



Ascot Relay For Life

Team Newsletter

February 2018

Team Meetings 2018

Team meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, plus an extra one in July. They start at 7.30pm.

Meetings are held at Ascot Racecourse and we hope that the team captain or one or two people from each team can attend each month.

All meetings will have a main topic, but we will cover general items as well, and have the usual opportunities for you to ask questions or give us your news. Meetings are also a great way of meeting other Relayers and sharing ideas.

Dates

14 th March	Survivors
11 th April	Fundraising and Candles of Hope
9 th May	Health Awareness Candles of Hope
13 th June	Logistics
11 th July	Final Detail

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Thank you to everyone who came to the February meeting, it was a small turnout but very productive. Big thanks to Mixed bag of nuts, Gleeful Friends Teams 1 and 2 and Theatre Girlies. We understand there was lots of flu and colds about from other teams, so hopefully all will soon recover and we'll see more people next time! On the plus side – the chocolate biscuits spread further!!

Jennie , who is Candle of Hope Chair, did a great presentation and the group spent some time decorating candle bags . Jennie has designed a great new document for you to share which really tells the Candle of Hope story and will help sell Candle of Hope

Back to School

Our theme this year is back to school. we hope all teams will enter the spirit and we are designing a new Teddy challenge around this year's theme – news to come!



Team fundraising news

Mixed Bag of nuts – have a Quiz night booked for April 21st and Dawn hopes for a donation from her golf club – lots of other ideas in the pipeline.

Gleeful Friends – have some plans in hand and one novel idea is a swear box type of bucket for those calling Karen by her previous surname!!

Theatre Girlies – Team member Ella has held another danceathon

Well done everyone. Don't forget to pay in your money to Dave at team meetings

Make sure you set up team and individual fundraising pages – information on how to do this is given when you register. Share the link with everyone to ask for donations.

Let us know about any fundraising your team is doing. We can help promote your events and publish them on the website

Sign Up

We now have 18 teams registered – or rather we have 18 Team Captains registered and a few members in some of those teams and none in others!! Can you please encourage your team members to sign up ASAP and they can then start fundraising and feeling part of the Relay.

We do need more teams to take part as many of our regulars are taking a year out after that mega year last year. Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for a team for this year – we literally couldn't do it without you ! Please try and recruit a new team if you can and if you know anyone interested let us know . For each team that recruits and manages to sign up a new team we will have an incentive scheme and credit **£100** of Committee fundraising to your team – what could be easier!

Tesco Pink Weekend

April 14th and 15th

So far we have **collection** slots at Warfield, Martin's Heron, Dedworth, Slough, Basingstoke, Buresdon and The Meadows. This will be advertised in Facebook group – we do need lots of volunteers if we are to raise anything like last year's record Total. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise team funds and please let Rose know your preference for timing and stores ASAP. Even if you are not having a team this year, but would be willing to help, please let Rose know:

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07799114868. Email
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The Million Pound Ball

21st April 7pm Bereytsede Hotel

Tickets for our celebratory ball are now on sale. £55 a ticket or £500 table of ten. Drinks reception, three course dinner and entertainment.

Please promote the ball and don't forget to buy your tickets. Contact Dave Dalton: 07824 382052 or email daverelay@yahoo.co.uk

Waitrose green token scheme

Thanks to Walkie Talkies team nominations, it looks like we have Waitrose at Bagshot and Sunningdale for green token scheme. If you have a local Waitrose and want to try and get us on the Scheme, please feel free to pick up one of their nomination cards in store.

Relay News

Water

We are trying to become more environmentally aware this year and avoid using plastic bottles which are thrown away and end up in landfill. We will have fresh water on tap and ask everyone to bring their own re-fillable water bottle. We are hoping to get a company to sponsor our own branded water bottles – if you know a company that might be able to help with this please let Rose know.

Thermal Mugs

We are also looking at getting some more thermal branded mugs for hot drinks. Do you know of a company that might wish to have their name on our branded bottles or mugs who might consider sponsoring them for us?

World Cancer Day

Thanks to all teams and committee for their efforts collecting in the cold. So far we have raised £5,600 but we should exceed this as there are still a few collection boxes to come in.

Kids and Teens Campaign

It has been confirmed that half of the proceeds from Ascot Relay will go to CRUK Kids and Teens Cancer fund, with CRUK donations generally 83p in every £1 raised goes to research with 17p going in admin and fundraising costs. The kids campaign is sponsored by TK Max and they pay the admin costs meaning every £1 we raise for the children will be fully going into research with no deductible costs – so our contribution this year is very special.

Our young survivor Fraser Corbett spent almost a year in Southampton hospital having cancer treatment and he is the inspiration for us taking this action. His mum Claire is encouraging other children he met on his way at the Hospital to register as survivors and so far, 4 or 5 have signed up. If you know any children who have survived cancer- even if they are young adults now, please encourage them to sign up so we can have a spectacular Opening with the kids leading out the adults this year. We also hope to have a Childhood Cancer scientist at the Relay.

Katie Beck from CRUK spoke about the campaign being set up to acknowledge research needed because research and treatment needs to be different for children. The idea is to develop specific and kinder treatment for children