

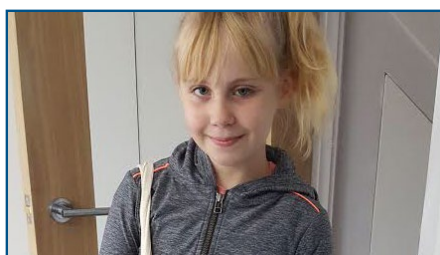
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A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

New friends were made, old friends connected; families and individuals affected by retinoblastoma came together for a weekend of celebration.

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WELCOME

Welcome to this latest edition of InFocus. As in earlier editions, I can report that it has been an exceptionally busy period here at CHECT.

After months of planning and preparation September saw our highly anticipated 30th Anniversary Members' Weekend arrive – and what a fabulous weekend it was!

Over 250 people descended upon 'sunny' Newlands Park in Buckinghamshire for an action-packed three days which brought together families from all over the UK who have been affected by Rb.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend such a huge success – the feedback has been remarkable. So many families spoke of the benefits of their children meeting others who have Rb, of siblings meeting other siblings and of parents meeting other parents.

We couldn't have done it without the support of our wonderful volunteers who helped in so many different ways, in front of and behind the scenes! It was

great to meet so many of you and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

I am delighted to announce that the CHECT

team has seen the arrival of two new babies and our congratulations go to Natasha, Eve and their families at this very special time. Stepping into the breach, we welcomed two new members to the team – Louise Soler as Interim Communications Manager and Diane Emery as Interim Fundraising Manager.

Our fantastic supporters have been out in force at both the London Marathon and Great North Run, and an amazing 48 runners took part in the Great Newham 10K in July. Our fundraisers continue to leave us in awe of their determination and choice of events, from sky dives to a swimathon to cycling from London to Paris in just 4 days. Thank you all!

In addition to the amazing work with Global (page 4), we launched two new awareness campaigns with the creative support of the digital agency Wunderman; 'Look Sharp for Rb' for Rb Awareness Week in May and 'ISpy', for National Eye Health Week in September. These campaigns reached over a million people and we are extremely grateful to everyone who got engaged on social media to share our campaign videos.

Last but by no means least, our latest research project, led by Dr Gail Seigel at Buffalo University, got underway in September seeking to target chemotherapy molecules more directly to the Rb tumour and we look forward to the progress of this important new initiative.

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VISION EXPRESS AMBASSADOR AWARDS

At the recent Members' Weekend, Vision Express took to the stage to honour a very special group of children (and one or two adults) who have touched the lives of so many of their employees and customers over the past seven years.

On behalf of everyone at Vision Express, Rob Carmichael paid tribute to a group of 28 individuals for the vital role they've played as ambassadors for CHECT, rallying support at almost 100 store openings and fundraising events across the UK.

It was wonderful to see each member of this exceptional group receive a special medal in recognition of their remarkable and inspirational work. Our congratulations go to: Abbie Pelluet, Clark Northfield, Drew-Alexander Wisdom-Murray, Eliza Deakin, Erin Gentry, Fintan Morley-Smith, Gill and Jonathon Crook, Harry Harrison, Hunter Hill, John Ramm, Lily Krapichler, Lorna Fraser, Megan Thomas, Rose Lucking-Elhiti, Sebastian Burrell, Skye Cleverdon, Sophie Williams, Steven Blakey, Theo Sergiou, Thomas Lawson, Tom Ellington, Victoria Moore, Ernie Brown, Jacob Wright, Megan Lake, Sam Lake and Harrison Burden.

If you would like to be a CHECT Ambassador and attend special events in your area, please get in touch. Email info@chect.org.uk or call us on **020 7377 5578**.



CHECT CHAMPIONS

We were also thrilled to be able to meet and honour some of our CHECT Champions at both the 30th Anniversary Members' Weekend and at our regional get togethers in Blackpool, Edinburgh and London.

As ever, we have been moved and inspired by your nominations describing how these wonderful children have coped with the impact cancer has had on them or on their siblings.

Our huge congratulations to all of our **2017 CHECT Champions**: Hamid Shomade, Tyraah Bell-Lama, Jaiden Bell-Lama, Sophie Williams, Amy Williams, Ciara Crosbie, James Harrison, Rose Lucking-Elhiti, Maddie Crawford, Megan Thomas, Grace Thomas, Katie Thomas, Jack Cleverdon, Elyssa Davies, Jemimah Olorunfemi, Samuel Levent, Olivia Holdsworth, Georgia Cherry, Elizabeth Flatley and Ivy Smith.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you enjoy receiving your copy of InFocus? Is there anything in particular you'd like to read about? Do you have any ideas for how we can improve it? If so, we'd really love to hear from you - please contact info@chect.org.uk

Thanks for your support!

