

Somerset Colorectal Cancer Support Group

Charity Number 1117666

www.somersetbowelcancer.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

This has been another busy year for the charity. **Membership** has grown significantly, largely due to an invitation to the Annual Meeting being sent to past patients from Musgrove Park Hospital.



The Annual Meeting was opened by The High Sheriff of Somerset, Mr John Alvis MBE (on the right in the photograph) with Tommy Banner, Hilary Peters, Group Membership Secretary and Annie Lanigan, Group Chair. More than 120 attendees enjoyed presentations about advances in surgery and chemotherapy treatments, illustrated with film footage. The meeting was held in the Postgraduate Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital

The Group continued to support and promote the **Bowel Cancer Screening Programme** throughout the year through its newsletters and regular contributions to **BBC Somerset radio**. Further information from Julia Heneker, Bowel Cancer Screening Nurse on 01823 343345 or email Julia.heneker@tst.nhs.uk

A number of **social events** were held for members, including a successful Summer Barbeque in the garden of Dennis and Hilary Peter's house, a visit to the **Iminster Theatre** for a Murder Mystery and a guided tour of the newly opened **Beacon Cancer Centre**. Members enjoyed Dennis Peter's talk on **The Queen's Flight** over lunch in Highbridge, and a **Christmas Lunch** at the same venue. Pictured are Dennis and Hilary at their BBQ



A group of members received **Telephone Support Training** from Macmillan Cancer Support, with a view to expanding this valuable service to our patient members and their families. A group of 'supporters' has been formed and the practicalities involved in setting-up this service are in hand.



The charity was successful in its application to **Macmillan Cancer Support** for grant funding to produce quarterly newsletters for the membership, improve the website, produce a new leaflet for distribution to GPs and Hospitals, and the provision of 'taster sessions' in complementary therapies through the Marlborough House Complementary Therapy Centre in Taunton.



We were proud to learn that one of our Trustees, **Sister Nicky Forsyth**, Colorectal Nurse Lead at Musgrove Park Hospital, had been awarded Beating Bowel Cancer UK's prestigious **Carol Baillie Award**.

Pictured is Nicky receiving her award from Ann Keen, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health, at a reception at the Houses of Parliament.

We have a patient member on the Musgrove Park Steering Group for the **National Cancer Survivorshop Initiative** which is being managed by Nicky Forsyth.

This is part of a national project to help improve care for patients living with and beyond bowel cancer

Further information on the Support Group and its activities from:
Hilary Peters, Membership Secretary, on 01278 793285 or email at hilden.1@virgin.net or
Annie Lanigan, Chair, on 01460 259836 or lanigan@lanigans.co.uk

The Group is represented on the **Avon Somerset and Wiltshire Cancer Network User Group** and **Colorectal Cancer Site Specific Groups**. These groups provide an opportunity to input first-hand patient experience to the people who determine the strategy for the delivery of cancer services in the county, as well as the medical teams involved.

We have continued to be active in raising awareness of bowel cancer and its symptoms through our publicity, the events we attend and, particularly, through the Group's website – www.somersetbowelcancer.org.uk. This website is being expanded and enhanced all the time, providing an increased source of information and advice for both bowel cancer patients and the wider public.

Fund-raising continued throughout the year through the Summer BBQ, Maurice Day's Dinner Dance and a bucket collection in Wells, where the Grey Dogs Jazz Band provided musical support. Various individual members have also been generous in making donations to the Group's funds. We are grateful to all our many friends and supporters.

BALANCE SHEET - as at December 31st 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Current assets		
Lloyds TSB treasurer's account	10,940	2,661
Lloyds TSB business instant access account	4,197	19,193
Lloyds fixed term deposit	15,130	-
Accrued interest receivable	99	-
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	30,366	21,85
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	(588)	-
Net assets	29,778	21,854
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	29,778	21,854

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – As at December 31st 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations and fundraising	7,907	21,471
Macmillan	1,215	-
Interest received	234	363
Income tax refund	-	49
Returned cheque	-	56
Refund re catering for launch	-	484
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	9,356	22,423
Resources expended		
Printing, postage and stationery	321	3
Motor and travel	124	-
Collection bins	41	-
Speakers	37	-
Computer costs	227	-
Accountancy	588	-
Hire of room	27	86
Refreshments	67	724
Diathermy machine, purchased for Musgrove Park Hospital	-	11,000
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	(1,432)	(12,120)
Net movement in funds	<hr/>	<hr/>
	7,924	10,303
Total funds brought forward	21,854	11,551
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Total funds carried forward	29,778	21,854

