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SAMANTHA DICKSON BRAIN TUMOUR TRUST

Head to head with brain tumours

Earl Spencer and Jonny Wilkinson help launch our very first

SAMANTHA DICKSON BRAIN CANCER UNIT

at University College London



Read more inside
and on the back
cover, to see how
you can help to
reach our appeal
target of £2 million
and become a part
of this amazing
achievement.

Also in this issue:

- Opening of the SDBTT Brain Cancer Unit
- Highlights of 2007/8
- Stories of hope
- News and events
- Fundraising update

Our objective is to raise awareness, support and funds for brain tumour research to help fight this devastating disease and give hope to brain tumour patients in the future

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A Word from our Chairman



Welcome to this special issue of our newsletter. As you can see from the cover story, we have recently launched our major appeal to raise vital funds for the new Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit which is the result of an exciting new partnership with University College London. This unit is the first centre of excellence dedicated to the disease and will make a significant impact in the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of brain cancer.

The challenge now is to raise enough funds to open at least two more centres over the next five years. Jonny Wilkinson helped us kick-start the campaign, and with the backing of all our supporters, patrons and trustees, I am sure that this will be achievable. Our aim in the next decade is to transform the landscape of brain cancer research funding; this includes understanding brain cancer better, improving the quality of life and survival rates for all children and adults and giving help and providing hope where it is most needed.

We have recently produced our 2007/8 Annual Report & Accounts, a summary of which you will find on pages 6 and 7. This shows that the past year has been record-breaking in more ways than one: not only did we achieve our greatest ever income of 1.2 million, our research expenditure also increased to £830,764, the highest level to date. We remain at the forefront of UK brain tumour research and are the largest single funder of laboratory-based research in the UK. This research is paying dividends, and we are excited to report on a number of breakthroughs, which you can also read about on pages 6 and 7, along with the rest of our main achievements.

I would like to pay a special tribute to our supporters, umbrella groups, donors, patrons, and trustees, without whose help none of our work would have been possible. We receive no government funding and rely on the magnificent fundraising efforts of all these supporters, many of whom have been affected by brain cancer themselves. The money raised has been invaluable - and with your continued support we can do so much more.

NEIL DICKSON

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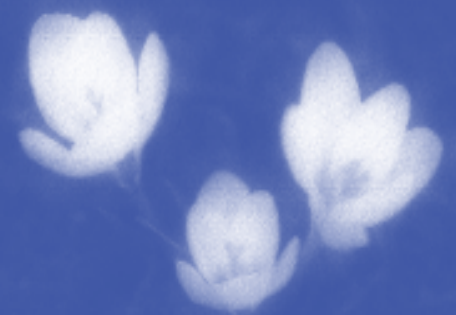
We would like to thank John Maunsell-Thomas and Gayle McDermott who served as trustees and were integral to the development of the charity. Gayle will continue to be involved as a patron and we give John our best wishes as he enjoys his retirement.

Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit



Earl Spencer with Angela and Neil Dickson at the opening of the Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit at University College London in June

We remember... all those who have lost their lives to a brain tumour, and those families who have lost loved ones and friends. With your help we pledge to do all we can to improve the life chances of sufferers in the future.



Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit Opens

On 25th June, founding Trustees Neil and Angela Dickson were joined by invited guests including Patrons Earl Spencer, Alastair Stewart, Leslie Thomas, Christopher Bailey, and Gayle McDermott, for the opening of the Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit.



Patrons Alastair Stewart and Leslie Thomas with his wife Diana

This unit will play a major role in advancing the treatment of brain cancer, and aims to become a world leader in research.

Neil Dickson told the audience, 'I want to thank University College London for sharing the Charity's vision in addressing the critical lack of research funding into brain cancer. I anticipate the new Unit will become a world class research centre and its link with the clinical expertise of the National Hospital will enable new breakthroughs to be translated into better treatment for brain tumour patients. I also want to thank all our supporters who have been affected personally by this dreadful disease. Your support has been an inspiration to the Charity and has allowed us to launch this major initiative.'