GLOBAL'S MAKE SOME NOISE

We were delighted to have been selected as one of this year's beneficiaries of Global's **MAKE SOME NOISE** – just one of over 30 charities they will be supporting across the UK.

Global's Make Some Noise is the official charity of Global, the media and entertainment group. The charity unites some of the UK's best-loved radio stations – Heart, Capital, LBC, Classic FM, Smooth, Radio X, Capital XTRA and Gold – to raise money and give a voice to smaller charities across the UK, supporting youngsters and their families living with illness, disability or lack of opportunity.

Throughout late summer and early autumn, Global's radio stations, news teams, websites and social media channels featured interviews with many of our members and we are enormously grateful to all of the families who took part.

We remain in awe of the incredible Gemma Hill from Heart Breakfast in Birmingham. Gemma took on one of Make Some Noise's biggest challenges to date, kayaking from London to Birmingham in just 5 days! That's a staggering distance of over 150 miles and SHE DID IT!

It wasn't easy but Gemma managed to complete the challenge despite having to carry the kayak for 18 miles, sustaining a variety of injuries and enduring some very bad weather! The CHECT team were there to cheer Gemma off in Stratford, where we presented her with her very own CHECT bear, and again in Birmingham to welcome her across a very emotional finishing line.

PUBLIC AWARENESS SURVEY

Earlier this year, we carried out a national survey of parents to see whether there have been any changes in awareness of Rb since our last survey in 2016. Over 1,000 parents of children aged between 0-6 years were interviewed.

We found that:

- Awareness of Rb has increased by 5% (41% vs 36%), but parents are still saying they don't know a great deal about it.
- Health visitors are playing an increasingly crucial role in raising awareness of eye cancer with parents; 20% of parents said they had received information about children's eye cancer from their health visitor, up from 15% in the previous year.
- Online and internet sources continue to dominate as a first source of information.
- Most parents (60%) still feel there is not enough information available.

All this information is extremely important to CHECT in planning our future awareness campaigns. We will continue our focus on the main signs and symptoms of Rb, and you can support us by sharing/retweeting any awareness posts on social media!

We are very grateful to the team at MMR for once more carrying out this survey pro-bono for us.





RAISING AWARENESS OF RB

Retinoblastoma Awareness Week in May was a very busy time with our 'Look Sharp for Rb' video being viewed over 75,000 times, shared over 6,500 times and reaching over a quarter of a million people on Facebook alone. Tweets and Facebook posts using the campaign's official hashtag, #LookSharpForRb, reached a potential audience of 1.2 million.

The video featured Lavinia, from Norfolk, with a visible white reflex. Lavinia was just 8 months old when she was diagnosed with retinoblastoma in November last year, shortly after her parents noticed a white glow in her left eye. Our thanks to Lavinia and her family for all their help in raising awareness.

During National Eye Health Week in September, we launched our second Rb awareness campaign of the year. Based on the well loved childhood game, I Spy, the campaign aimed to raise awareness of the three most commonly reported signs and symptoms of Rb. Our video was viewed over 80,000 times to date and reached over 180,000 people on Facebook alone.

Both videos and social assets were created by Wunderman and featured real life case studies, we are grateful to the amazing families involved and to Wunderman for their continued support.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

Following the rapid evolution of digital technology in recent years, changes are being made to the way charities use supporters' personal data.

From May 2018, CHECT will only be able to contact those friends and supporters for whom we have up-to-date consent to do so. As a result, over the next few months we will be in touch to ask for your consent to contact you via the methods you prefer: whether that is by post, email or telephone.

So how can you continue to hear from CHECT about latest news, ways to get involved, member events, inspirational stories and fundraising opportunities?

Just complete the form on the back page or visit chect.org.uk/consent and let us know how you would like us to keep in touch.

REMEMBER, if you don't register your consent with us, we will be unable to contact you again after May 2018!



REAL LIVES

AMAZING HUMANS

Erin Gentry was two years old when she was diagnosed with retinoblastoma (Rb), she needed lifesaving surgery to remove her left eye and stop the cancer spreading, followed by chemotherapy.

