

Tyneside Leukaemia Research Association Chairmans Report 2009

Dear members,

The current committee has now been in place for two years and as the organisation approaches its 50th Year (2011), we as a fledgling board in a well established association are hopefully adding weight to the cause. Our aim to build upon the work started nearly 5 decades ago to aid and assist in the funding of a charity that is very close to all our hearts is something that is as prevalent today as it was in 1961. Back then the organisation was vital for the acquisition of instruments that aided research, remarkable for the time, whilst today the focus is geared more to funding specific projects as suggested by the scientific committee. At a time of economic recession, it never ceases to amaze me of the generous nature of people in general; more so when times are hard. It is down to our hard working members, the generosity of the people of the north east and the support of our sponsors worldwide that means nearly 50 years on we can continue to help those that deserve nothing but the best.

On behalf of the committee we thank you one and all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs S Hill and Mrs C Alexander on behalf of all members for their dedication over the past two years. Along with the committee members who volunteer their time throughout the year attending meetings after hours they should be applauded for their tireless enthusiasm. They've helped keep me right with the charity protocols and are fundamental to any future success. I'm proud to be associated with the TLRA and look forward to the coming year.

May our successors feel the same way when we reach 100.

S Bradley

Chairman 2007 - 2009

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Achievement / Results of the 2008 year

- Constitution changed.
- Number of meetings per year changed.
- Number of required committee members present at meeting reduced. It was felt that it is impossible to adhere to original 1961 charitable organisation guidelines requiring 12 to pass resolutions due to the decrease in members present at committee meetings.
- Average committee meeting member attendance increases to 9.
- Bequests, donations and fund raising received totalling 267,662.61
- Grant applications authorised to University of Newcastle Upon Tyne for 210,443.50
- New website commissioned and set to launch 1st July 2009, donated by Widescope Internet. Site sponsorship via “Pay Pal” donations from 22 companies nationwide (to be collected after launch), with plans to seek more high profile sponsors from local area in the north east. Endorsements from local celebrities to be sought.
- Opened discussions pertaining to the refresh of the 50 year old TLRA logo and mission statement.
- Investigating possibilities of helping fund smaller projects in Childrens Leukaemia Ward.
- Investigating the possibility of obtaining a number of places for the Great North Run from 2011 to help sponsor TLRA.

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- TLRA annual Christmas card organised and sent out by Mrs S Hill.
- Annual Christmas raffle held with over 44 prizes donated and then given to ticket winners.
- In discussion regarding the possibility of grant applications being twice a year rather than annually at the request of the Scientific Committee.
- Ongoing investigation into new ways of advertising the TLRA, promoting its goals and objectives and recruiting new members for future fund raising events.

Steven Bradley, Chairman admin@widescope.net 08/06/09

Additional thanks

The chair, would also like to extend following thanks to all committee members for their attendance and dedication as well as those that have contributed by either fund raising or by making donations.