



Mayoress Valerie Fleet, Margaret Beck and Mayor Roger Lightup

"When I realised the hospice needed to raise £16,000 every single day I knew I had to help raise money. I thought if I can raise enough to run the hospice for at least one day then I have done a good job. I'm thrilled

that we smashed my original target!"

Mr Lightup has enjoyed considerable support from the people of Salford during his year of fundraising. "They have gone absolutely overboard in the amount of money they have helped to raise," he says. He was also able to count on the support of his daughters who ran the Manchester 10k to raise funds earlier this year and help from the team at Little Hulton, especially Community Fundraiser Margaret Beck who, he describes as 'an absolute star'.

Among the many different community events held on behalf of the Mayor's charities were a charity ball, numerous supermarket bag packs, a cabaret and auction evening at Salford University (which raised a fantastic £8,000) and non-uniform days at local schools. "So many people and businesses across Salford played their part," says Mr Lightup. "Fit City in Pendlebury organised a Halloween party, Salford City Leisure raised £1,500 and even individuals working for the City Council did their bit with one man donating £500 instead of sending out Christmas cards last year."

Among the highlights of the Mayor and Mayoress's year were a visit to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and attending the moving Home Coming Parade for the 2nd Battalion Royal Fusiliers. "It has been an incredible year and a privilege to meet so many different people and raise money for St Ann's Hospice," says Mr Lightup.

As we prepare for our 40th anniversary in 2011, we hope other supporters will be inspired by the Mayor's fantastic year of fundraising and consider hosting their own events to raise funds for St Ann's Hospice over the next 12 months. For ideas or to find out more please visit www.sah.org.uk.

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The best Manchester Midnight Walk yet

...truly a night to remember

Friday 2 July 2010 saw more than 3,000 St Ann's Hospice 'Stars' light up the streets of Manchester city centre as they took part in our biggest and best Manchester Midnight Walk yet. A HUGE thank you to sponsors Addleshaw Goddard, to everyone who took part, the friends and family who sponsored them and of course to the fantastic staff and volunteers without whose help this inspiring event could not happen. A highlight of this year's Manchester Midnight Walk included the moving candlelit memorial garden in Spinningfields.



Reminder

Last year we raised over £250,000 but half of our walkers didn't return their sponsorship money! **If you haven't already, please return your sponsorship – just think how much more we could raise and what a difference it will make to helping provide care and support for our patients and families.**

Paul Hazelby and over 80 of his family and friends donned their turquoise ponchos in memory of Paul's wife Gill, as they joined in the walk as part of their overall bid to raise £75,000 for St Ann's Hospice.

David Thomas's mum and dad, **Anita and Brian**, along with other family and friends took part in this year's walk for the first time to remember 'Big Dave' who died at our Little Hulton hospice in 2009. Anita said: "We wanted to take part as a thank you to the hospice for the great care and support they gave to both David and us during his stay there."

Birthday girl **Eleanor Unsworth** celebrated turning 14 in style by inviting her friends to take part in the Midnight Walk instead of having a party! Eleanor and her friends, as well as her mum, gran and auntie, did the walk to say thank you to St Ann's for caring for her granddad.

Manchester Midday Walk

New for 2010, the Manchester Midday Walk was launched to allow those too young to take part in the main event to join in the fun. Primary schools were invited to establish their own walks on 25 June, a week before the Manchester Midnight Walk. A total of 11 schools signed up and have so far raised almost £4,000 with more funds still due as Friends went to print.



Trading Places

Happy birthday to you

It's been an exciting few months for our Trading Company which operates our 12 charity shops as well as our own hospice Lottery. The St Ann's Hospice Trading Company has been in business for 20 years in September and makes a huge contribution to hospice funds, bringing in a profit of more than £600,000 in the past year alone. We will be marking this milestone by offering customers in each of our charity shops the chance to share in a slice of celebratory cake on 10 September.



Manager Chris Hampton (L) and the team at the Cheadle shop



New signage in Cheadle

Re-branding

A key feature of the re-brand of our Cheadle shop has been the new-look signage telling customers more about the work that St Ann's Hospice does on a day to day basis. This has been well received by staff, volunteers and customers alike and our thanks go to local photographer Lesley Chalmers who kindly donated her time to take the fantastic pictures seen on the new signage.