Fast forward five years and Erin has been featured as part of **BBC 3's Amazing Humans** series where she was filmed helping other children at Eye Club to gain confidence in themselves again.

Erin spent over a year struggling to get to grips with wearing an artificial eye herself but having mastered it she now dedicates her time to teaching other children at a special group at The Royal London Hospital called Eye Club. Sometimes these are younger children but sometimes they are older than Erin.

BBC Three chose to celebrate this amazing achievement after Erin was named a CHECT Champion by the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT), an award that recognises the courage, resilience and patience shown by all children affected by Rb.

Erin was nominated by Gemma Melisi, Play Specialist at the Royal London Hospital which hosts the Eye Club, and where Erin was diagnosed. Gemma said: "Erin teaches all the children who are not confident with their artificial eye. She shows them how to clean their special eye and how to put it in and out. Erin is an amazing teacher and loves to help the other children. Without people like her, Eye Club simply wouldn't work."

Erin was diagnosed with Rb after her parents noticed she had a squint that seemed to come on suddenly. Having seen the squint become more pronounced over the weekend they took her to the GP on the Tuesday, who referred them to Moorfields Eye Hospital. By Wednesday they were at the Royal London Hospital, one of two specialist centres for Rb in the UK, being given the diagnosis.

Her mum, Tamzin Caffrey said: "The doctors discovered that Erin couldn't see out of her left eye at all which was a complete shock."

We'd had no idea that anything was wrong." Erin still has check-ups but doctors have told her that the cancer is very unlikely to reoccur. However, for a long time she really found it difficult to get used to wearing an artificial eye, which makes her transformation into a teacher even more remarkable.

Tamzin said: "We tried to encourage Erin to take her eye out, wash it and put it back in every week but it took years before the tears stopped. Then one day, about two years ago, we were at a hospital appointment and she just took it out herself as if it was no big deal. It was the first time she'd done it and was a turning point for Erin. Once she got to the stage where she could confidently handle her eye herself, Erin wanted to teach other children too.

"We are so proud of Erin, who having gained the confidence to care for her artificial eye through attending Eye Club, is helping others on the same journey. I hope the Amazing Humans film will continue to inspire other Rb kids struggling with their eyes".



Visit www.bbc.co.uk/bbcthree/tag/amazing-humans to see Erin in action.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

On Friday 15th September, over 250 people descended on Newland Park, Buckinghamshire, for our highly anticipated 30th Anniversary Members' Weekend. The weekend was jam-packed with activities for all ages with opportunities to meet up with old friends and to make new ones...



THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS' WEEKEND

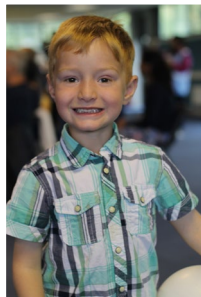


The activities started on Friday evening with a highly entertaining and somewhat noisy quiz. At the same time Rob Carmichael of Vision Express launched our static bike challenge aiming to cycle 300 miles over the course of the weekend, the equivalent distance our intrepid London2Paris cyclists were undertaking at the same time.



Following an early breakfast on Saturday, we were delighted to see so many of you having so much fun in the wide range of workshops and activities taking place throughout the day.

Our younger guests enjoyed Monkey Music and Baby Bopper dance workshops, whilst older children were entertained with their own music workshops by Buckinghamshire Learning Trust Music.



Katie Coles from Intouch Baby Massage taught massage techniques for parents to use at home and students from the Royal National College for the Blind ran workshops in Indian Head Massage and Reflexology. Meanwhile, Philippa from yoga4teenagers ran yoga classes for all ages and abilities.



Meanwhile, Look Good Feel Better and L'Oreal ran two very popular skincare and make-up masterclasses for teenagers and adults, providing guests with their very own goodie bag to take home.

Sports coach, Mark Beeby, and his team provided a variety of inclusive multi-skill sports including Goal Ball, Running Guide Lines, Boccia, T-ball rounders and archery. All the activities were designed to suit a wide range of abilities and it was a great chance for families to try something new.



The weather stayed kind to us and outside, Bounce Krazee set up an enormous inflatable obstacle course which saw lots of families throwing themselves down the huge slide.



Ark Farm brought along a number of small animals for visitors to meet including Pickles the Pygmy African Hedgehog, Tobias the Leopard Tortoise and lots of very cute bunnies which had everyone enthralled.

