



# The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust

(registered charity number 1069269)

*'Relieving sickness, suffering and distress of those suffering from leukaemia'*

## Annual Report January—December, 2012

Support for The Trust increased during the year and we very much value our supporters which include Businesses, Clubs and Individuals.

The year started with a much welcomed boost from Evesham Based 'Foster and Freeman', who have generously supported the Trust for a number of years. This year the Company made a presentation of £1,257.00 following its annual Christmas Raffle.

The Broadway Music Makers' responded by raising £500 at their Christmas Event and the Evesham based 'Lygonian Carollers presented a cheque for £740 following a successful tour. We are extremely grateful to all the afore mentioned for such support.

The newly acquired projector proved a great asset for power-point presentations. There were many talks given, and included were the Evesham Lions and Worcester Lions respectively. My grateful thanks to both for roaring into action with their much appreciated donations.

February marked yet another boost when 'Avon Estates & Lettings' announced that The Trust was its nominated charity and duly presented a cheque for £1,000.00. The business is lending its support in more ways than one to which we are very appreciative.

It was a wonderful surprise when Evesham Vale Running Club's Director, Richard Leather, advised that The Club had nominated The Trust as it's Charity For The Year. They would be holding the Evesham Vale 10k in support and expected to raise a significant amount. It was an amazing Event with the Mayor and Mayoress formally starting the race and almost 800 competitors taking part. The Shipston Town Band entertained the crowds and even the weather was kind as competitors pounded the streets and park to the finishing line. Prizes were then presented by the former Olympic Swimmer Jo Deakins. The result was a magnificent £2,600.00 raised by Evesham Vale Running Club. Further donations of £605.90 were received from individuals being sponsored making the grand total of £3,205.90 raised on the day.

Several changes in administration have taken place during the year. The Trust's Chairman Mr Graham Bonson resigned in May and we welcomed newly elected Trustee and Chairperson Mrs Marie Jones. The board was further strengthened with Mr Nigel Smith joining the Trustee Board and duly elected as Vice Chair.

A further change took place, when due to family and home commitments, Trustee Mrs Zuzana Brotherton resigned as Treasurer. The position was subsequently replaced by Mrs Angela Harper.

The shop has continued to flourish with donations of goods pouring in. I can't even begin to thank the volunteers enough for donating their time and energy at what seemed to be a never ending barrage of black bags! What also is amazing is that despite the economic climate, the quality of goods increased. Another plus!

Unfortunately charity shops are experiencing a rise in shoplifting and The Tracy Sallis Shop has been no exception. A couple of valuable items were stolen and as a result action was taken by installing Security Cameras. Thanks to volunteer Paul, Bloore we have one of the best systems in place. Paul has done an amazing job to fit a total of eight cameras into strategic positions. As a result we now have possibly the most effective security system. Shoplifters have subsequently been apprehended with either the goods or the money retrieved. This has proved to be an excellent and essential investment.

The shop has fulfilled a number of roles. Not only is it a means of fundraising but it provides information on leukaemia and informs people about forthcoming Events. Situated in the Library Arcade, Evesham, it is secure at night with lockable gates at either end for added security.

Credit must go to The Trust's Patron, Gordon Giltrap who has given his support since he first met Tracy back in 1994. The year proved no exception with Gordon not only performing his annual fundraising concert at the Fleece Inn, Bretforton, but also by providing an award winning acoustic G.G. Signature Guitar to raise funds. The guitar was donated by Gordon's good friend Scott Roberts and has Gordon's signature on the headset. It will be raffled at his concert next year being April 21st 2013.

Designer Fashion Sales have been a tremendous boost in raising funds. Being held at the Lifford Hall, Broadway they raised a Grand total of £1,589.92 for the year 2012. Many thanks to Claire Sandalls who volunteered to help at each one of them. Not only did she man the refreshments but also provided very tasty home-made cakes to sell.

Support for the Trust has been received from its four legged friends and owners. The Pershore and Norton Canine Training and Obedience Club held a dog show. Which raised £400 on one of the wettest day's of the year. - *quite an achievement!*

Not to be outdone, The Trust's four legged Harry Hedgehog joined the Cotswold Vintage Motorcycle Club on their Charity Picnic Ride. It was a new venture riding in a motorcycle sidecar which he enjoyed despite it being a bit bumpy! The Event raised £108.19. Thank you!

It was a tremendous surprise when notification was received that the late Mr Arthur Frank Smith, a Market Gardener from Bretforton, had requested that his Estate was to be divided between several charities. The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust was to be one of the beneficiaries. The Trust subsequently received the overwhelming sum of £110,277.58. We cannot even begin to express our gratitude and are deliberating as to the best way to invest the amount to the benefit of patients with leukaemia. Unfortunately Mr Smith has no immediate family and we have no way of acknowledging his tremendous generosity.

The Trust's Complementary Therapist, Carrie-Ann Adams, is providing much needed support. She is seeing between 50-60 patients per month which The Trust is fully funding. Carrie's personal experience of leukaemia is a huge asset as she is able to understand and relate to a patient's worries or concerns. The time she spends with a patient is invaluable and a great contribution towards enhancing treatment and care.

The Trust has also played a significant role in supporting the County's Hospital. Worcester Royal is having an ever increasing amount of patient referrals and as such The Trust has responded to subsequent requests for help. The purchase of Medical Equipment for the new 'Tracy Sollis Assessment Unit' (T.S.A.B.) will have life saving potential. It will allow leukaemia and other forms of cancer patients, to receive priority attention and avoid being sent to the A& E Department. Accident & Emergency is by no means ideal for those with a low immune system.

Occasionally there is an exceptional case whereby a patient finds themselves in difficult circumstances. As such we have taken emergency action to help out until the problem is resolved. This happened during the year whereby a patient and family member found themselves without transport. Medical staff contacted us and being an exceptional case we responded with appropriate action taken. Every case is judged on merit.

We have an active and up to date website which is excellently managed by Sue Holton. No sooner is information forwarded than it is entered onto the site. We couldn't ask for a better service. To find out more about the Trust enter [www.tracysollistrust.org](http://www.tracysollistrust.org)

Amongst the future aims of The Trust is extending its Complementary Therapy Service and launching further awareness of the signs and symptoms of the disease.

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