The new signage will shortly be on display in our new Edgeley shop which is moving up the road to bigger and better premises. Like all of our charity shops, Edgeley is always in need of high quality donations so please think of St Ann's Hospice when you are having a clear out. Look out also for a re-brand in the coming months of our popular hospice Lottery with a new rollover feature. And remember to get your tickets for our forthcoming £10k Christmas Draw.

Shop volunteers

Volunteers are the life blood of our charity shops and we are always looking for more people to help out for a few hours or a few days a week. To find out more please call Louise Johnson on 0161 498 3653 or visit www.sah.org.uk.

As well as helping the hospice, volunteering is a great way for people to gain work experience and boost their confidence as they seek paid employment. Our Romiley shop has recently been working with

clients from Park View, a local care facility for people recovering from mental health conditions. Not only has the shop benefited from the help of committed volunteers, the partnership has also proved a real boost for Park View clients with one of them now enjoying a new

job thanks to the work experience she gained with St Ann's Hospice.

15 minutes of BBC Fame

Staff at our Cheadle shop enjoyed their own special celebrations when BBC star Gordon Burns paid a visit to officially open the new-look shop following its fabulous refurbishment back in June. The refurbishment, which was supported by the team at John Lewis Cheadle with guidance from General Manager Stephen Chetwood who has been advising our Trading Company as part of his 6 month secondment with St Ann's, was also captured in a special three part news feature shown on BBC North West Tonight in June.

Cheadle shop manager Chris Hampton and her team of volunteers are

congratulated on all their hard work. Takings increased by an incredible 100% the week the shop re-opened and staff have since developed a fabulous vintage shop in the beautiful art deco surroundings upstairs in Cheadle which sits alongside our bridal wear. The vintage area has been developed with the support of John Lewis staff from the Trafford Centre.



Student Support

University Challenge

The world changes fast in fundraising and communications and we rely on outside help to keep ahead of the game and keep in touch with supporters in new and innovative ways. There are so many well-deserving causes in the North West and it is important that St Ann's Hospice keeps up to date. The fundraising and communications department is delighted to have had the support of Salford University, Leeds University, Sheffield University and is also developing support with Manchester Metropolitan University.

Communicating online

When Salford University launched its new Social Media Masters course in 2009 we approached the university to establish a partnership with them to help boost our social media presence. As a result we were partnered with student, Barbara Hunter (better known as 'B') who spent 12 months working with us as part of her Masters course and whose efforts led to her getting the second highest mark on her hospice project on the inaugural course. B already had some knowledge of St Ann's Hospice having joined our Manchester Midnight Walk in 2009. She shared with us her ideas to streamline our social media communications and helped to significantly boost our efficiency by creating both a Manchester Midnight Walk blog and a series of 'How To' guides to help our supporters understand how to raise more money online through JustGiving, Facebook, Twitter, Photos, Films, Blogging etc. The guides that B created are useful for anyone looking to boost their fundraising efforts and can be found at www.sah.org.uk/onlineguides.

Our thanks and also our congratulations to B who also managed to get promoted while studying for her Masters and is now Development Manager at arts agency All About Audiences.



Hands on support

Help in the office is also vital for the fundraising and communications team and Saskia Bate from the event management programme at Sheffield University has helped us on our fundraising events whilst also gaining some excellent experience herself.

St Ann's is also developing a volunteering programme with Manchester Metropolitan University and we hope to introduce this in the 2010/11 academic year.



And it's not just for university students...

Last year 15 year old student Ben Hazelby gave up the whole of his summer to help out our fundraising team as a volunteer. Based in our office, Ben was a tremendous support and also gained valuable work experience from his summer placement.

Ben's mum Gill died at St Ann's Hospice in January 2009 and, along with his brother, Dad and their friends and family, he is also well on his way to raising £75,000 to help refurbish Day Care rooms at Heald Green.

Meanwhile Natasha Rodgers is another young student who volunteers in our coffee shop in Heald Green. Natasha hopes to go on to university to study medicine.

Megan Burgess, the 17 year old daughter of Catering and Domestic Services Manager Paul Burgess, is a regular volunteer at Little Hulton, helping out with ward duties and in the coffee shop as well as at the summer fairs at both Little Hulton and Heald Green. Megan is studying Advanced Health and Social Care at Pendleton 6th Form College and plans to join the RAF as a student nurse.