Our static bike challenge remained popular through the day with our chairman, Ian Ellington and patron, Darren Harris both taking to the saddle for some very energetic racing.

The afternoon was rounded off with a very busy children's party hosted by the highly colourful Auntie Julie, whilst in parallel our cheese and wine session for the adults proved very popular.

After dinner, Vision Express paid tribute to a group of 28 CHECT ambassadors, thanking each of them for raising awareness of Rb at their store openings and refurbishments across the UK. Each member of this inspirational group was handed a medal in recognition of their amazing help and support.

The evening was packed with incredible acts from our talented members and a special guest appearance of Snow White and his seven dwarves wowed the crowd with an unrehearsed routine of "heigh-ho, heigh-ho it's off to CHECT we go".



The open mic session was followed by the amazing CHECT house band with Ffion Miles, James Morley-Smith, John Ramm and our very own Paralympian, Darren Harris, showing off their incredible musical talents.

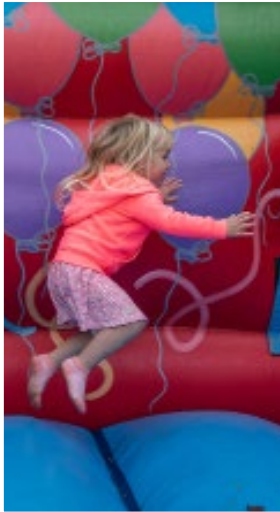
Just before midnight we cheered young Drew Wisdom-Murray on the static bike ride as we reached 300 miles and he crossed the 'finish line' to Paris! A fantastic way to end the night's activities.

Sunday morning began with a somewhat competitive scavenger hunt as families raced around the grounds to find all the items on our list.

Inside the main meeting area, Myra Bluebond-Langner, Professor at the University College London Institute of Child Health led a session to help CHECT to identify areas of research which are important to our members.

We particularly wanted to focus on any psycho-social issues associated with having retinoblastoma, as this is an area not currently well-covered by research.





The session was well-attended and lively, with members splitting into smaller groups to share and discuss their ideas. Topics arising ranged from long term physical effects, to fertility choices and developing confidence. Notes from the session will be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee with the intention of identifying future potential research projects.

On a more formal note, our Special Resolution to update our Memorandum and Articles, along with our Annual Report and Accounts were both approved at Sunday's General Meeting.



Finally we were thrilled to be able to meet, cheer and honour twelve of our young members with their well deserved CHECT Champion Awards – the perfect ending to a very special weekend.



Thank you to everyone who attended the weekend, for your amazing feedback, so many of you have told us what great times you have had. For those unable to make this year's event you'll be pleased to know that we are already thinking about the next one!



Our heartfelt thanks go to The Big Lottery Fund, St James's Place Foundation, The Rank Foundation and VICTA for their financial support towards the weekend, to our exhibitors and especially to our wonderful volunteers for donating their valuable time – we could not have done it without you.

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING IT A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER!





SEE FOR YOURSELF

Zoe Hanscombe was diagnosed with retinoblastoma when she was 5 months old. She shares her experience of using the OrCam My Reader...

I was born in summer of 1976 and at 5 months old it was discovered I had bilateral retinoblastoma. I had my left eye removed and external radiotherapy treatment on my right eye. The radiotherapy caused a cataract in my right eye, and back then they did not replace the lens in my eye so I am registered blind.

I need to wear strong magnified everyday glasses and special button reading glasses to help me live my life as independently as I can. As I've got older I'm becoming more sensitive to natural light as well as artificial lighting, so I now wear wrap around sunglasses all the time indoors and outside all through the year.

I help run a group of visually impaired adults that want to meet up and chat and do different activities together.

I heard about a device called OrCam My Reader that is like a micro scanner that brackets onto a pair of glasses and scans text then discreetly dictates the text it scans into an ear piece, I wanted to find out more so I invited Louise Reed from OrCam UK to come and demonstrate it to my group.

The device comes with brackets that can be fixed to most glasses, so if you have prescription glasses you can have your device attached to them or if you don't normally wear glasses, a plain lens pair of glasses can be provided. The control unit is just a bit bigger than an iPhone, it contains the battery supply, main menu operator, volume control and on / off button.

You can learn different hand movements that enable you to control your OrCam My Reader, so for instance, if you want it to stop reading the text you can either press the button on the control unit or place your hand in front of

your face and move it forward in a stop motion.

