

SCT Newsletter - Oct 2005

Dear Friends

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and rested after a good long summer. Until recently, we have enjoyed a lovely Indian summer locally and on a warm evening on September 12th, the Trust had its AGM at the Royal High School, Bath.

It was an interesting meeting where we learned more about two projects that the Trust supports: Dr Gavin Giovannoni from the Institute of Neurology in London explained the research into Encephalitis Lethargica and how it may be related to other neurological diseases. Although there is no sign of a cure for these illnesses, various treatments may eventually become possible with continued research into the autoimmune problems that are common among them. Physiotherapist Alison Felix, from the Royce Clinic also gave a short presentation of the project into the effects of intensive physiotherapy for patients with an acquired brain injury and the positive results that can be gained. We are delighted to be able to participate in the funding for both of these projects and recognise that it is only through your on-going support that we are able to do so.

It doesn't seem long since I wrote to you in March having just finished this year's Bath Half Marathon. Once again we hit our target in sponsorship and you can already book on-line for next year's run. This is a major fund raiser for us and it would be great if we could top this year's £6,400. You will find the necessary information and forms at www.thesophiecamerontrust.org.uk

The Carmina Burana performance at the Forum organised by the **Royal High School's** music department in April was wonderful. As promised, it was an exceptionally good production and raised more than £1800 for our Trust. We are very grateful to Anna Bernard for the enormous amount of work she put into this and are delighted to announce that she plans another event at St Mary's Bathwick on **March 30th 2006**. This time it will be **Fauré's Requiem** and **Debussy's Petite Suite**. Once again, tickets will be available from the Trust at the address below or the Royal High School, Bath.

In the meantime, there are two other Trust events for you to enjoy towards the end of 2005. **Crabtree & Evelyn** are kindly hosting another charity shopping evening. This will take place on **Thursday 24th November** at the Podium, Bath. As before, 20% of the evening's takings will be given to the Sophie Cameron Trust. This special evening is a great opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents and catch up with friends at the same time! It will be held between 6.30 and 8.30pm and as previously there will be wine and light refreshments, demonstrations, a raffle and a 'goodie' bag for all guests. The ticket price will be refunded against purchases at the event. Numbers are limited and tickets for £5 each can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Vivien Hynes, Springwood, Lansdown Road, Bath, BA1 5SY. For further information please ring 01225 317891 or email vivien.hynes@talk21.com

Following the great success of the **Glitter Ball** in 2003, preparations are well under way for this year's Ball and the organisers are hoping it will be even more successful. The target is £20,000, which will be split between the Sophie Cameron Trust and

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Save the Children. This spectacular evening takes place on **Saturday 10th December** in the Assembly Rooms, Bath. The entertainment has now been finalised and will include 2 bands, a disco, classical music, Christmas carols, an auction as well as some very entertaining visual acts. The event is always a sell out, so don't delay if you are thinking of joining us. Tickets are £50.00 per person and tables are for 10 people. Please contact Christine Hopwood on 01225 447323 or christine@pristonmill.co.uk for reservations or further information.

At both of the above events, for the first time, we will have on sale **The Sophie Cameron Trust Wristband**. Wristbands in support of charities have become fashionable in recent times, particularly among the young, and our distinctive two-tone blue bands with the website address embossed should prove popular. They will be available at just £2 each. Do contact Vivien Hynes on 01225 317891 if you would like to obtain some wristbands, whether a few for family and friends or a larger number to sell at a Christmas fair or other event.

The Trust was originally established with the future of just one young person in our minds, Sophie Cameron. While she continues to slowly improve with her involvement in the intensive physiotherapy research project, it is felt that the Trust needs to widen its parameters and have more of an impact nationwide. To this end, during 2006 it is planned to establish an interactive website and increase awareness of the Trust throughout the medical profession. We acknowledge that the Trust can only continue its work with the financial backing of you all and would welcome any feedback or information that you may be able to offer.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy end to 2005 and trusting that your generous support of The Sophie Cameron Trust will continue.

Kindest regards.

Bernard Whiteside
Chairman