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OVER £¾ million AWARDED IN NEW RESEARCH CONTRACTS

Thanks to your efforts the Neuroblastoma Society has been able to fund 8 new research projects

The Trustees met in May to consider the applications for funds to support research that would benefit neuroblastoma patients. Nineteen grants were submitted to the Neuroblastoma Society in January and these were rigorously assessed by over 40 reviewers and the newly configured Scientific Advisory Board. The Trustees would like to thank the many scientists and clinicians who gave up their time to help in this process.

After considering relevance to neuroblastoma treatments as well as scientific quality and value for money, the Trustees decided to offer support to the eight research projects listed below. The projects cover a range of approaches to improving the effectiveness of treatment for neuroblastoma patients and to developing new treatments.

These studies will start between August and October this year and last from 1–3 years. More details about the research being supported will be given on the website shortly and in the next Newsletter.

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Editor's Note

I was reading the 'blog' of a child with neuroblastoma recently and Mum was commenting on the long night time hours of sleeplessness whilst her child was asleep in hospital, and it brought back memories. When we were in hospital with our daughter, we brought in a (very) large jigsaw which helped to occupy us through those long nights. Nurses often spent more time with us than they needed to—"Just want to put in another piece before I go." One said, prophetically, "I expect you'll end up one piece short!" Six months later, at home, we finished the jigsaw. And guess what. Exactly one piece was missing. And it wasn't the nurse—we asked! Many years later, that jigsaw is still awaiting its final piece.

Just like neuroblastoma—but unfortunately with many more missing pieces. At The Society's last Trustees' meeting we approved the funding of eight new research projects—a total of over three quarters of a million pounds. No, we didn't quite make our one million pounds target, but boy didn't you do well. And each of these eight research projects may potentially be a missing part of the puzzle. We hope. This is one jigsaw that really needs to be completed—and soon.

We include a summary of the eight projects and will be providing more detailed descriptions on our website and in future editions of the newsletter.

Have you been fundraising for The Neuroblastoma Society? Would you like to share your story? Please send contributions and photos (digital preferred) to the Editor at:
publicity@neuroblastoma.org.uk

Articles for the Autumn Newsletter
DEADLINE 31 August

New Research Grants awarded

Improving the effectiveness of radiotherapy for neuroblastoma by targeting hypoxia

University of Strathclyde

Dr Marie Boyd, Dr Anthony McCluskey, Professor Andrew Pearson and Dr Mark Gaze

Development of ALK-targeted therapeutic strategies using genetically engineered models of ALK-driven neuroblastoma

Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton

Dr Louis Chesler

Development of inhibitors of polysialyltransferases PST and STX: a novel strategy for the treatment of neuroblastoma

University of Bradford

Dr Robert Falconer, Dr Steven Shnyder, Professor Laurence Patterson, Dr Catherine Cullinane and Dr Jens Stahlschmidt

Manipulating Ascl1-mediated proliferation versus differentiation in Neuroblastoma: Towards better differentiation therapy

University of Cambridge

Dr Anna Philpott

Exploitation of embryonic microenvironments to unravel new mechanisms to down regulate MYCN in neuroblastoma cells

University of Liverpool

Dr Diana Moss, Dr Violaine Sée, Professor Paul Losty, Professor Barry Pizer and Ms Dhanya Mullassery

UK Multicentre Study of Children with Opsoclonus Myoclonus Syndrome (UMSCOM)

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Dr Michael Pike, Dr Ming Lim and Dr Bethan Lang

Identification of tyrosine phosphatases that suppress differentiation and promote survival in neuroblastoma cells

Institute for Child Health, University of London

Dr Andrew Stoker and Dr Stephen Hart

Financial support for half of the UK's SIOPEN annual levy for the next three years 2012-2014

SIOPEN (International Society of Paediatric Oncology - Europe Neuroblastoma)

Dr Kate Wheeler

Spring Conference & AGM—Stephen Smith, Chairman

The Annual General Meeting of the Neuroblastoma Society was held on Saturday 28 April, combined as usual with the Spring Conference. We were pleased to welcome both familiar faces and new attendees to hear the usual stimulating presentations from the research and clinical communities, along with reports from the officers of the Society.