I was very excited about this device as I could see how much it was going to be able to help me. The OrCam My Reader isn't cheap, it's about £2,000, so I started crowd funding and asking family and friends to help me raise the money.

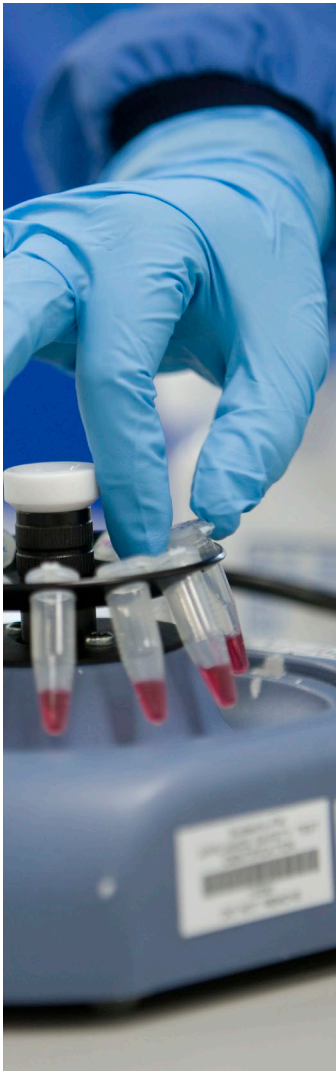
It does take patience and time to get things working smoothly for you; I carry my OrCam My Reader around with me where ever I go. I can now read menus in restaurants, signs on doors, road work signs, street signs, shop fronts, labels on clothes.

The thing to remember is, whether you have some useful sight or no sight at all, it works by you facing the text you want read. I can't see text of any size on a piece of paper but if I hold that paper as if I was reading it like a fully sighted person, the OrCam My Reader will scan the text and read it to me.

My OrCam has given me a new bit of independence and I am so grateful to CHECT for helping me raise funds I needed to purchase it.

CHECT RESEARCH

This year has seen the completion of three CHECT research projects, providing important contributions to the field of retinoblastoma research. We continue our commitment to fund research into retinoblastoma with our latest grant award of £25,000 to Dr Seigel at Buffalo University, New York, with further details on page 13...



'Use of Aptamers to increase the efficacy of HMGA2 targeted therapy in retinoblastoma'

DR S KRISHNAKUMAR Vision Research Foundation, Chennai

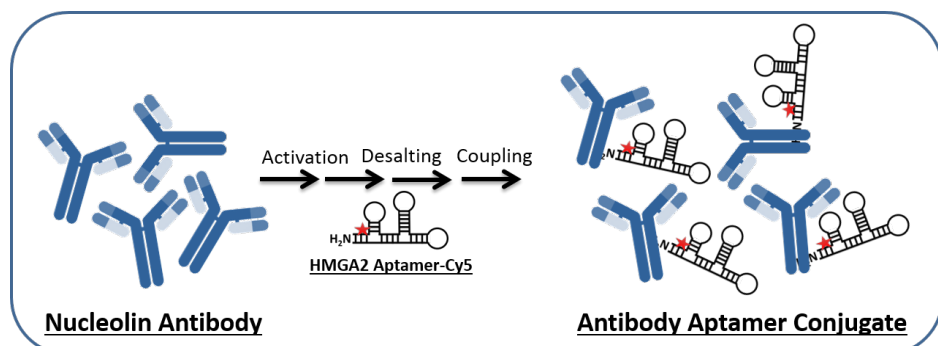
One potential treatment for retinoblastoma is to understand which genes might be over-active or under-active in tumour cells compared to healthy cells and to find a way to change their activity levels back to normal.

When talking about activity of genes we refer to their ability to make proteins. One such gene is called HMGA2 and it has been found to be over-active in retinoblastoma cells. This research group aimed to develop a way to reduce the activity of this gene as this could potentially slow down the growth of retinoblastoma or even cause the tumour cells to die.

The challenges to be overcome in this approach are twofold: firstly, a molecule that can reduce the activity of HMGA2 needs to be devised and secondly, an efficient way to deliver this molecule into the retinoblastoma cells needs to be developed. RNA molecules ("cousins" of our beloved DNA) can reduce the activity of genes and short RNAs were designed that could specifically reduce the activity of HMGA2.