Rosie shows her special children's brain tumour leaflet to Gerald Howarth MP



Patron Earl Spencer, Government Cancer Tzar Professor Mike Richards and Neil and Angela Dickson



CEO Paul Carbury and Art Wasserman from UCL

Major Appeal Launch

With the opening of the Brain Cancer Unit comes our major fundraising appeal to raise £2 million over the next five years, to help us open two more Units.

We want to thank Patron, Jonny Wilkinson MBE, for helping us with our campaign to increase awareness and raise urgently needed funds. Jonny has been an active Patron for many years and earlier this year he wrote to supporters on our behalf to launch and help raise funds for our new appeal. Last year he also took part in our Head to Head campaign with Dawn French, Fiona Fullerton and Earl Spencer. Our thanks also go to Dawn French, Fiona Fullerton, Earl Spencer and Alastair Stewart for their special efforts in our Campaign, and indeed to all our Patrons for their continued support, which is very much appreciated.



Get Involved!

We would greatly value your support in helping us reach our £2 million target. There are many ways you can help, including:

- making a donation
- organising a tea party
- organising a fundraising event
- running a 5k or 10k race

Please see the back cover of this newsletter for more information. Thank you!

Stories of hope



Emma Bassett shares her story of recovering from a brain tumour...

When Emma was 12 a routine optician's appointment led to a scan referral. A year earlier Emma had started to show symptoms which had been put down to 'growing up'. Here, Emma picks up the story: "We arrived at St Georges' Hospital and the doctor showed us the MRI scans and said that I had an enormous brain tumour – one of the largest ever seen at over 7½ cm long. I

needed an operation immediately because I could die. We all burst into tears.

The walk to the ward was one of the longest of my life. I was continuously crying. My dad had tears rolling down his face, and as I had never seen him cry, I realised this was serious and that I needed to be strong. I tried to hold back my tears and told my dad that everything would be fine".

The next day, Emma had the first of four operations. During the final operation, she had a brain haemorrhage, leaving her without the

ability to talk, walk, eat and hear with her left ear.

"I had to relearn the basic skills that I had built up over the years. I was put onto a drip to feed me directly into the stomach as I couldn't swallow. I didn't eat for over a month – I was craving food I didn't even like! I feared going to sleep because I thought I would die – I didn't sleep for over a week, even when they gave me 'sleeping medicine'. After 9 weeks in hospital I went home, but I still hadn't regained the abilities I had lost. My mum then contacted Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust who offered support and they were instrumental in helping us all come to terms with what happened to me.

By 2006, I had improved a lot and my limp and facial paralysis had decreased. I had also completely regained my voice – I was then back to a normal teenager screaming and shouting!"

Emma has been fundraising for us ever since, raising £1,355 so far. "I will continue to raise money as brain tumours are really the 'unknown killer' and it takes doctors a long time to diagnose patients. Mine took over 6 years to diagnose – they suspect I had it from the age of 6. I think that doctors need to be taught about the symptoms of brain tumours as they are the biggest cancer killer. I would urge people to raise money for this charity which aims to find a cure."

"I realised this was serious and that I needed to be strong"

Chris Morris talks about his fight and his family's support...

It was in late 2004 that I began to notice worrying signs and symptoms. I saw several different doctors, but unfortunately my symptoms were not taken seriously until one day my wife and daughter accompanied me and I saw an experienced GP who referred me for a CT scan. Sadly events superseded my referral. A few days later I could no longer walk, and my wife called for an ambulance.

I was initially told that there was a mass on my frontal lobe, later identified via a biopsy as a glioblastoma multiforme. I still remember the meeting. The consultant appeared agitated, sat on the edge of the chair and spent no more than 5 minutes to tell us the diagnosis and in response to insistent questioning, that it was grade IV. He said that it had probably only been there a few months and, oh yes, it was inoperable. We were all in a state of shock.