The first speaker was Dr Diana Moss from Liverpool University. Diana leads a series of research projects, some of which have been funded by the Neuroblastoma Society. On this occasion she spoke to us about the way her team has used an embryonic environment to investigate the role of genetic expression in neuroblastoma, and to seek ways in which this may be arrested or diverted. Mr Keith Holmes, consultant paediatric surgeon at St George's Hospital, spoke on developments in the role of surgery in treating neuroblastoma, emphasising the way in which surgical intervention is increasingly refined to ensure that it is used in the best way for individual patients. He also explained some of the techniques used by paediatric surgeons dealing with neuroblastoma. Finally, Dr Mark Gaze, consultant paediatrician at University College London Hospitals (UCLH), presented on the way in which neuroblastoma research and trials are coordinated in the United Kingdom, and specifically on the role played by the Children's Cancer & Leukaemia Group (CCLG), which he currently chairs. Each speaker also answered questions from the audience.

As ever, the formal business of the meeting was dispatched reasonably quickly. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr James Duberly, set out the financial position for 2011, observing that fundraising had again held up well, with marathon and similar events remaining key to our fundraising, and a significant legacy also making a contribution. Looking ahead to the 2012 grant round he thought that the Society would have in excess of £700,000 at its disposal, a fantastic effort by supporters in difficult economic times. The Chairman summarised key developments during 2011, noting in particular the departure and arrival of Trustees, with the latter exceeding the former for a change, and set out the roles of new Trustees in managing sports events, co-ordinating volunteers, and increasing our fundraising efforts in the corporate sector. He also noted the success of the second Research Symposium, held in London in conjunction with the SIOPEN annual meeting.

The meeting concluded with the Annual Draw (this year organised by Tori Oldridge), with the winning tickets being drawn by our guest Dr

Mark Gaze, and the top prize this year being a spa weekend at the Clumber Park resort in Nottinghamshire. Attendees continued discussions over a buffet lunch organised by Shirley Clark.

We are grateful to St George's Bloomsbury for accommodating us again. Thanks to all who helped with organising and presenting, and to all attendees. I hope we will see you all again next year, and that we continue to see people coming forward to play a role in the vital work of the Society.

Annual Draw—Winners

The lucky winners of this year's annual draw are:

1st prize (a spa weekend at the Clumber Park resort in Nottinghamshire):

Jane Cole from West Sussex

2nd prize (Beauty pampering session at Carol Joy London) :

S Horn from Devon

And four cash prizes:

K Wilson from Devon

Helen Broadbent from Huddersfield

and lucky

Mrs G Sykes from Ruislip

who won two prizes.

Generously, Mrs Sykes has donated one of her prizes to the Society—thank you!

Stamp Appeal—Marie & Cyril Wade

Each day, we happily spend several hours sorting through used stamps kindly donated to the Society's Stamp Appeal. Started back in 1993, the stamps we've received have raised many thousands of pounds for the Society over the years.

Unfortunately, with tougher economic times for all, the buyers of used stamps no longer accept traditional 1st and 2nd class stamps. Each day, parcels are sent to us that contain hundreds ... maybe thousands... of these sadly now worthless stamps. Whereas in years gone by, these stamps would have raised valuable funds, nowadays all we can do is simply recycle them as waste paper.

More worryingly is that with increased postal charges, Society members and supporters of the appeal are spending their hard earned cash on posting heavy parcels to us that contain stamps we can't now sell. So, here's a reminder of what sorts of stamps we need that will raise the most money for the Society:

Foreign Stamps (up to £20 per kg)

High Value GB above 1st class value (£17.50 per kg)

GB Commemorative stamps (£12 per kg)

Regional - Wales, Scotland & N.I. (£4 per kg)

GB Christmas Stamps (£2 per kg)

Please send stamps to:

Marie & Cyril Wade
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Cressing,
Braintree,
Essex, CM77 8HG

From 13 months to 13 years—a good news story

Hi, my name is Mhairi McLay and I've just had my 13th birthday. When I was 13 months old I was diagnosed with Stage 4 neuroblastoma with a large tumour pressing on my spinal cord and secondaries above my eye and in my lymph glands. Regular readers of the Neuroblastoma News will know that my diagnosis was about as bad as it could get. I went through a standard treatment protocol – eight courses of chemo; surgery to remove the tumour; high dose chemo with stem cell transplant; and finished up with six months' treatment with high dose cis-retinoic acid. Almost a year to the day from starting treatment I had my Hickman line removed and was declared to be in remission

Neuroblastoma is a really aggressive disease, which demands equally aggressive treatments to defeat it. I know how lucky I am to have beaten the cancer and remain confident too about dealing successfully with the consequences of such a necessarily hard hitting and brutal treatment. For me, the main side effects of the treatment include much reduced lung function and hearing loss. There are, however, always positive sides and I do maintain a sunny outlook on life – always!