Students interested in volunteering opportunities should contact Louise Johnson on 0161 498 3653.

Understanding our supporters

In April 2010 we were approached by Dr Haseeb Shabbir from Leeds University who was looking for meaningful, three month, student placements for his International Marketing Masters students. Dr Shabbir had previously worked with major national charities to help develop their communications and marketing programmes. As a result we have been working with three students to examine what motivates our supporters as well as those people who do not currently support us locally. The students will be putting forward recommendations to us as part of their dissertations, and have been particularly looking at how we can improve our fundraising communication in our 40th anniversary year. Many thanks to Supatinee, Chanisa and Malvika for their help and commitment and we hope to see some of their ideas put into practice over the coming year.

£10,000 up for grabs

Tickets are now on sale for our popular £10,000 Christmas Bumper Superdraw with the winning name being pulled from the hat at our Christmas Concert at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester on 10 December. Last year a profit of £35,804 was raised and we hope this year will be even more successful.



Bosses behind Bars

Ever wanted to see your boss behind bars? Now's your chance to nominate them for our annual Lock up Your Boss fundraiser which sees the region's bosses put behind bars and asked to raise 'bail' for a variety of 'crimes' including crimes against fashion. This year's event will take place on Friday 5 November 2010. For more information and to nominate your boss please see www.sah.org.uk/luyb or ring 0161 498 3631.

Tree of Lights

This year's festive Tree of Lights remembrance services will take place at Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 5th December (1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm). To book your seats please telephone 0161 498 3631.

For the first time this year we are also launching a donation page to allow those unable to attend one of the services to support St Ann's Hospice. Please see www.sah.org.uk/treeoflights.



Ladies Fashion Lunch

Treat yourself and book a place at our lavish Ladies Fashion Lunch at Manchester's Palace Hotel on Friday 1 October 2010. The event helps to launch Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is being supported again by our friends at John Lewis and this year's title sponsors Brown Shipley. As well as a champagne reception, guests will enjoy a delicious lunch, top notch entertainment and a spectacular fashion show featuring the latest autumn/winter collections from John Lewis, some of them modelled by our own current or former patients. Ticket prices start at £54 and are available from Kate Beardow on 0161 498 3628.



Airport Boost for Charity Shops



Nurse Kathryn Edwards and Sue Hodnett from Manchester Airport's environment team

Passengers at Manchester Airport are helping to boost stock in our 12 charity shops thanks to the installation of a new clothing collection bin at the airport. Travellers who take too much luggage with them on their trips can now donate excess items to St Ann's Hospice rather than just throw them away. As well as bringing in lots of quality clothing for our charity shops, this initiative has also resulted in us receiving lots of other welcome goods including umbrellas and children's buggies.

Fabulous Festival Choir

St Ann's Hospice has its own Festival Choir led by conductor John Pomphrey. Guests at the choir's recent Summer Concert at Stockport Town Hall enjoyed a wonderful evening of spectacular music and song and saw the choir present us with a cheque for an amazing £29,231.16 which it has raised over the past 12 months.

The St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir is always looking for new members. To find out more please see www.hospicechoir.org.

Music lovers can look forward to two further spectaculars featuring the choir, a Singalong at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on 9 October and of course our popular Christmas Concert at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall on 10 December. For information and tickets please contact 0161 498 3631.



So Many Ways to Support St Ann's

Whether you're in to running, eating or shopping there are so many ways to support St Ann's.



Lucie Ellis and Judith Lacy 'swishing'



Richard and Jeanette Livings with twin sons

Alex Kardo (right) with friend Brian

Why not follow in the footsteps of intrepid runners Richard and Jeanette Livings who took part in the Manchester 10k earlier this year in memory of Jeannette's father who was cared for at the hospice. Richard attracted lots of attention as he completed the run dressed as Sonic the Hedgehog! Meanwhile Alex Kardo, grandson of Neil Cliffe, successfully completed his first half marathon in Leeds to raise £334 for the Neil Cliffe Centre, part of St Ann's Hospice. Alex was following in the footsteps of his granddad who completed 17 marathons and many half marathons to raise £1 million to open the centre in 1992.