The family rallied round and the internet proved to be a source of useful information. I discovered the need for a second opinion and found out about a new chemotherapy drug called Temozolomide*.

The second opinion from Professor Cruickshank resulted in my tumour being debulked – no more shuffling feet, I could walk again. Suddenly

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there was hope; when we left his room my wife and I hugged each other and wept with joy.

When talking to my oncologist I used details of a trial downloaded from the web. Roger Stupp, one of the Charity's SMAB members, provided a protocol for the use of concomitant Temozolomide. This trial showed that by using Tmz concomitantly with radiotherapy, the two year survival rate increased from 4% to nearly 30%. I must applaud my oncologist's willingness to give me this opportunity. I feel that, along with my surgery, this treatment has made a big difference.

I have now passed the three-year anniversary of my tumour and am doing well. I am very grateful for the support I have had from my family which has helped me maintain a positive attitude. Knowing you are loved and wanted makes a big difference.

**Temozolomide was not licensed by NICE when Chris needed the drug but thanks to lobbying by his wife and daughters and a consortium of brain tumour charities and professional bodies, led by the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, it is now available on the NHS.*



SDBTT has been instrumental in helping produce new National Guidelines for GPs to help diagnose brain tumours earlier. Read more about this success on pages 6 and 7.

Patient Support

Our Patient Support Service Expands

SDBTT is committed to providing support for individuals living with brain tumours and their families, carers and friends. As part of our commitment to developing and extending our support services, we are delighted to be able to announce that our Patient Support Service team has expanded, with the recent appointments of Sylvia Woods, Patient Support Manager based in York and Roz Osborne, Head of Patient Support based at our new Headquarters in Yateley.

Sylvia, a former SDBTT trustee, is a registered nurse and health visitor and will provide the paediatric lead in our patient service team. Sylvia's son Neil sadly died as a result of brain stem glioma in 2000. Roz, who

also has a nursing and health service background, will lead the work on SDBTT's new patient service developments. Sylvia and Roz join Heather Waterton, our team lead in high grade tumours (based in Southampton) and Katie Sheen, our team lead for low grade tumours (based in Manchester).

We will also be recruiting for a dedicated Paediatric Support Worker in the next few months, following a successful bid to the BBC Children in Need Appeal for funding to support this post.

The SDBTT patient support team is here to provide individual help to all those whose lives are affected by brain tumours. We provide a listening ear, practical help and information, and organise information and support days throughout the country. We also aim to raise awareness of the issues and challenges faced by those living with a brain tumour.

All the patient support team are looking forward to developing and expanding services, working in partnership with individuals living with a brain tumour and those they meet at various points on that journey.

To contact any member of the team, please call 0845 130 9733 or email patientinfo@sdbtt.co.uk



Sylvia Woods



Roz Osborne

March Brain Tumour Information Day a Success

Over 100 people came to the SDBTT Information Day for all tumour types, and the day certainly lived up to expectations, with the informal atmosphere enabling patients and carers to chat to medical professionals over coffee and lunch in between presentations. Neurosurgeon Andrew Brodbelt gained a spontaneous round of applause half way through his explanation of tumour types and their treatment, thanks for his ability to clearly explain the intricacies of the treatment decision-making process. Informative and inspiring talks followed on subjects as diverse as coping with personality changes through to meditation and claiming financial help. Friendships were made and old friends reunited, with many patient support group members meeting each other for the first time in "real life". We are extremely grateful to everyone who freely gave up their time to make the event such a success, including representatives from the Penny Brohn Cancer Care Centre, Maggie's Centre London, the International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA), the Walton Centre Liverpool and Barts & London NHS Trust.

We are now looking forward to our annual Low-Grade Information Day which will be held on 21 November, in partnership with the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery and the Royal Free Hospital.





Our Achievements in 2007/08

2007/08 was a record year in many ways. Not only did we achieve our greatest ever income of £1.2 million, our research expenditure also increased to £830,764, the highest level to date. Your support has been instrumental to this success; below are some of the important ways in which your money has made a difference in the field of research into brain cancer.