The second aim, that is potentially more difficult to achieve, is to find a way to deliver these RNAs inside the retinoblastoma cells. Cells have developed defence mechanisms to protect themselves from infections so they resist efforts to take up random molecules that might be presented to them. Short protein fragments, called aptamers, can be used that recognise and bind to receptors on the cell surface, and this allows the cell to selectively internalise them. Experiments where RNAs and aptamers were joined together showed promising results in reducing cell viability when tested in retinoblastoma cell lines.

The research group is aiming to further improve the method they use to increase this uptake of the RNAs by the cell. This is a very exciting line of research in the efforts to selectively target retinoblastoma cells and stop them in their path.



'Role of SLRP family members in malignant progression of retinoblastoma'

PROFESSOR S OHNUMA
University College London

A second team investigating the role of genes and the proteins they make in the progression of retinoblastoma tumours was led by Professor Ohnuma. This research found that levels of these proteins are lower in some Rb tumour cell lines, and that increasing protein levels significantly reduces the growth potential of those Rb tumour cells. It appears that when these genes are not working properly, it creates an environment within the retina in which Rb tumours can grow.

The project team has now been awarded further funding from Moorfields Eye Charity to continue this promising work, and aim to have investigated 100-200 Rb tumour samples by the beginning of 2018.



NEW RESEARCH:

We are delighted to announce that the latest CHECT-funded research project got underway in September. Led by Dr Gail Seigel at Buffalo University, New York, the project aims to improve upon current therapy for retinoblastoma by targeting toxic chemotherapy molecules directly to the retinoblastoma tumour by joining them to an antibody protein (Antibody-Drug Conjugates; ADCs).

The ADCs are designed to kill retinoblastoma tumour cells, but spare surrounding normal cells. In turn, this will hopefully result in a more efficient eradication of the Rb tumour with potentially fewer side effects for the patient. By the end of this research project, we will know whether ADCs designed for retinoblastoma have the potential to move toward clinical trials and human patients. CHECT have awarded Dr Seigel £25K for the one-year project, continuing our commitment to funding first class research with the potential to make a real difference to those affected by Rb.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHECT RESEARCH CAN BE FOUND ON THE CHECT WEBSITE.

'Validation of Molecular Targets Characterizing Invasive Retinoblastoma'

PROFESSOR R HURWITZ
Baylor College of Medicine, Texas

Although almost all children with retinoblastoma have mutations in the RB1 gene, not all children have invasive disease, a precursor to the development of metastatic disease.

Professor Hurwitz's team hypothesised that by comparing gene expression in tumours derived from children with invasive retinoblastoma to tumours derived from children with non-invasive retinoblastoma, they could gain an understanding of the metabolic steps after the mutation of RB1 that lead to tumour invasion and subsequent metastatic disease.

Their studies have identified candidate genes that are more highly expressed in invasive retinoblastoma tumours when compared to non-invasive retinoblastoma tumours. They chose to study two of these candidate genes and the results obtained have identified potential therapeutic targets to treat retinoblastoma.

THANK YOU!



GREAT NEWHAM RUN

On a blistering hot day in July, 48 runners, including staff, Trustees and their children, took part in this amazing event. Some took on the full 10K, while others joined in the family run – but all finished on the Olympic home straight at the London Stadium, following in the footsteps of Mo Farah and Usain Bolt. The day raised an incredible £20,971.

TEAM CHECT L2P

While many of us were enjoying our Members' Weekend in Buckinghamshire in September, we were also very much with Team CHECT L2P in spirit! Our 12 intrepid cyclists all completed the 300 miles from London to Paris in four exhausting days – thank you to all the team for your combined fundraising total of £19,000!

CROOK POWER

Gill and Jonathan Crook have been star fundraisers for our charity since November 2012, after their grandson Walter was diagnosed with Rb. Organising events from a sponsored swimathon to a family fun day, they have reached the amazing milestone of £30,000 in our 30th year.

Gill says: 'We have thoroughly enjoyed all the fundraising events that have contributed to this fabulous amount'.



Kim Hopson, together with colleague Martin and brother Chris, completed their skydive in July. Not only did they fly through the clouds from over 10,000 feet at up to 120 mph, but they also raised £1,400 for CHECT!

Thank you to **Nathan Ingram**, who took part in the Milton Keynes 5K Big Fun Run with Mum Claire and Dad Karl. Claire wanted to give something back to CHECT while doing something fun and healthy and raised £433!