There are plenty of forthcoming runs and challenges to sign up for to support St Ann's Hospice as part of Team St Ann's! These include the Great North Run on 19 September and the Blackpool Marathon on 17 October. To find out more please visit www.sah.org.uk/teamstanns.

If physical exertion isn't your thing, why not host a St Ann's Clothes Swap Shop Party, aka 'swishing'? It's a fantastic, cheap way to enjoy a fun evening with friends and bag a bargain to boot. To find out more and get a free Clothes Swap Shop pack to help you organise your event please see www.sah.org.uk/swapshop.

Enjoy cooking up a feast? Then why not invite friends or family over and raise money by hosting a Come Dine with St Ann's evening? Anything goes from picnics and barbecues to a full blown dinner party. To make it easy send for a supporters' pack which includes recipe suggestions. See www.sah.org.uk/dine.

Summer Sensations



Emmerdale star Danny Miller and Margaret Beck, Little Hulton

Our Summer Fairs at Heald Green and Little Hulton were a spectacular success, raising £16,000 in just two days. So much hard work goes into organising these fairs so well done to Margaret Beck and Louise Banks as well as all the other staff, volunteers and supporters who helped out at both events. And thank you to everyone who came along to help make them such a success.



Coronation Street star Kate Anthony and Louise Banks, Heald Green

Top Chef

Local celebrity chef Simon Rimmer was among the guests enjoying the excellent food at the launch of the new Khandoker Restaurant in Bramhall back in April. Simon joined guests as they toasted the fantastic new curry restaurant and raised money for St Ann's Hospice. Our thanks go to restaurant owners Salim and Beverley Uddin Khandaker and their family for their wonderful support. More than £500 was raised for the hospice over the two launch evenings.



Salim Uddin Khandaker, Simon Rimmer and Louise Banks

Lottery Winner

Thank you to a recent lottery winner who immediately donated £200 back to St Ann's Hospice: "Thank you for the cheque for £2,000 and for your good wishes. It was indeed a pleasant surprise. Please accept this donation of £200 in support of all the good work that you do." You can enter for only £1 a week for a chance to win one of 12 weekly prizes including the £2,000 jackpot. Phone our lottery office on 0161 498 3642 for further details.

THANKS

St Ann's Hospice needs to raise £16,000 every day to be able to offer the highest levels of care and support to patients, their families and carers. We could not do this without our generous supporters. While it would be impossible to list the names of each and every one of you, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone for all their fundraising efforts. For a full listing of our supporters please go to www.sah.org.uk/thankyou



(l-r Greg Holden, Phil Banks, Jonathan Biddle, Richard Smith)

On their Bikes

Thanks go to Phil Banks and his three colleagues at Amelans Solicitors in Didsbury who have been saddling up to raise money for us. As well as the Manchester to Liverpool cycle ride, the lads have also done the Manchester to Blackpool and the Manchester 100 bike rides, so far raising over £600 with a final fundraising target of £1,000. Andrew Twambley, Senior Partner at Amelans says: "All four lads have shown great strength completing the bike rides. I didn't think they would keep up with the training but they have proved us all wrong. They have raised the money for St Ann's Hospice which carries out amazing work in our local community."

Bath Time

A special new bath has been donated to our Heald Green site thanks to the generosity of staff from BMI Healthcare who have nominated us as one of their Charities of the Year for 2010. The design of the bath means that every patient is now able to enjoy the relaxing and therapeutic benefits of taking a bath. Many patients have not been able to take a bath for some time and some think they will never be able to enjoy a bath again. As well as staff from BMI Healthcare raising money for St Ann's Hospice, the organisation will also support us by providing other practical resources and equipment.



Goyt Valley Walk

Thank you to Pat Gilder who together with 19 friends has raised £1,407.60 for St Ann's Hospice after taking part in their own sponsored walk around Goyt Valley Reservoir. The walk was held in memory of their friend Stella Shaw and the idea was conceived when Pat and her friends, who all attend a local line dancing class, realised they couldn't take part in this year's Manchester Midnight Walk.

It all adds up with Addleshaws

Congratulations to the team at Addleshaw Goddard which reached its fundraising target of an incredible £100,000. After adopting us as their Charity of the Year a few years ago, staff at Addleshaws threw themselves into fundraising, taking part in and hosting many different events and activities including their recent 'Summer Fair' which took place outside their offices in Manchester city centre. Addleshaws presented us with their cheque for £100,000 at the Manchester Midnight Walk.



