

TACKLING BLOOD CANCERS & DISORDERS



Patients Benefit From Enhanced Blood Cancer Unit

The nursing team at King's College Hospital in London are receiving fantastic patient feedback, following the re-opening of the refurbished Derek Mitchell Unit in late May.

Carole Cobain-Patel, Head of Nursing Haematology explained: "The LIBRA funded enhancements have been so well received. Patients staying on the unit and also those who are made welcome from other haematology wards, are making the most of our fantastic new day area and they love the views over Ruskin Park.

"While patients using the Young Teen and Adult Room and End of Life Rooms are now pleased to share their rooms with loved ones or carers, thanks to the new pull down beds."

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Charity Card Competition Winner Announced



We received a fantastic number of entries for our LIBRA greetings card competition and we're pleased to announce our winner – Phebe Holloway, age 13.

LIBRA Trustees loved looking through all of the amazing entries and they selected Phebe's watercolour painting of a kingfisher as the winning design.

LIBRA Trustee Glyn Upjohn recently made a special visit to Midhurst Rother College in West Sussex to present Phebe with a prize and he talked about our charitable work.

All donations raised through the sale of these cards will help us to tackle blood cancers and blood disorders.

If you would like to order some cards, the suggested donation is £2 each plus postage, please email info@libralionscharity.org



GIFTS IN CELEBRATION

When you're celebrating an important event, the most meaningful gifts are often the kind you can't unwrap. Some of our amazing supporters are opting to raise funds for LIBRA on occasions such as birthdays, weddings and other important milestones.

By asking your friends and family to give donations in lieu of gifts, you can help us beat blood cancers and blood disorders. You can set up an online fundraising page with JustGiving and secure donations with ease. Find out more [here.](#)

A Tribute To Our Late LIBRA Life President, PID Lion Colin Vincent



PID Lion Colin received an International Presidents Award, presented by PID Lion Geoff Leeder during a LIBRA gathering.



Late Life President of LIBRA, PID Lion Colin Vincent was one of the four Trustees who founded the LIBRA Charitable Trust on the 1st July 1978. He served as Chairman of the Trustees for fourteen years.

He was also a dedicated member of the Farnham Lions Club, which recognised him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Colin fondly remembered two major projects that he was proud to be a part of in LIBRA's early days including a BBC TV appeal and national Lions appeal - both generating substantial funds.

In more recent years, Colin assisted with successful LCIF grant applications and helped to produce our legacy giving materials, drawing on his own professional legal experience.

Colin's passion for supporting King's and helping to tackle blood cancers and disorders was inspirational and he will be greatly missed by all of the doctors, professors and nursing team at King's, and of course the LIBRA Trustees and all those Lions fortunate enough to have known and worked with him.



Time For An Ultra Challenge?

"We are excited to let you know that LIBRA has partnered with the popular Ultra Challenge Series for 2023/24! It means that you now have the opportunity to sign up for some scenic challenges that take place across Britain and range from 25km through to 100km. You can opt to walk, jog or run the routes - just choose a challenge to suit you by clicking the link to our events page [here](#).

We have a team of runners signed up to take part in the South Coast Ultra Challenge on 2-3 September and they aim to raise £1,500. Jack Chambers is the team captain and he told us why he has been inspired to raise funds for LIBRA.

Jack said: "We're raising funds in memory of our friend Vanessa, who tragically lost her life to Leukaemia in September 2020. To honour her memory and the incredible person she was, we're undertaking a gruelling 100km adventure in just 24 hours. The South Coast Ultra Challenge, taking place in September 2023, marks three years since we lost Vanessa.

We witnessed first hand the exceptional care Vanessa received at King's, thanks in part to LIBRA's efforts. We know that the funds we raise will directly contribute to LIBRA's mission, funding life-saving treatments, and providing hope to those battling blood cancers."

Get Involved With Going For Gold!

Fundraise For A Better Future



Throughout this Lionistic year, we would really appreciate the support of your Lions Club to help us reach our Going for Gold fundraising campaign, supported by Dame Kelly Holmes MBE (mil).

We need to raise £300,000 so we can support the development of new and improved treatments for blood disorders and blood cancers at King's College Hospital in London, while also helping to ensure facilities for patient care are of the highest standards.

We have reached over 60% of our target, but we need your help to reach our goal! There are so many ways you can help to raise funds and you can do it at any time and in any way that suits you!

We have developed a new fundraising pack to provide inspiration. Download it [here](#).



DAME KELLY HOLMES MBE

"Having lost my mother to blood cancer, I understand only too well the importance of having the very best treatments available to patients. I hope I can inspire you to provide much needed support to LIBRA so that funding is available to help ensure the creation of treatments that will go on to save lives now and in the future."