Lisa and Steven Eustace run Monewden Airfield and this year chose CHECT to benefit from their Open Day. Their granddaughter Penny was joined by her friend Jacob. They both loved all the planes, tractors, motorbikes and helicopters! The day raised an amazing £3,131.

Thank you to **Heidi Yorke** who so far this year has completed Race for Life, Dalby 'Conquer the Forest' No Ego 10k Challenge and the McCain Yorkshire Coast 10K Road Race, raising £315. Heidi runs for her nephew Mylo.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

We offer a range of running, cycling and challenge activities to raise much needed funds for CHECT. However, if you are unable to get involved in such energetic pursuits, don't worry - we have gentler ways of supporting us for you to consider...

Go to the supermarket!

If you shop in Waitrose you will know that all stores operate a Community Matters scheme: every month each of three charities receives a share of £1,000 (£500 in convenience stores). What you may not know is that anyone can nominate a charity to benefit from the scheme: all you need to do is complete their form with a short description of our charity and our contact details, then post or hand deliver to the branch. As any cheques need to be picked up from the store, please let us know if you nominate us, so that we can contact you if we are successful. If you would like a copy of the form or any help with completing it, contact diane.emery@chect.org.uk

TALK TO YOUR EMPLOYER

Many companies support a Charity of the Year – if your employer is about to choose a new charity, please consider putting CHECT forward! From a year long calendar of activities to a one-off team challenge or social event, we are happy to work with your company to raise funds and increase employee morale and motivation. Even if your place of work does not currently have a Charity of the Year, they will sometimes match employee's fundraising activities, make charitable donations, or facilitate payroll giving.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More and more schools are focusing on fundraising for a charity over the academic year. Just recently, we were thrilled to learn that All Saints Carshalton has very kindly chosen us as their charity. Pupil Ethan Burn put together a presentation on CHECT which he delivered to the school; his fellow pupils clearly loved it and voted for us! They are already organising a Crazy Hair Day, MasterChef competition and an Eye Patch day, so we look forward to hearing much more from them over the next three terms!

As we go to print, Theo Sergiou has been successful in encouraging Mill Hill School to support us – he is organising an unplugged musical night which we are very much looking forward to.

IN MEMORIAM

Donations in memory of a loved one are a wonderful tribute and very much appreciated by our charity. Our condolences and grateful thanks are extended to the families and friends of:

Mary Philomena Bennett
Allen Anthony Davis
Eileen Mary Gilyatt
Helen Shingler
Patricia Peirae
Claire Rodgers
Ronald Peter Wittridge
Robin Lawson
Susan de Mont



Raising awareness of our charity and funds at the same time is easy if you encourage friends, family and work colleagues to wear one of our new CHECT pin badges, for a donation. **Lindsay Lawley** hit on the fantastic idea of providing them as wedding favours and reports that her guests were proudly wearing them throughout the day. Do get in touch if you would like to order some: diane.emery@chect.org.uk

WHAT'S ON...

Have an adventure of a lifetime by joining team CHECT on one of these fabulous fundraising events...

Hampton Court Half Marathon

Sunday 18 February 2018

Starting and finishing at the historic palace, this fast, flat course is a running experience not to be missed! Don't want to run? Why not volunteer along the way? As one of the two official charities of the Hampton Court Half, the organisers will make a donation for every CHECT volunteer who helps out along the route.

Great Newham 10K

Sunday 2 July 2018

The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in East London took centre-stage as the host of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. So there is no better place for this 10K run to finish than inside the most recognisable venue in the Park – the Stadium!

Great North Run

Sunday 9 September 2018

Join 56,999 others at the largest Half Marathon in the world! We have 5 CHECT places for 2018. Get in touch quickly as demand for these places is very high!



If you would like to take part in any of these events, please call Diane Emery on **020 7377 5578** or email her at diane.emery@chect.org.uk



YOUR CONSENT

New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) taking effect in May 2018 will change how charities can keep in touch with supporters. If you would like CHECT to continue to contact you, take a couple of minutes to complete this form. Please tick all ways in which you agree for us to contact you as we are unable, under the new regulations, to contact you if you do not specifically agree.

Please complete the form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** in as much detail as possible.

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ADDRESS	
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TEL	MOBILE
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HOW WE KEEP IN TOUCH

How would you like us to contact you (please tick **ALL** that apply)?
By ticking these boxes you confirm that you are 18 or over.

EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	POST	<input type="checkbox"/>	TEXT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signed					Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return to: **Freepost** Plus RTCK-JKAT-ZAKA
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