Enduring the treatment has made me all the more determined in life. Because of my hearing loss I have to concentrate hard to understand what people are saying and those concentration skills have helped me to do well in school. The endless time spent in hospital waiting rooms has given me patience and made me very good at occupying myself; I have a very lively imagination. I am going into my final term at my prep school, Windlesham House School in Sussex, and have been awarded a prize called "The Spirit of Windlesham". This was a prize of £50 with a challenge to "make a difference". So far I have managed to raise £580 for the Neuroblastoma Society by designing and selling a school calendar. I also hope I can make a difference to your readers who may be relatives or friends of a newly diagnosed child. Although it might look dim at times, there is light at the end of the tunnel of treatment. I attend yearly oncology check ups but am busy living my life to the full. I go to gym club and tap classes, play the piano and love playing rounders.

Thank you Mhairi for sharing your story and for all your fundraising!

Community Fundraising—it's easier than you think

If you are reading this, chances are you have an interest in raising funds for the Neuroblastoma Society. You may not fancy running a marathon or organising an event from scratch – or you may have already done this and are now looking at ways to get others to help you raise funds for the Society. Here are 10 tried and tested ideas which don't involve hours of training or weeks of organising – they often just involve asking a question of the right person, and getting existing fundraising teams in your community help you raise money for the Society:

- Have a word with your local Round Table, Rotary Club or Lions Club – they are always raising money for charity, and looking for good causes to support, and getting involved in these can be great fun
- Ask your local choir or orchestra if they can donate some of the proceeds from their next concert to the Society – many of them support good causes once they have covered the expenses of the concert
- If you attend a church, see if it can donate the proceeds of a collection to the Society, or even some of the proceeds of its fete or other fundraising events
- Contact your local golf club, gym, swimming pool sports or social club – they usually raise funds in the course of their activities and will consider requests from charities, and may even organise their own fundraising event for the Society
- Get your local newspaper and radio station on board – they like to cover good local fundraising stories, and you never know where the publicity may lead
- Hire your local village hall and book an interesting speaker to give a talk – people are happy to pay to hear a good story
- Ask your local fire station, scouts, or guides for their help – they will often organise, or help out with, sponsored events for good causes as it's great for team-building and community involvement
- Call into your local pub, café or restaurant – what can they do to help? Most are happy to host a collecting box and some may want to do more
- Does your employer have a Charity of the Year? If so, see if you can make the Neuroblastoma Society the charity of the year next time round
- However you raise money for the Society, most employers have a matched giving scheme where they will contribute money to a charity if one of their employees has raised money for it – all you have to do is ask

I have used each of these methods to raise funds for the Society over the past year or so. It's easier than running 35 miles (believe me) and it's fun. If you need advice or support on any of

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these ideas, or if you have more ideas to add to the list, do let me know. And do keep me updated on how your own community fundraising is getting on, I'd love to find out which of these ideas work for you.

Ben Sharp, Trustee
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A little bit of history

On a recent trip to Berlin I had it in the back of my mind that it was the home city of Rudolf Virchow. While waiting to cross a road in the Mitte district on my first full day I noticed the statue in the photo. It turned out to be a monument to Virchow, erected in the vicinity of the Charité, one of Berlin's leading hospitals.

Why was I interested? Rudolf Virchow was a leading physician and researcher in the 19th century, making significant contributions to the science of cell pathology as well as being a pioneer of public health. He was the first to identify and describe neuroblastoma (which he named glioma) in 1864, and his other contributions included describing leukaemia (which he initially called 'white blood'). The sculpture apparently represents man's life/death struggle against disease, and I believe that at least some of the funding was raised by a London-based committee chaired by Lord Lister, the pioneer of antiseptic surgery.

I don't suppose that many visitors to Berlin make this spot a highlight of their trip, but I was pleased to stumble across this little bit of history.

