

## Fundraising news

### Local Sytner branch support NBCRC



David Sanders of Sytner, Nottingham visited NBCRC at the Biodiscovery Institute recently to present a cheque for £400 to NBCRC Director Prof Stewart Martin. David and his colleague enjoyed a tour of the research laboratories where they were able

to see what goes on behind the scenes and hear about the Centre's progress, achievements and aspirations.

The money was donated from the company's Giving Back Charity Fund. We are very grateful for David's ongoing interest in NBCRC and the support of his colleagues.

### My fundraising journey

Another big thank you goes to Graham Hayes, a loyal supporter of NBCRC. Here, Graham talks about his fundraising journey...

I joined Rotary International in 1990 and since then Rotary has raised millions for good causes.

At a District Conference in 2009, the District Governor organised an initiative that had every male Rotarian take a test to see if they had signs of Prostate Cancer. Currently Prostate Cancer is one of the biggest causes of death in men and I thought it would be a good idea to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

The only thing I could do singly was to raise funds by doing talks – not about Prostate Cancer because enough people were doing that and I couldn't talk about it from experience – but about subjects that interested me and hopefully others.

My talks range from the inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci to how to produce Lavender and use its essential oils and from the story of Titanic to the Lost Houses of Nottingham with about another 6 talks in between

In 2017 my wife found a lump in her breast which was successfully treated and in the same year, my daughter found she had a tumour and underwent a mastectomy. These two events brought Breast Cancer research to the forefront and I have subsequently switched my fundraising efforts towards the Nottingham Breast Cancer Research Centre which I hope is benefiting as a result and long may it continue to do so.

### Tote bags for NBCRC



**The Bosom Buddies Project** is a fabulous creative initiative run by one of our local NBCRC supporters, Claire Tomlinson.

Claire has engaged a handful of different designers to create a series of tote bags that prompt self examination as well as raise vital funds for NBCRC. We are very grateful to all involved for their continued support.

Search for @bosombudproject on Facebook to see all 12 designs and buy yours for only £8 incl. p&p. Perfect as gifts too!

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who raises money to support NBCRC. Your time, energy, commitment and determination are very much appreciated and make a huge difference to the work that we are able to undertake. If you are inspired by these stories and want to get involved yourself you will find contact and support information below. And please get in touch to tell with us what you have been doing to support us.

### FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

For all things relating to NBCRC fundraising please contact Elle Alatorre - 0115 74 84978  
[supportus@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:supportus@nottingham.ac.uk)

### HOW TO GIVE

Every little bit helps. **100% of every penny given goes directly to our research.**

If you would like to donate, please visit:  
<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/impactcampaign/projects/breast-cancer-research/breast-cancer-research.aspx>

## Important date changes due to COVID-19



### **New date: 20 Nov 2021**

Follow the latest news at  
<https://www.facebook.com/HopeBallNottingham/>

A massive Thank You to the team who continue to plan, organise and fundraise for this event

### **Run for All, Asda Foundation 10K postponed until 2021**

The organisers of the Run For All, Asda Foundation, Nottingham 10k have recently announced that the event will now be postponed until 2021. A new date has not yet been confirmed.

This is an event that raises vital funds for Nottingham Breast Cancer Research Centre, and so although we absolutely support the decision that has been made we also hope that once a new date is announced there will be plenty of enthusiasm to get in training and to take up the challenge.

A statement from the organisers can be found here:

[https://www.runforall.com/community/news/update-latest-news-from-run-for-all/?fbclid=IwAR0QPKp5-rZBf\\_2yHTQyK2j-cNI\\_yPm2dNxdqgdHfLgGBxnDiPeQ9kbIUCl](https://www.runforall.com/community/news/update-latest-news-from-run-for-all/?fbclid=IwAR0QPKp5-rZBf_2yHTQyK2j-cNI_yPm2dNxdqgdHfLgGBxnDiPeQ9kbIUCl)

## Other news

### NBCRC Pilot Grant Call 2020

NBCRC are pleased to announce that a further round of Pilot Grants will be awarded in 2020. Three grants of £10K are available to researchers to support novel breast cancer research projects for a 12 month period. These awards help researchers to generate sufficient data required to strengthen applications for larger grant awards from other organisations,

A rigorous and impartial review process will assess the grant applications, ensuring only the best proposals are funded. An initial triage stage will involve senior Nottingham academics, as well as input from a group of patients. Successful applications will be reviewed in full by a panel of national breast cancer specialists.

For applicants: Any queries, as well as completed applications, to be sent to [nbcrc@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:nbcrc@nottingham.ac.uk)

Application deadline: 17 April 2020.

### NBCRC Pilot Grant Projects 2019

Some disruption caused by a move to University Park has been followed by a shut down of laboratory based work due to Covid-19.

To ensure that the recipients of the first round of Pilot Grants have the opportunity to complete the aims and objectives set out in their research proposals NBCRC will make necessary arrangements to provide an extension period to these projects. Further updates will be provided in due course.

### New ways of working

In line with government guidance all laboratory based research at the University of Nottingham, has stopped. Many of our researchers who were based here are now working from home, connecting with their colleagues via audio and video conferences and turning their attention to analysing data, writing up research papers and review articles.

Specific pieces of equipment have been supplied to strengthen the national Covid-19 testing strategy and many staff and students have volunteered their services in support of the efforts.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Christopher Carroll for his recent PhD award. Thesis title: The Role of Sodium Driven Bicarbonate Transporters in Triple Negative Breast Cancer Metastasis.

# Happy Easter



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