

## November 2006

The Peter Culverhouse Memorial Trust has just closed its books for the third year of its existence, and again has managed to beat the total raised in the previous year.

The full accounts can be viewed on our website ([www.pcmnt.org](http://www.pcmnt.org)), but the total raised this year, through the golf day, river cruise, investment income and of course the ongoing generosity of our regular donors is a fantastic £12,608.76. This is up 13% on last year, and a startling 24% increase on the amount we raised in our first year. Not only have we broken the £12,000 barrier in terms of money raised, but we also have sailed through the £25,000 marker for our endowment - with just under £26,000 at book value, when this year's money is added in.

What makes this sum all the more impressive is the fact that our e-mail list of regular supporters numbers just over a hundred people. The ongoing generosity of everyone who donates or attends our fundraisers is very much appreciated by the trustees of the PCMT, and of course the beneficiaries. This year we will be making donations of £3319.69 each to the Princess Alice Hospice, and to the SDRT. A total of £5758.34 will be invested in the endowment, which provides an ongoing income stream for the Trust to allow us to continue to support cancer care and cancer research in the future.

David and Yvonne Culverhouse's relentless effort and organisation ability made sure that the annual golf day this year was a great success. We raised over £3,500 from this event alone - in spite of the M25 conspiring to create a traffic nightmare for those trying to get to Clandon Regis Golf Club. Miraculously, we managed to get through this year without any of the Trustees knocking themselves unconscious (Tom's game is clearly improving).

The Champagne River Cruise in September was a new event, bringing together a wide range of supporters of the Trust for a special fundraiser. The weather could not have been better, and the raising of Tower Bridge to allow the Thames barge to sail through - not once, but twice - made the day all the more special. Over £2,500 was raised from this event.

As always photographs from the events are available on our website, under the events section. Our beneficiaries have had an eventful year as well.

The Princess Alice Hospice opened its doors on their wonderful new building to patients in July 2006 on schedule. The new building provides 28 superb bedrooms with ensuite facilities which will accommodate around 830 in-patients in a year. The new day hospice is bigger and

extremely well equipped for up to 20 patients a day. Office accommodation for the 20 strong team of Clinical Nurse Specialists, which is one of the largest palliative care community teams in the UK, is now all under one roof. The total cost of the project was £8.75 million.  
[www.pah.org.uk](http://www.pah.org.uk)

The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust (SDBTT) will be celebrating its 10th anniversary next year. The charity is growing at a tremendous rate and is receiving many donations from charities such as PCMT whose funds are pooled into new research projects, as well as offering support, advice and information for current brain tumour patients and their carers. Last year the charity was the subject of the BBC Lifeline Appeal and £40,000 was raised. The SDBTT is now worldwide and the aim is to pool research information to find a cure and better treatments for brain tumour sufferers. The PCMT supports the Astro-Fund, which is a branch of the SDBTT, and this primarily supports research into the type of tumour that Peter suffered from. Earlier this year the Astro-Fund moved into new regional offices in Manchester. [www.astrofund.org.uk](http://www.astrofund.org.uk)

The PCMT relies on the generosity of its supporters, who have allowed it to keep on growing in the last three years. The Trustees are very grateful to everyone who has contributed over this year. In particular, we need to give special thanks to the staff of Clandon Regis Golf Club, Bob Green and the Legal & General, Adrian Houslop of BMW dealer Vines and Derek Wreay of the Wreay Partnership for their significant golf day contributions. The river trip owes much of its success to Moët & Chandon, Topsail Events, and "Ericsson" for their sponsorship and help. Justin Mitchell of indium design continues to keep our web site in order (from Australia - for the PCMT is a truly global organisation) and The Charities Aid Foundation continue to manage our funds and investments in an impressively efficient manner, and deal with all the paper work that would otherwise swamp us.

All of us at the PCMT hope that 2007 will prove as successful as this year, and we look forward to seeing our supporters at the events. The golf day is already being prepared - the next one is Friday 8 June, 2007. There will be other fundraisers as well, and more opportunities to get together in a good cause.

Finally, if anyone you know is not receiving the newsletter and would like to, or wants more information on the PCMT, they can get in touch with us directly or via the website [www.pgmt.org](http://www.pgmt.org).

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