Stephen Smith

Recycling Appeal

The Neuroblastoma Society has teamed up with leading recyclers at the Recycling Appeal in an environmentally friendly fundraising scheme. Every time you donate a cartridge or old mobile phone to the Society's Recycling Appeal, we will earn cash.

The Recycling Appeal provides free collections if you have more than ten items, and freepost envelopes if you have less. Visit www.recyclingappeal.com or call the Recycling Appeal team on 08451 302010.

Fighting Neuroblastoma

Fighting Neuroblastoma is a small group of volunteers based in Newcastle upon Tyne, who fundraise for neuroblastoma charities and families affected by this disease.

Every year we raise funds for The Neuroblastoma Society with our 'Teddy Bear Tombola' at the Metrocentre Charity Barrow.

We are permitted to use the Barrow for up to seven times per year. Sadly, we do not have the time to take advantage of all the days. There are still five days available this year (until end-September). If anybody would like to raise funds for the Society by using the Barrow, please do get in touch with us.

Next year during the Easter Holidays, Sunday 24th -Saturday 30th March 2013, we are looking to do a full week of fundraising on behalf of the Society. To achieve this we need your help. We are looking for people to help raise funds and awareness.

The Fighting Neuroblastoma Team will start the week off with our 'Teddy Bear Tombola' on the Sunday and Monday. We need people to independently run the Barrow for the remaining days. It would be your choice how you decide to raise funds or awareness. Can you face paint? Hair braid? Apply child friendly tattoos ? Arts and crafts for children? Tombolas?

One or two of the seven days could be used for awareness rather than fundraising – displaying information about the Neuroblastoma Society and what they do, and handing out leaflets, etc. If this is something you would like to do you can contact us at fightingneuroblastoma@hotmail.co.uk or through the Neuroblastoma Society at publicity@neuroblastoma.org.uk.

To guarantee a full week during the holiday period we will need to request our booking during the first week in October. Therefore, we would need confirmation of dates you are available and what you intend doing on the barrow by the end of September.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Justine and Louise

This is a wonderful opportunity to hold a fundraising event at a popular and busy shopping centre. Metrocentre is located three miles south west of Newcastle upon Tyne on the A1 west of Gateshead. If you are able to take advantage of a fundraising day with the Barrow then do please get in touch.

A Maxi Mini Meeting

Hi, we are Avon Valley Classic Mini Club based in Bath.

The club has been set up in memory of my niece Amelia Rose Price, who lost her fight with neuroblastoma in 2007, by my Dad and me.

On Sunday 22nd April we held our first Mini Cruise. It was a sightseeing run through Cheddar Gorge and on to Brean with some stops along the way. The total mileage of the run was approx 37 miles and took roughly just over 3 hours. Cars paid an entry fee and we held a raffle and had collection pots with all money raised going towards the Neuroblastoma Society.

It was a brilliant day that everyone enjoyed, 11 classic Minis took part and we visited some of Amelia's favourite places and even stopped to feed the ducks ! On the day we raised £130 ! We will carry on using money pots at different Mini shows and events to collect for the Society.

Above: Noah and his Ark & the soaking!

Below: Minis driving through Cheddar Village & the Mini team

The Animals went in One by One..

The Boxing day dip here is the largest in Europe, usually around 1,000 people brave the December weather and plunge into the North Sea dressed in a variety of costumes. I've been doing this fun extravaganza for 27 years now ...my Christmas would not be complete without it! Our costumes have been extreme and ridiculous: penguins! nuns! jellyfish! the 'Red Arrows' flying formation team trailing real smoke out of cardboard aircraft!

If the truth was known, far worse than the cold North Sea are the Fire Brigade. They are there waiting with their evil cold water hose pipes, and they 'hose down' all the 'dippers' as they run past to prepare them for the coldness of the sea.

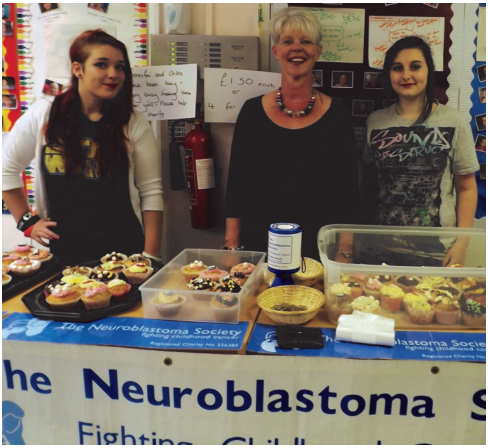
So this year our theme was Noah and his Ark. The annual 'call' went out to my mad friends some of whom now even drive up from London to make sure they join in the fun!

