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# NEWSLETTER

## NBCRC at Nottingham Festival of Science & Curiosity



It was great to take part in the Nottingham Festival of Science & Curiosity in February, where we represented NBCRC for the first time. Usually an annual face to face event, it was fantastic to see all of the extraordinary efforts put in by Nottingham schools, universities, businesses, charities and other local groups to make this a virtual event. There was such a wide range of events, talks and activities to do at home, suitable for curious minds of all ages!

On behalf of the NBCRC, Andy, Cinzia and I created a short video outlining the work that we do and how we encourage collaboration from many different disciplines including the student population, clinicians, scientists and researchers. We are looking forward to participating in the event again next year and it would be great to have ideas from other members about how we could do this to really highlight, to the people of Nottingham, the important work that we do. To get a flavour of the types of activities on offer and check out our video which is still available on the festival website, please go to: [NBCRC FOSAC Video](#). Please get in touch if you think you can help us with this or other similar events in the future.

**Ruth Parks, NBCRC**

### Boobie Date midnight golf tournament

Morley Hayes golf academy in Derbyshire made headline news this week as they became the first golf facility to reopen as lockdown restrictions were relaxed. The first golfers were all set to tee off just seconds after midnight on March 29, with glow in the dark golf balls and floodlit greens.

This late night charity tournament was organised by James Whatley, Head PGA Professional in memory of his sister Janine Brook. Following her own diagnosis of breast cancer, Janine launched the Boobie Date campaign, urging adults to check their breasts on the same date each month with the aim of detecting any changes early. As well as raising awareness of the disease and the importance of self-examination the event raised over £2,500 for NBCRC and made news headlines across the UK. What a fantastic event and a huge thank you to James for his ongoing support. The donation will make a huge difference to our ability to continue vital breast cancer research.



### Nelsons Law support NBCRC

Each year staff at the Derby, Leicester and Nottingham branches of Nelsons law firm choose a local charity to support. For 2021 the staff at the Nottingham Office have selected NBCRC as their nominated Charity of the Year.

Despite a challenging start to the year with many people working from home and under lockdown restrictions, fundraising began with some friendly competition between the three offices. At the end of January 6 teams pitted themselves against each other to see who could walk, run or cycle the most miles in just 14 days – with the teams totting-up 4,100 miles and raising more than £1,450 for their 3 nominated charities.

We very much appreciate the support and we look forward to hearing what they take on next.

### Thank you

Once again our thanks go to local Rotary Club member Graham Hayes for donating the proceeds from his speaking engagements to support the work of NBCRC. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

### Fire Walk 2021

Planned for the 21 June 2021, this will take the standard image of a fire walk and turn it on its head! Our fire walk will be early morning, held on the longest day of the year. Let's rise from the ashes of lockdown and have an unforgettable experience while raising funds for NBCRC. More details will be available shortly.

### Virgin Money London Marathon

This year, VMLM will be held on the 3 October, and change from previous years. We have been lucky enough to get a charity place and have one runner officially fundraising for NBCRC - but if you were lucky enough to get your own place from the ballot then we would still love you to run as part of Team NBCRC! We will keep you updated on the journeys of all our runners over the next few months.

### Virtual London Marathon

Something new for 2021! General entry is now sold out, and the only way to be a part of the world's biggest-ever marathon is to secure a charity place. Luckily, we have 5 places available - there will be no entry fee, but we do ask that you commit to raising £200 in sponsorship for NBCRC. All participants will have a full 24 hours to complete their 26.2 miles on Sunday 3 October, and all finishers will receive their running numbers before the event and their coveted *official* VMLM finisher medal and T-shirt post event. A chance to join in with 50,000 other runners and be part of the world's largest virtual marathon! Keep an eye on social media for details on how to apply.

## NBCRC Events

### *NBCRC Public Seminar Programme*

**Wed 28 April 2021 6pm** – Stem cells and breast cancer: their role in disease and therapy  
**Cinzia Allegrucci**

Register for this free online event  
<http://bit.ly/StemcellsandBC>

### *NBCRC Pilot Grant - Applications*

The 2021 round of NBCRC Pilot Grants is now open for applications, with a £10K award for each of the top 3 project proposals. Further information can be found on the website. Closing date 20 April.

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/nbcrc](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/nbcrc)

### *NBCRC Research Seminar Series*

All NBCRC members and others at the University of Nottingham and the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust are welcome to attend our monthly NBCRC research seminars. Seminars are online, on the last Thursday of the month, 4-5pm.

**29 April** "Gene mutations and endocrine resistance: passengers vs. drivers"  
**Prof. Robert Clarke** Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics, University of Minnesota

**27 May Prof. Karen Blyth**, The Beatson Institute

**24 June** "The research journey from Nottingham to Jamshoro"  
**Dr Binafsha Sayed**, Liaquat University, Pakistan

## 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://tinyurl.com/y7xyj4na>

## FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

For all things fundraising please seek the advice and support of our NBCRC Community Fundraising Manager Jo Brailsford-Finnis. You can contact Jo on [supportus@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:supportus@nottingham.ac.uk)

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