

AUTUMN 2005 NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a nice summer and making the most of the last few rays of sun before autumn sets upon us

We are please to inform you that the amount raised by our branch has now reached over half a million pounds!! £550 000 to date. This wonderful amount could never have been raised without all your support and a wonderful committee who are working so hard to find a cure. It is also so nice to see runners who were running in the fun run we first organised in 1989 still running and to meet helpers who since 1988 have non stop helped shaking a tin or marshalled. Your efforts are not in vain. 85 % of children now survive leukaemia and the success in adult leukaemia increases rapidly.

A special thank goes to Audrey Cox who just presented us another cheque for £350 from the sale of her plants. Audrey has faithfully raised money for Leukaemia Research since 1989. Also a word of thanks to Derek Worby who has been shaking a tin or marshalling whatever the weather for now 15 years and last but not least to 88 years old Marj Foster who still supports us.

Money is still coming in from our annual fun run which raised over £7000 and the junior bikeathon with over £1000. Once again our quiz night was very popular and raised over £400 and for the first time Sing Handel's Messiah raised a fantastic amount of £500. Carmen is looking at organising another one in the new year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BIKEATHON 11th September. Already hundreds of cyclists have entered our annual bikeathon. However we are still short of helpers and would welcome people to marshals for one or two hours or more to relieve others. However, if you do not wish to be on the side of the road , perhaps could you help with our stalls. For more information ring or email Nicole.

QUIZ NIGHT at Price..... (includes fish and chips)

COLLECTION 30th September & 1st October at Morrison s Bromsgrove. Ring Yvonne on 0121 453 4809 or Nicole on 878493or nicnoelharris@aol.com

CHRISTMAS CARDS: You may have received one of our catalogues, if not contact Francoise on 876362 If you wish, we are able to provide you with a box with some stock to sell in your place of work. Remember we can have these card printed to send out to your customers.

DROITWICH LIBRARY If you have half a day to spare selling Christmas cards contact Sue on 874088

REMEMBER

WANTED coupons, foreign currency, good quality clothe, used stamps. RING Adrienne

WANTED; Apples or fruit to make apple pies or jam. Ring Marj 876234 Should you wish to order some apple pies contact Marj. All money going to Leukaemia Research & St Johns Ambulance

DID YOU KNOW ?

Press release 21st June 2005:

Scientists, part funded by Leukaemia Research, are harnessing the power of plants in the hope of finding new treatments for leukaemia.

Sap from a weed traditionally used for treating corns and warts contains chemicals that can control cell growth and death. Scientists at the University of Birmingham are now working on new drug models for fighting cancer and even arthritis based on harnessing natural products from plants algae and fungi as well as man made chemicals which mimic their action.

The weed is petty spurge (Euphorbia peplus) also known as milk weed, and is a common weed found in gardens. Extract of petty spurge has been tested against cancer cells taken from 8 patients with acute myeloid leukaemia. In 7 out of the 8 samples it killed 56 to 95 per cent of the cancer cells. A clinical trial will begin next year in Paris.

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.lrf.org.uk

WATCH OUT

Thank to one of our helpers you will now be able to keep in touch with our new website www.lrfbromsgrove.org.uk