The whole event is organised by the Sunderland branch of the 'Lions'. We have had the policy of supporting the Lions one year then nominating a charity between us every other year. This year was not a difficult decision as one of our group lost their child to this dreadful condition.

On behalf of the group can I thank you for your invaluable work and your support for the families whose lives have been so sadly touched.

Graham Nicol

Our grateful thanks to Graham and his team for their support.



Cupcakes Galore

Jennifer O'Brien and her friend Chloe were moved to raise funds for the Society after watching a video of a six year old girl talking about her treatment for neuroblastoma. Jenny says, "It is indeed humbling to see children being so active and enjoying life despite the horrific treatment they are going through in order to rid themselves of this dreadful cancer. Chloe and I were both inspired at the little girl's outlook on life." Their first venture was to make and sell cupcakes at a nursery raising £200 for the Society and they plan to hold many more events. Thank you!

Pinbadges

Show your support for the Society by wearing one of our pinbadges. At a cost of £1 each they are an easy way to promote the Society and may encourage that unexpected donation! If you are holding an event, the badges can be provided on a 'sale or return' basis. Please contact Mary Waterhouse for more information: t.waterhouse@live.co.uk.

Fundraising Stories

Fast Against Neuroblastoma

Maria Kuehn decided to raise funds for the Society by going without food for a few days. This is her story.

The decision to do the fast came to me out of the blue. With my back problem I couldn't even consider the possibility of running without the aid of paramedics! Therefore the only option was a fast. Why? Well, as someone who loves minding bellies well (my Polish genes compel me to feed people, whether they are hungry or not) I thought that fasting for a few days would be quite a challenge!

Maria has raised a wonderful sum for the Society. She has also made the following generous offer:

I live in North West London and would like to offer yoga and cookery lessons for a small donation to the Society. I am happy to do this on an on-going basis so if anyone reading the newsletter is local to me, they are welcome to get in touch mariakuehn@aol.com

For Chloe

The Muggridge family have been long-standing supporters of the Society since they lost their daughter Chloe Peaches to neuroblastoma. Faith, drew this lovely picture of her sister, following the organisation of her first fundraising event for the Society. Faith is also planning to take part in a 'Race for Life'. Well done Faith—mum and dad must be proud of you.

Chutney's Charity Night

Our thanks to 'Fighting Neuroblastoma' for organising a fantastic evening to raise funds for the Society and the Neuroblastoma Alliance at Chutney's Indian Restaurant in Whickham. Excellent food, an amazing magician, DJ and compere—Steve Keys—and a fantastic caricaturist, Paul Hutch, coupled with an audience of generous people and wonderful auction prizes, meant that the evening ended with over £2000 raised for the two charities. Thank you Justine and Louise—amazing!

Sports Events

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in a sporting event to raise funds for the Society over the last few months, including:

Matt Hamilton—The Lanzarote Ironman, **Elizabeth Botwright**—Skipton Triathlon, **Paul Ferris**—the Belfast City Marathon, **Tracey Davies**—Water of Life Half Marathon, **Darron Edwards**—London to Brighton Night Ride, **Cheryl Jepson**—Leeds Half Marathon, **Michael Marr and friends**—skydive, **Jonathan Smith & Angus Cooper**—Ben Nevis to Snowdon.

We have charity places available in the Great North and Great South Runs this year, and the Brighton and London Marathons, British London10K and the BUPA London 10k next year. Do get in touch if you are interested in running for the Society:

sports@neuroblastoma.org.uk

Donations

Thank you for all donations received by the Society. Every single one makes a difference.

Anna & Tony Beecroft, in memory of Tony's aunt, Win Richards.

Donations received in memory of the late Ethel Jane Saunders.

From the friends of Mrs Margaret Roberts at her 70th birthday party, in memory of Ruby Lindup

With grateful thanks for her thoughtfulness, we have received a generous legacy from the estate of the late Vera Plass. Our condolences to the family.