New guidelines helping reduce the time it takes to diagnose brain tumours

Childhood brain cancer takes longer to diagnose than other cancer types and the UK lags behind many other parts of the world in diagnosis, including Poland and Mexico. We funded research, published in *Lancet Oncology*, which formed the basis of a new set of guidelines which will be nationally available to GPs and other health professionals. The guidelines will help to reduce the time it takes for children with a brain tumour to be diagnosed. Professor David Walker at Nottingham University led on this work.

Breakthrough in treating childhood tumours

Our research into one of the more common childhood tumours, medulloblastoma, looked into quality of life issues for children who are surviving. The research, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, discovered that children treated with combined radiotherapy and chemotherapy had reduced quality of life compared with those treated with just radiotherapy. The potential outcomes for children are less aggressive treatments without compromising quality of life. This work has been led by Professor Colin Kennedy at Southampton University.

Important findings for the use of radiotherapy in young children

Over half of childhood intracranial ependymomas occur in children younger than five years. Radiotherapy can be effective but has the potential to damage the child's developing nervous system at a crucial time. Research funded by us found that radiotherapy could be delayed in children younger than three years without compromising survival rates. This research, which was published in September 2007's edition of *Lancet Oncology*, has important implications for future treatment of children with this type of brain cancer. Professor Richard Grundy, Nottingham University led on this work.

Success of drug for treating aggressive tumours

SDBTT-funded research into one of the most aggressive tumour types, glioblastomas, has found that the use of the drug, clomipramine, has had a significant impact on reducing the growth of this tumour type. Following these promising results the next stage is to establish a Phase 2/3 clinical trial to treat glioblastoma patients. This will develop into a multi-centre trial throughout the UK. This work was led by Professor Garth Cruickshank at Birmingham University.

Cambridge research team's major breakthrough

In June 2006 SDBTT provided funding to Professor Peter Collins and his team for a genome-wide analysis of Ependymomas and Pilocytic astrocytomas. This project has made major progress with regard to pilocytic astrocytomas. These are the most commonly occurring brain tumours in the age range five – 19, yet little was known about the genetic changes characterising this tumour type. The most exciting development was the discovery of a small region of one chromosome that is rearranged, affecting an oncogene – a gene that codes for a cellular component that is permanently switched on, leading to unrestricted cell growth. The findings will now help ensure a more accurate diagnosis of the tumour type, and provide a target for new therapies.

Your support has been instrumental in increasing the funds we have invested in research

Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2008

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
	Income Fund	Capital Fund			
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	1,008,583	–	175,192	1,183,775	892,966
Activities for generating funds	–	–	–	–	–
Investment income	53,474	–	18,720	72,194	39,686
Total Incoming Resources	1,062,057	–	193,912	1,255,969	932,652
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	160,735	–	9,003	169,738	80,820
Charitable activities					
Research costs	633,512	–	197,252	830,764	549,402
Patient support	48,044	–	21,809	69,853	51,782
Governance costs					
Management and administration	19,595	–	4,735	24,330	21,136
Total Resources Expended	861,886	–	232,799	1,094,685	703,140
Net Incoming Resources for the Year	200,171	–	(38,887)	161,284	229,512
Transfers between funds	1,588	–	(1,588)	–	–
Balances at 1 April 2007	740,109	12,000	597,723	1,349,832	1,120,320
Balances at 31 March 2008	941,868	12,000	557,248	1,511,116	1,349,832

£639,879 of the unrestricted funds have been designated by the trustees for grants they have committed to pay within the next year.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Introducing Our New Umbrella Groups

Regular supporters who are either raising money in memory of a loved one, or who are do so for someone living with a brain tumour, may decide to open an SDBTT 'umbrella fund'. This allows the fundholders to have a separate bank account using the name of their loved one but under the 'umbrella' of the charity. We provide as much support as we can to help our umbrella groups become successful fundraisers; please call us if you would like information on 0845 130 9733. Below are some of the more recent umbrella groups that have been set up in memory of people who have been loved and lost, by those dear to them.