Louise Banks with Matt Commerford who organises the Fletcher Moss Pub weekly quizzes

Doing it in Didsbury

Our thanks to the residents of Didsbury for raising money from some super summer events. Gardening enthusiasts flocked to the Didsbury Open Gardens festival, organised by Maria Stripling in June raising £3,044. Next year's festival will take place on Sunday 12 June 2011. And big thanks go to the organisers of the popular Didsbury Beer Festival and St Catherine's Social Club pantomime. Our Fundraising and Communications Director Catherine Williams was presented with a cheque for £7,500 and a pint of beer. And the Fletcher Moss pub in Didsbury has raised more than £3,000 as part of Hydes Brewery Charity of the Year support which aims to raise £25,000 to refurbish Day Therapy rooms at Heald Green.

THANKS to the following corporate supporters:

International Timber
Urban Vision
Jones Lang La Salle
John Lewis
Brown Shipley
Marks & Spencer

Super Sidney

At 80 years young Sidney Wander MBE is still raising funds for St Ann's Hospice. Sidney is Chairman of the hard-working Little Hulton Appeals Committee which organises events throughout the year to raise money to improve patient facilities at our Little Hulton site. The latest sum of £10,000 raised by the Committee will go to pay for a new pharmacy at Little Hulton which will open once the inpatient refurbishment is complete following a Department of Health grant to complete earlier refurbishment work. Sidney and his team are always looking for new members to get involved with fundraising. Sidney can be contacted on 0161 796 6696.

Supermarket Sweep

We have enjoyed generous support from our supermarket friends. As part of a year long campaign with Help the Hospices, all Morrisons supermarkets are raising funds to support their local hospice. Meanwhile staff at several Sainsburys' stores across Manchester and Cheshire have been supporting St Ann's Hospice in different ways, especially helping us to raise our profile among staff and customers through featuring us in their magazines and on an internal charity DVD. Some of their staff also joined us on the Manchester Midnight Walk. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with Sainsburys over the coming months.



Fundraisers Chrissie Baldock (2nd R) and Judith Lacy (far R) with Sainsbury's Staff

St Ann's Hospice Christmas cards

will be on sale at the following libraries as well as through our shops and hospice sites:

Wilmslow
October 30 –
December 11

Sale
November 16 –
December 4

Hale
November 15 –
December 6



Thanks...

also to the Sellick Partnership which hosted a World Cup Party in June that raised over £500 for St Ann's Hospice. Sellick also hosts corporate rounders and cricket leagues across Manchester during the summer months. They will be celebrating their support with an end of season dinner at Manchester's Lowry Hotel in October. Hosted by former England cricket captain Alec Stewart, we hope this event will raise a further £1,000. For tickets contact Anna on 0161 834 1642



Sidney (back right) with the Little Hulton Appeals Committee

More than 40 years fundraising for St Ann's

Established 41 years ago before the hospice even opened, the hard-working Starkie Committee is still going strong raising considerable funds for St Ann's Hospice each year. Around £20,000 a year has been raised for the past three years and the committee is confident of raising even more this year following a very successful Golf Day it organised with the support of Harry Roth which has raised £12,000. Originally set up by a group of Bramhall ladies who husbands were all in business in Manchester, the committee gets its name from the house in Adlington where it first used to meet. Its 18 members are currently led by Ann Hughes with support from hospice trustee and founding member Ann Mack. Forthcoming events include the annual coffee morning at Woodford Community Centre on 7 October 2010.





Spotlight

– Jayne Bessant
Chief Executive, St Ann's Hospice

Q When did you first join St Ann's Hospice?

A I joined as a Staff Nurse at Heald Green in 1997. I then moved to our Little Hulton site where I was Inpatient Services Manager for two years. After a short period working with the NHS I returned to St Ann's Hospice as Director of Clinical Services, a position I held for five years before joining East Cheshire Hospice as Chief Executive in 2007.

Q What are your first impressions since returning to St Ann's as Chief Executive?