Mr Derek Robinson, in memory of Imogen Mia Bates.

Mr Ian Daniel, Mr Ken Daniel and Mrs Sue Daniel from Framfield, donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Mrs Rita Daniel who sadly died age 90 recently.

The Chorister School Pre-Prep Department, Durham, monies raised at Nativity performances last December to support the Society's invaluable work. Thank you to the staff, pupils and parents involved.

Mr & Mrs Robert Linn sent a donation in lieu of wedding presents as requested by Mr & Mrs Arthur G. Sharp who were recently married.

Donation from Mr & Mrs J. M. Rountree from Whitegate on behalf of Mr A.G. Sharp to support the work of the Society.

Donation in memory of Connor Cassidy who sadly died aged 5, from the Carr family.

Mr & Mrs J. Hope and grandparents of Connor Cassidy, Mary and James Cassidy from Sunderland, sent a donation of in memory of Connor, who bravely fought neuroblastoma for 3½ years.

Mr & Mrs G Holmes in memory of a brave little boy Connor Cassidy.

Mrs E Scott from Millfield in memory of Connor Cassidy of Sunderland who sadly died on 28th February.

Kier Construction, in memory of Connor Cassidy. Connor's grandfather Keith works for Kier.

Mrs Pauline Ellis in remembrance of Harry Brown in lieu of flowers.

Mr & Mrs K J Murphy from Eltham in memory of their beloved grandson Michael O'Donnell

Mrs Janet Harvey from Ashford in memory of her dear granddaughter Chloe Muggridge – money won in the quiz with four other ladies.

Mr & Mrs Drennan from Glasgow in memory of their grandson Grant Sutherland who would have been 18 on 23rd March.

Miss Louise Sutherland from Glasgow sending the Society a donation given in memory of Grant Sutherland.

Frances and Alan Burchell from Brighton in remembrance of their granddaughter Hannah Louise Burchell who passed away on 23rd March 2009.

Sarina Sanghera from Nuthall sent a donation from Boots Make the Difference Fund following her Sydney Harbour Bridge climb.

Mr Douglas Ward from Kidlington in loving memory of his dear wife, Mrs Joyce Ward.

Dawn & Rob Muggridge from Thetford sent a donation in memory of their daughter, Chloe Peaches, made up of many fundraising events. Thank you to the family, the Camping and Caravaning Club, customers and staff for their continued support. Thank you to 8-year-old Faith, Chloe's sister, for organising her first successful fundraiser.

Mr & Mrs G L Wright from Chatham, donation in memory of their son Christopher James Wright.

Mrs I Warner from Welling, in memory of Christopher James Wright.

Mrs P Hagan from London, in memory of Christopher James Wright on the passing of her friend Daphne Wright.

Mr Bill Sharp, donations in lieu of wedding presents when he married recently at the young age of 81.

Mr Steven Ord to fund the Society's work through Payroll Giving.

Louise Whittaker from Oldham donated money received in lieu of presents for her Birthday to support the Society's work.

Mrs J Cole from Burgess Hill in memory of her grandson, Josh Kadan, who would have been 22 years old on 10th April.

Sue Buckley, donation raised at her Dad's retirement celebration.

Lindsey and Chris Yearsley from Stoke-on-Trent, in memory of their daughter Jasmine whom they lost two years ago. The money was raised by their friend who ran the local Potters half marathon.

Mr & Mrs D Pritchard from Gwynedd in memory of their daughter Lowri Ann Pritchard

Stuart Breyer from London, a donation on behalf of Logica from Pension Rocks.

Clyde Trefoil Guild from Helensburgh, Scotland, responded to the £1 Million Appeal and sent proceeds from their Annual Charity Event as requested by a Guild member affected by neuroblastoma.

Mrs Brenda Spooner from Shoeburyness, in memory of Maureen's grandson Tom Willson.

Sue Leaver from Rochford in Essex, in memory of Tom Willson.

Mrs Ann Greenfield from Great Wakering near Southend-on-Sea, in memory of Tom Willson.

Sheila and David Holley in memory of Felix Mason, Mrs Homfray's grandson – Sheila had a coffee morning, held a raffle and asked for donations to the Society.

Ms C E Chadney, in memory of Luke Chadney who sadly died on 15th March.

