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Dear Friends

Having survived another Bath Half Marathon I am sitting down to write this newsletter vowing to run it again next year. The thrill of the day is incomparable and it was wonderful to see our team in vibrant red t-shirts doing their best to raise funds and awareness of The Sophie Cameron Trust and EL.

The funds are yet to be collected, but we hope to have raised in excess of £6,000 and are grateful as ever for the fantastic support from runners and well-wishers. Thanks also go to accountants, Moore Stephens who entered a team in support of the Trust and to Bath Bus Company for again supplying the great double-decker.

Funds raised so far have contributed to the research project on intensive physiotherapy in which Sophie is involved. There is also the on-going research into the causes of EL at the Institute of Neurology in London. Through this it has been arranged that any person diagnosed with EL will be given details of our Trust should we be able to offer them any help.

Last November's Pot Luck Dinners were successful for a second time raising £3,390; a similar event is planned for Autumn 2006. Crabtree & Evelyn hosted a charity evening with wine, canapés and other treats on offer at their shop in the Podium Bath. Earning 20% of sales as well as the proceeds of a raffle, we raised £400 and are pleased to announce a repeat is planned for next November 24th.

The Glitter Ball will take place in the Assembly Rooms on 10th December 2005 and preparations are well under way for what promises to be another sell-out event. Although the entertainment is being finalised, the organisers are still appealing for sponsors to come forward and help fundraising get off to a flying start. All money raised will be split equally between The Sophie Cameron Trust and Save the Children. Anyone interested in finding out more about this very popular event should contact Jo Munn on (01225) 423323. Tickets will go on sale later in the year

But with this letter, you will find a booking form for the forthcoming concert of Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, organised by the Royal High School's music department, to be held at the Forum in Bath on Thursday 21st April. This will be a musical extravaganza with the renowned school choir of 70 as well as a number of professional musicians. The Forum comfortably seats 700, so we have a big auditorium to fill. Please support what promises to be a wonderful evening event.

Hoping to see many of you there.

With warm regards.

Bernard Whiteside
Chairman