A St Ann's is a truly first class hospice and plays a major role in delivering care and sharing expertise with the wider hospice and palliative care movement across the UK. I see next year's 40th anniversary as a real opportunity to ensure that local people really do understand what amazing work we do for people from across greater Manchester.



Q How important are staff and volunteers?

A Both staff and volunteers are vital to St Ann's Hospice and I know everyone is aware of the pressures that we are all under due to the economic climate. But I think involving and engaging more with our staff is crucial for our future success, ensuring they have the support they need to do their jobs and continue to work well as a close team. I will also be looking in more detail at the role played by volunteers and the opportunities that they offer to the hospice in the broadest sense.

Q What would you say to supporters?

A First of all, a big thank you! Because of the recession many charities have seen a big drop in fundraising income this year. More than ever we need to be able to rely on the generous support of the local community to make sure that St Ann's Hospice is able to continue to deliver the high standards of care and support that it is known for.

Q What are your main priorities for the next year?

A As well as focusing on the 40th anniversary and raising our profile, I will be working on a new strategy for the hospice which will build on



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Go to www.sah.org.uk/events for our latest event information.

3 September 2010, Balloon Race

- balloons released at the first game of the season between Sale Sharks and Newcastle Falcons at Edgeley Park, Stockport. Please see www.sah.org.uk/balloonrace.

8 September 2010, Indian Cookery Demonstration at Heald Green – enjoy a fantastic Indian cookery demo in our dining room for just £6 for a ticket. Contact Louise Banks on 0161 498 3663.

1 October 2010, St Ann's Hospice Ladies Fashion Lunch - enjoy a champagne reception, lavish meal and fashion show from John Lewis at the Palace Hotel in Manchester. Tickets from £54 available from Kate Beardow on 0161 498 3628.

7 October 2010, Sellick Partnership End of Season Awards Dinner, The Lowry Hotel, Manchester – hosted by former England cricket captain Alec Stewart. Tickets from £65 from Anna Gibbons, 0161 834 1642.

7 October 2010, Starkie Committee Coffee Morning at Woodford Community Centre - 10am – 12 noon. Stalls including the renowned 'This n That' stall. Tickets cost £2.50. For details please contact Ann Mack on 01625 531065.

9 October 2010, St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir Singalong, Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church - Come and join us for a day of singing with our conductor John Pomphrey and accompanist Christopher Ellis. Participation fee £16. Call 0161 498 3631 for more details and tickets.

10 October 2010, Faulty Towers by Bolton Little Theatre in Little Hulton Daycare. 7.30pm. Tickets available from Margaret Beck on 0161 702 8181.

20 October 2010, Bingo Just for the Girls, The Woodthorpe Hotel, Prestwich - For tickets please contact Margaret Beck on 0161 702 5426.

31 October 2010 Beryl's Ball and Celebrity X Factor, The Worsley Marriott Hotel - starring both Coronation Street and Hollyoaks stars. Tickets cost £25, including champagne, canapés and a fish and chip supper. Contact Margaret Beck on 0161 702 8181.

5 November 2010, Lock up your Boss - nominate your boss for our annual fundraising event and see them have to raise 'bail' after being 'jailed' for their 'crimes'. Please contact Chrissie Baldock on 0161498 3644 for details and a nomination form.

13 November 2010, Diamonds are Forever Ball at the Lowry Hotel - organised by Paul Hazelby and his Dreams Wishes Hopes Committee. Tickets cost £60 and are available from 0161 408 3631.

14 November 2010, Little Hulton Christmas Fair and 20 November 2010, Heald Green Christmas Fair (at the Methodist Church, Brown Lane) – 12-3pm. £1 admission, children free. Any donations for stalls greatly appreciated. Please ring 0161 498 3631.

5 December 2010, Tree of Lights Remembrance Services, Manchester Cathedral – remembrance services at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm. To book your seats please telephone 0161 498 3631. See also www.sah.org.uk/treeoflights for those unable to attend a service who would like to make a donation online.

10 December 2010, St Anns Hospice Festival Choir Christmas Concert, the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester – Join St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir, Cheadle Hulme School Choir, the Corus Brass ensemble and Conductor John Pomphrey as over 200 voices celebrate the arrival of Christmas with a programme of seasonal music and carols including favourites to join in with. Tickets from £15 - £22 with concessions. Children half price.

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