Mrs J McDowell in memory of her aunt Elizabeth Chapter who died recently and whose grandson had cancer in his early life.

Mr & Mrs Webber from Beckenham, in memory of Betty Chapter, who died on 17th April in her 92nd year.

Another donation from Dawn & Rob Muggridge, to mark their beloved daughter Chloe Peaches 9th Anniversary on 12th April; proceeds from Easter hunt, egg decorating competition and a raffle. Thank you to family and staff at Camping and Caravaning Club for their help.

APM Metals Ltd from Kent, sent proceeds from scrap metal collected by Chris Ewell, to support the Society's work. Chris also donated his lottery winnings to the Society, thank you!

Mrs Amy Heness from Hartlepool, in memory of her grandson, Matthew Jakeman, who would have been 18 in April.

Essex County Council, IS Department, proceeds from 'last Friday of the month' dress down for charities, to support the Society's work.

The Arlington Lodge No 8313, in memory of little Zoe Dobson who lost her fight with neuroblastoma in January 2011, aged just 23 months.

Sound & Vision Express Ltd from Cheltenham, another donation to support the Society's work.

Julie Perkins from London, who sponsored Liz Peacock who ran the London marathon.

Mrs Vanessa Gaidoni from Hitchin, proceeds from Violin/Viola concert.

Mr Volske from Hitchin, to support the Society's work.

European Suppliers Ltd from Essex, to support the Society's work.

Kathryn and Jamie McDermott from Co Durham, their friends held a sponsored Bungee Jump and raised a great amount for the Society.

Graeme Wade from Braintree, proceeds from sale of used stamps from the Society's Stamp Appeal.

Teresa Bridgwood's employer, RWE npower, matched her sponsorship £4£

The Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School from Crawley, Winchester House students chose to support the Society for their annual Charity Week in April and organised many fund raising activities, e.g. a lunchtime version of 'Family Fortunes', raising a great amount for the Society.

Mrs Joan Brown from St Albans - Mrs Vera Tufnell, also from St Albans, collects puzzles, assembles them and holds an annual Jigsaw sale in a local church and this year, she kindly chose to support our charity.

Mrs Pauline Ellis from Surrey, in memory of a good friend and neighbour, Mr Henry Steptoe.

Mrs Anne Mills from New Milton, in memory of her Mother who sadly passed away in April and also to remember her daughter Karen, who died back in 1994.

Deryck Davies from Dyserth, collected a great amount at Rhyl Sainsbury's store for the Society. Thank you to Janice Blackbourne for allowing the collection, staff and customers for their support.

Mr T J Walker, sponsorship of Rob Jennings' Hadrian's Wall walk.

Greig Robertson from Aberdeenshire, in memory of his brother Eric Robertson who sadly died recently and to remember his nephew, who lost his fight with neuroblastoma several years ago.

Mrs Jane Pearce from Whitchurch, proceeds from a fundraising walk in memory of a little girl who died from neuroblastoma.

Mr W P Jahn, to sponsor Shane and Sue who took part in Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon in April.

Camilla from West Sussex, ran the London Marathon and donated all her cheques and 20% of online sponsorship to the Society, in memory of Dougie Stewart Wilson.

R.A. & J. Smart, in memory of Zoe Dobson, in lieu of a gift for her grandparents Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs Gladys Sykes, the grandmother of Hannah Burchell, won two prizes of £50 each in this year's annual draw and wrote a nice thank you letter saying that she would send half back to us and spend the other half with her other grandchildren. Thank you Gladys!

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The Neuroblastoma Society
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The Origins and Aims of the Society

The Neuroblastoma Society was founded in 1982 by the parents and friends of five year old Matthew Oldridge who was dying from neuroblastoma. The purpose of the Society is threefold:

1. to raise funds for research into the disease to improve both its diagnosis and treatment;
2. to offer the opportunity for parents and friends to give each other mutual help, support and comfort;
3. to inform parents and supporters on the latest treatments and any medical advances relevant to the disease through our quarterly newsletter.

The Society is administered by Trustees, all of whom are volunteers. This means that over 95% of your donations to the Society go directly to fund research into neuroblastoma. We welcome help with all aspects of the Society's work. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Chairman, Steve Smith, by email at chairman@neuroblastoma.org.uk or by phone on 01904 633744, for an informal chat.

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