



Vaccine Research Trust

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Autumn newsletter

Dear Supporters

The Vaccine Research Trust has been incredibly busy this summer with some amazing fund raising initiatives which will help us collate, analyse and write up the results of Dr Skinner's thyroid research work. With more than 300,000 people in the UK suffering from undiagnosed hypothyroidism we have the opportunity to make a significant contribution towards improving the diagnosis and management of hypothyroid patients. We are already making good progress and, with your help, hope to raise the funding we need to achieve this life saving goal.

Here's what we've been up to this summer. It's been one to remember!

The Roebuck Summer BBQ – August 2014

On 23rd August friends and supporters of The Vaccine Research Trust gathered in the delightful garden at the Roebuck pub in Chiswick to host a fund raising BBQ and raise the profile of the Trust and its important Thyroid work. We raised a total of £500 from raffle tickets, food and drinks.

Best Foot Forward – August 2014

The Rotary Club of Birmingham organized a charity event called Best Foot Forward at Birmingham University and Afshan and her family took part to raise funds for the Vaccine Research Trust. This is going to be an annual event and we hope to invite you all to join our group in 2015.



Village Fete - September 2014

After 6 months of planning and fantastic organizing from our very own Trust team – Afshan, Helen and in particular, Carol Wright, we held a fantastic village fete on the 21st September in Dr Skinner's honour. Lapworth Village Hall was bursting with interesting village stalls including retro clothing and jewellery, children's games and bouncy castle, face painting, bands and a female chorus, tombola and a very successful raffle. The theme for the day was The Wild West with the Trustees and Staff joining in the fun with their own Wild West fancy dress. Richard Wilson proved to be the ultimate master of ceremonies in his very convincing sheriff outfit!

No one will forget the day and special thanks to the wonderful Sainsbury's Solihull for their generous donation of afternoon tea and incredibly helpful staff. We so appreciate ALL our volunteers, supporters, neighbours and friends who made it happen. Our musical talent on the day also deserves a special mention, so many thanks to The Belles, The Fidgets and Charlie and Alicia.



Gyro Royal Parks Half Marathon – October 2014

Gyro proved that they are not just an advertising company but a highly competitive group of people racing 21k against the clock, Chrissy even clocked up 2.01 finishing time, well done Chrissy! Everyone did really well and there were some great results for the gyro team. Thanks to Mike, Toby, Sophie, Fiona, Chrissy and Alex for flying the Vaccine Research Trust flag and their olympic effort.

We were amazed at the fund raising the team achieved - a total of £2,600 for the Trust. Well done everyone!

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/gyrolondon>

Thank-you for reading our newsletter, we hope it has been interesting and may even encourage you to organize your own fundraising event for the Trust or nominate our charity as one to support. We will keep you updated on our progress in publishing Dr Skinner's research work and it's thanks to you all that we have achieved so much this year.

For any donations, big or small, they all help and you can do this anytime on our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/vaccine-research-trust

Ms Fiona E Skinner
Chairwoman

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