SDBTT Alec Normand Fund

Alec's parents write...

Our son, Alec Normand, died in January 2008 from an inoperable brain-stem tumour, aged nine. He was the elder of our two boys and has left a hole not just in our family, but also in the many families who came to know and love him during his short life.



As a family affected by the condition, we are keen to support research into the prevention and cure of childhood brain tumours. During the last months of Alec's life, we set up an "umbrella" fund with the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust (SDBTT). For us, the purpose of the ongoing fundraising is threefold: as an enduring way to celebrate Alec's life; to raise funds for researching into ways of preventing or treating this type of illness; and to provide a positive outlet for the huge number of Alec's supporters and their greatly valued goodwill.

A number of specific fundraising events have taken place already, of which the largest so far involved the whole of Alec's school. The Elstree School Ridgeway Walk takes place every other year North of Newbury over a distance of 10 miles. The boys themselves chose the SDBTT as the charity they wished to support for this year's sponsored walk. The whole school (aged 7-13), many of their teachers and families and even Alec's Jack Russell puppy completed the distance and raised a record amount of sponsorship. Neil and Angela Dickson were presented with a cheque for £22,000 during Elstree's Sports Day in June 2008.

From the various events and many other contributions, the total raised in the fund so far comes to over £62,000, which is far beyond what we dreamt of when we set up the Fund. It is likely to contribute to future research by the recently opened Samantha Dickson Brain Cancer Unit at University College in London.

SDBTT Susanna Twiddy Fund

Dr Susanna Twiddy was just three months short of her 34th birthday when she died in March this year. A recognised scientist, she had graduated from Cambridge with a first class degree in 1995 and then moved to Oxford to edit academic scientific journals. It was whilst working in Oxford she suffered the first of a series of seizures which were to lead to the diagnosis of a malignant brain tumour.

Susanna felt very strongly that insufficient funds were being directed into research for the treatment of and eventual cure for brain cancer. She lobbied her MP and with the help of Neil and Angela Dickson from the Charity this led to a private meeting with Professor Mike Richards, National Clinical Director for Cancer. Following Susanna's initiative, Professor Richards announced that he would make sure brain cancer was highlighted in the new Cancer Reform Strategy.

William and Susanna's family have set up an Umbrella Group in her memory. Funds raised in her honour will be used for further research into brain tumours, something which she worked so hard to achieve.

SDBTT Susannah Lees Fund

After experiencing seizures when she was 23, Susannah was diagnosed in 1994 with a low grade glioma. Although her condition impacted so many areas of her life, she made light of it, through to her sudden death in 2006.

Susannah had an open and joyous personality that embraced all people and all experiences. An independent spirit, Susannah searched for answers to questions large and small. A loving soul, she was passionate about those marginalized by society. She lived boldly and took on amazing challenges, even after her diagnosis. She studied in France; she travelled widely, including South America and the Galapagos islands; and she was always looking for the "next big thing". Naturally artistic, and keen to forge her own path, she undertook many different ventures: hand painting glassware, trying to launch a newspaper, managing properties. She worked in cable TV in its early years, before leaving to study law: both of which played key roles in her decision to develop Media Mogul, a fun and original family board game.

Her memory flourishes in all those who had the privilege to know and love her, and in her memory, Susannah's family continues to market the game. All proceeds from sales via the SDBTT website will go to support the vital work of the charity.

SDBTT Alex Wooff Fund



Alex's sister Lynsey writes...

Alex was 30 when he died last December; he had suffered a brain haemorrhage earlier that year and had no previous symptoms to warn us that he had a tumour. Although the Alex we knew never returned there were some improvements and importantly it gave us time to get used to the idea that our "super shining star" would not be with us much longer.

At first sight people would see Alex's special needs but within a few minutes they realised he was just special. He had all the qualities we should have, enthusiasm, drive, love, he didn't judge people, he never held a grudge, he was perfect. His favourite thing was his bike, we got him a custom made 3-wheeler and he loved it as it gave him independence.

