



Dear friends

Welcome to the seventh issue of *UCARE News*.

The focus in our last financial year was to build on the sound basis of opening years, and to develop strategies for raising funds for research projects and awareness campaigns. So, including the seven new projects we updated you on in the last newsletter, we were delighted to be able to award £209,000 in total to support projects in the financial year 2010 – 2011. All this was raised from your generous donations, numerous sponsored events organised by you, collections, dinners, golf days – as well as being the charity of the year for organisations such as the RAF 78 Squadron, Kirtlington and Northamptonshire Golf Clubs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters and the tremendous efforts of our volunteers in achieving so much during the year.

In this newsletter we give you just a few bites of information on the fundraising events that have gone on and some new events coming up. In particular, our Broughton Castle garden party where our aim was to celebrate and say thank you to as many of our supporters as possible who could join us for the afternoon. For those of you who couldn't come, we missed you – but thank you for your support and we hope to see you at our next event.

Best wishes

Julian Briant, Chair, Board of Trustees

## Difficult decisions

**One question that we are often asked is how we decide on what projects to fund?**

UCARE's aim is to fund the best quality research by bringing together the knowledge and opinions of researchers, clinicians, and allied health professionals to support research and education in urological cancer.

All applications for UCARE grants are reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Committee and can also be subject to external review by experts in the field, to help the charity make decisions about funding in line with its objectives. The applications are judged on the scientific merit of the application; whether it addresses very important scientific or medical questions and likely to have a high impact on medical practice, or on the relevant scientific field of urological cancer.

Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the trustees, UCARE may be able to offer immediate funding or recommend applications for future targeted fundraising.

UCARE requires all grant holders to complete and return an Annual Report & Evaluation Form. The purpose of the Evaluation Form is to enable UCARE to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of our grant-making.

**For more information visit our web site: [www.ucare-oxford.org.uk](http://www.ucare-oxford.org.uk)**



UCARE-funded researchers in laboratory

# Garden Party at Broughton Castle



June 18th was a day of pleasures, expected and unexpected. Broughton Castle was as beautiful as it has been for centuries, delighting guests the moment they crossed the moat, and setting the stage for a very happy day.

In case of rain and at the suggestion of Lord and Lady Saye, afternoon tea and a welcoming Pimms were set up in The Great Hall. Guests, however, were astonished to find that Lord and Lady Saye's hospitality extended to their giving extensive access to the Castle. People wandered through rooms, upstairs, downstairs and if not 'in my lady's chamber' then at least on to the roof for spectacular views of the moat, gardens and wider landscape.

Outside, The Adderbury Morris Men performed beautifully, the loud thwacking of sticks in some dances attracting the special attention of small children, visibly keen to do a bit of thwacking themselves.

Our extraordinary face painter, transformed children who clearly intended to sleep in perfect Batman masks, flowering vines, butterflies and tiger makeup.

Those UCARE supporters who donated photographs of themselves as child and adult would have enjoyed the comments of guests trying to match photographs spanning several decades. Or maybe they wouldn't...

Thanks to generous donations the tombola stall was a great success. Cakes, biscuits, jam and plants also sold well

Simon Burnett, our patron, arrived having just qualified for the World Championships in Shanghai and bringing with him medals, a huge silver cup and a willingness to chat particularly to children and young people.

We have much for which thank Lord and Lady Saye – extensive access to the Castle and gardens, and a welcoming presence throughout the afternoon as they mingled and talked with guests – all combined to create a very happy atmosphere. One guest described the afternoon as 'like a gathering of old friends.'

A degree of frivolity led to a photograph of Simon Burnett, guarded by David Cranston in breastplate, spiked helmet and carrying a pikestaff. Particular thanks to Lord Saye for this improbable pleasure.

Throughout the afternoon, Oxford Fine Dining served Pimms and an endless and perfect afternoon tea. One of their team guessed the number of packets of Haribo sweets – we do hope she shared all four hundred and eleven of them!

Yes, it did rain, at times heavily. But we didn't really notice... and no-one fell in the moat.

### Our thanks to:

- Our Patrons Lord and Lady Saye & Sele and Simon Burnett
- Andrew and Liz Leaning –The Good Value Plant Nursery
- Everyone who helped on the day, made cakes and jam
- Oxford Fine Dining
- Jimmy Smith of Thame and Aylesbury Markets
- Herwig Vennekens [Haribo]
- The Adderbury Morris Men
- Face Painter – Gita Konschak from Lapis Lizard
- Jean Simmonds whose volunteering went 'above and beyond'
- Waterperry Gardens
- Yarnton Nurseries



Please donate today



## How you can help

### I would like to support the fight against cancer

Research is often complicated, time-consuming and expensive but it provides hope for patients and their families, and leads to more effective ways of treating and preventing cancer. **Please help by giving what you can.**

#### I would like to give a donation to UCARE of:

£10  £100  £250

My choice £

Please make cheques payable to UCARE

#### I would like to give a monthly donation to help UCARE plan for the future:

£10  £25

My choice £

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*Thank you*



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### We need your help

Even though you think you may not be able to help, we all know at least one company, shop, local business or organisation with which we have a 'link' – loose though it may be. At the least, if ten UCARE members wrote letters asking for relatively small sums, their combined efforts could make a really valuable contribution to research and education.

Please contact Val Berry at [ucare@ucare-oxford.org.uk](mailto:ucare@ucare-oxford.org.uk) or by phone 01865 767777 to discuss how we can help you in making your contact.

### Raising awareness



Life Drawing is a thriving and important observational art form and drawing the nude human body one of the most challenging artistic disciplines – we thank,

Anthony, who had testicular cancer and is a Life Model and artist Francis O'Neill for letting us use an oil on canvas painting to raise awareness for testicular cancer.

If you'd like a copy of the poster, we can supply this in A5 or A2 – just let us know.

### Trusts and Foundations

There are many Trusts and Foundations that support medical charities. The financial support that UCARE receives through applications to charitable Trusts and Foundations has a major impact on our work. Support from Trusts and Foundations is crucial to helping us to find new ways to fight cancer. Some Trusts and Foundations prefer the personal approach, so if you have a contact and can make an approach on behalf of UCARE we would be very grateful. Perhaps you know someone who is a trustee for a charitable Trust or Foundation?

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