Two weeks before he died, I got married. Alex was so, so, so excited. I had made him a little calendar so at night he could cross off the days before going to bed. The day was wonderful. Alex in essence was a social person; he loved being around people so the day was great from his point of view. It also meant that those friends and family who we did not see regularly were able to see the Alex they knew and loved at least one last time.

I will never get over losing Alex. I set up this group so that I can channel all of the love that so many people had for my brother into a constructive force. We can make a difference for other people and other families and I know that Alex would do anything to help someone who was suffering. I cannot think of a better way to remember him.

Latest News and Events

Anyone for Tea?

Why not help us raise vital funds by holding a Tea Party? It's simple to do and a great excuse to get some friends together for a chat. We can give you advice and provide a fundraising pack. Simply fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or give us a call on 0845 130 9733.



International Society of Paediatric Neuro-Oncology conference



SDBTT was invited to this very successful event in Chicago in June, which was attended by almost one thousand scientists, clinicians and health specialists from all over the world.

Fourteen of the charity's research projects were presented at the Conference, a record for any one funder of research. Neil Dickson, Chairman of SDBTT, who attended, said: "This conference has demonstrated that the UK is the second most active research centre in the world for childhood brain tumour research after the United States. We really are making a difference and SDBTT is proud to be leading the way in this field."

Running Events 2009

Next year we will have a limited number of places in the Flora London Marathon, British 10k and Adidas 5k. Please contact the office for more information and to register interest. Call 0845 130 9733 or email enquiries@sdbtt.co.uk

The Saddlers Company
generously donated £11,500 to SDBTT earlier in the year.

The John Jarrold Trust
We wish to publicly acknowledge a kind gift of £500 from the Trust.

Angela Dickson Wins Award

Angela Dickson's long and dedicated service to the community was recognised in June when she won a regional Nationwide Community and Heritage Award. She will now go through to the finals in November.



Get On Your Bike!

Carole Dear, our Accountant, will be undertaking this challenge and representing the entire office! She is taking part in memory of her father who died from a brain tumour. Please sponsor Carole by visiting her Justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/caroleincuba. Thank you.



A large advertisement for a bike ride. The background is a photograph of a street in Cuba with a light blue building. Text on the ad includes: 'classic tours', 'LEADING THE WAY IN SUSTAINABLE TOURISM', '50% PROTECTED', 'Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust', 'Get 'on your bike' in Cuba in 2009 with Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust', '22-30 November', 'For more information and to register Call Dan Suttle on 07884 000616 or email dan.suttle@prodriveit.co.uk', and a large blue circle with 'REGISTER NOW' in white text.

Latest News and Events CONTINUED

Hello and welcome to:

Trustees: Dr Alistair Nunn,
Philippa Perry, Lady Alison
Wakeham



Philippa Perry Lady Alison Wakeham

Staff: Roz Osborne (Head of
Patient Support); Sylvia
Woods (Patient Support in
York); Julia Trusler (Research
Grant Manager); Carole Dear
(Accountant); Sarah Smith
(Senior Administrator).

Patrons: Christopher Bailey, Tom Daley, Gayle McDermott.

It's not too late – so book the date!

Glittering Northern Masquerade Ball

to be held at the Famous York Racecourse on

Saturday 7th March 2009

The evening will include
a champagne reception, four-course meal,
live band and entertainment
Silent Auction and Raffle

Tickets £70 each

If you are unable to attend, we would be delighted if you
would like to make a donation or offer a prize for the auction or raffle
Call Trish Telfer on 01904 489854
or email: sdbttnorthernball@gmail.com



Money Matters...

When you gift aid a donation we are able to reclaim the equivalent of 28p for every £ donated, at no cost to you. If you are a UK tax-payer please complete the declaration on the coupon with this newsletter. You can also download a gift aid form from our website.

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If you pay tax at the higher rate you are able to reclaim 20% by entering details on your tax return. If you wish you can donate this additional tax benefit to us by completing section 19a on your tax return.

Self-Assessment Form

You can also opt to donate any tax repayment by entering our unique code on your SA tax return form—MAC06EG.

New Range of Christmas Cards

Full details are on the enclosed leaflet and our website - or order online at www.christmas-cards.org.uk/sdicksonbtt/



Yateley Mayor's Charity Dinner

Join us for an exclusive evening of dinner
and entertainment in the beautiful
surroundings of
Warbrook House, Hampshire
on Saturday 7th March 2009
7.00 - 11.00 pm

Ticket price £35
all money raised goes to SDBTT

**With entertainment by the Guildford
School of Acting**



Black tie

For more info please
contact sarah@sdbtt.co.uk

Fundraisers United

We are truly united in wanting to find a cure for brain tumours and many of you have raised thousands of pounds since our last newsletter. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Here is just a small selection...

A charity evening at the Tamanna Restaurant in Bromsgrove raised £510 in memory of Richard Jones.



John and Michelle Meade went without wedding presents and asked people to donate to the SDBTT Graeme Turner Fund. Over £2,000 was raised including £65 from the bridesmaids' sweepstake.



Jason Donovan entertained an enthusiastic crowd at the Party in the Park, Wellingborough. SDBTT Claire Rowland Fund were the nominated charity and will receive £800.

Bike4Brains, Derbyshire. Over 300 cyclists took part and money is still coming in from this successful event.



Caroline Goward cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats for the SDBTT Donna Ryan Fund. Caroline has raised £2,700 so far.



Patron Fiona Fullerton receives a cheque for £5,000 from The Hospital Saturday Fund Charitable Trust.



Gracie and Harriet held a special Teddy Bear sale to raise money for the charity.

Andy and Sharon Bygate (pictured left) organised a Crystal Ball, held in Shipston-on-Stour which raised over £70,000. Shown here with Quentin Willson, Neil and Angela Dickson.



Just some of the runners who took part in the June British 10k run. Money is still coming in and we are hoping to raise over £15,000.



Chairman Neil Dickson and fellow golfers at the SDBTT Golf Day.



Pupils and staff from Elstree School undertook a sponsored walk, raising £22,000 for the SDBTT Alec Normand Fund.

How you can help with our appeal

There are many simple ways you can help us raise funds for our Brain Cancer Unit appeal. Here are just a few ideas:

- make a donation**
However large or small. Make a donation online at www.braintumourtrust.co.uk – it's fast and secure, or send in the form below.
- buy our Christmas cards**
All our Christmas cards are on our website, www.braintumourtrust.co.uk and the money raised goes towards our work.
- run a race**
Whether a 5k, 10k, half marathon or marathon. We can provide support, fundraising tips and running vests.
- organise a tea party**
Get some friends together over a cup of tea and ask for a small donation. We can provide any support you need.
- organise a fundraising event**
We can suggest some ideas and give advice.
- become a corporate sponsor**
Please email paul@sdbtt.co.uk and we will send you more information.

Whichever way you choose to support us, we can help; simply call us on 0845 130 9733 or email sarah@sdbtt.co.uk

Thank you for helping us kick brain tumours into touch

- I would like to hold a Tea Party, please send me a registration form
- I would like to make a donation to SDBTT and enclose a cheque (payable to SDBTT)
- I would like to make a credit/debit card donation to SDBTT and have provided card details below
- I would like to make a donation to SDBTT Astro Fund and enclose a cheque (payable to SDBTT Astro Fund)
- I am a tax payer and would like to gift aid this and all future donations
- I wish to donate regularly by Standing Order. Please send me details
- I would like more information. Please add me to your mailing list
- I wish to consider leaving a legacy to SDBTT. Please send me an information sheet

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

CREDIT CARD INFO:

I wish to make a donation of £ _____ using my credit/debit card.

Please debit my card:

Name on card: _____

Card No: _____

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