

AVAICIOSCOPE Summer 2004

Victoria Beckham supports Make Music with Marvin

The second year of *Make Music with Marvin* got off to a fantastic start when patron Victoria Beckham continued her long-standing support of the charity with a surprise visit to a Marvin concert.

Victoria watched a concert performed by children from the Hopes and Dreams Montessori Nursery in Islington, North London, part of this year's big fundraising and awareness spectacular with the under-fives and their parents and other carers

Victoria and husband David have been patrons for over five years. Victoria's work for the charity has ensured wide coverage of our many awareness campaigns and the role of the Foundation in fighting meningitis and septicaemia. In particular, her concerns as a mother of two young children have been reflected in her support for Meningitis Baby Watch and Meningitis Tot Watch.

The Islington event is part of a whole series of *Make Music with Marvin* concerts happening up and down the country. And it's not too late for nurseries and other groups to get involved. If you'd like more details, do get in touch with your local office.



Five thousandth member for Foundation

The charity recently passed a milestone in its history.



Nicola Tandy

Nicola Tandy is the 5,000th member of the Foundation. Like nearly all members, Nicola has personal experience of meningitis and septicaemia, having had viral meningitis. She first came into contact with the Foundation through the helpline, looking for help and support in her recovery.

Nicola has already said that she would like to become a trained befriender, help with fundraising and become a media representative.

It is through this kind of support that members are playing such a vital part in the development of the Foundation. So, we would like to mark this occasion by thanking all our members for their help and support since the charity's formation in 1989.



From Denise Vaughan



May I add my own personal thanks to all members for your work in supporting the Foundation over the years as membership passes the 5,000 mark (see front page).

However, this landmark also highlights how much work there is to be done, showing just how many lives are still being dramatically affected by meningitis and septicaemia.

We obviously need to continue to raise money to maintain our work in fighting these devastating diseases.

With our ambitious plans to continue and develop our work in funding research, raising awareness and providing support for those already affected by the diseases, there can be no let up in our fundraising activities. We need to keep improving our performance in this area year on year if our vision of a world free from meningitis and septicaemia is to become a reality.

Therefore, I am again asking for your support during the coming year. In this edition of *Microscope*, I hope you find events you can all join in with to support the Foundation. In particular, our Big Pedal bike rides (see page six) should provide a fabulous day out for all the family — and a challenge for more experienced bike riders. If you don't find something to suit, do visit our website at www.meningitis.org where you'll find plenty of other ways to get involved.

Finally, a somewhat belated welcome to our latest patron, the writer Arabella Sackhett. Arabella has already helped us tremendously with our work, with her latest appearance on our behalf being at Doncaster racecourse in June in support of the first running of the Errol Taylor Meningitis Research Foundation Stakes. And while I am on the subject, many thanks to Errol and his partner Chris who, along with our volunteers, worked so hard to make such a success of the day.

Devise Vaugher

Chief Executive

SUPPORT FOR YOU

Focus on ... Diane McConnell

Diane McConnell is the Foundation's manager in Northern Ireland and has worked for the charity for nine years. During that time she has visited hundreds of families bereaved as a result of meningitis and septicaemia. Here she tells us something of that work.



Diane McConnell

"I feel very privileged to be invited into the homes of families who are in the early stages of grieving. I never get used to seeing the sadness that these diseases bring and the impact they have on the close and extended family.

"I am often told that contact with the Foundation and the home visits we offer can be a lifeline to families at a time when the whole world seems to have fallen apart. They say it helps to talk to someone who understands the diseases. Information about meningitis and septicaemia is vital to them, as is the opportunity to tell their story, ask questions and be supported by someone other than family and friends.

"Families often find it comforting to know that there is always someone, just a phone call away, who can listen and help in low or crisis situations. It is also comforting for them to know that contact with other families is available to them – particularly through our befriending scheme.

"I have remained in touch with the majority of the families I have visited, still regularly seeing or talking on the phone to them in the course of my work in Northern Ireland.

"I know that I cannot take away their pain, and they don't expect that. But they know that the Foundation is there for them for as long as they need us."

Do remember, however you are feeling, whatever you want to talk about, day or night we are only a phone call away.

Errol Taylor and Chris Munro





Arabella Sackhett (third from right) pictured recently at Doncaster Races with Foundation members, supporters and staff

RESEARCH

Findings from Foundation-funded projects

During 2003/4 important results from projects funded by the Foundation were published in 22 articles in peer-reviewed journals, where new scientific knowledge usually has its greatest impact and can be taken forward by the scientific community. We describe some of the findings below.

Meningitis and septicaemia in newborn babies

Group B Streptococcal (GBS) infection is the biggest cause of meningitis and septicaemia in newborn babies. In January, researchers based at St George's Hospital, London published their findings in *The Lancet*, the UK's top-rated general medical journal.

The researchers counted all cases of severe GBS (meningitis, septicaemia or pneumonia) in infants aged less than 90 days. In 13 months, they identified 568 cases, which means that about one baby in every 1500 born gets GBS infection. In half of babies affected in their first week of life, known risk factors were present, including premature birth, prolonged rupture of the mother's membranes, and carriage of GBS bacteria by the mother. More than 90% of babies in the study survived, but premature babies had a lower chance of recovery.

This research has been used for risk-based interim GBS prevention quidelines, developed by the Health Protection Agency's GBS working group, and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The study has also contributed to evidence which the UK National Screening Committee is using to determine a UK-wide prevention policy. In the US, all expectant mothers are screened for GBS and those who test positive are given antibiotics during labour. The National Screening Committee has to consider whether a universal screening approach would work in the UK.



Although anyone of any age can contract meningitis and septicaemia, babies are in the most at risk group

In the future there may well be a vaccine against GBS disease. Foundation-funded scientists at Lund University in Sweden recently published results in the journal *Infection and Immunity*, describing how their early stage GBS vaccine, delivered through the nose, successfully protected mice against GBS infection. Although in its early stages, vaccination could provide the best solution to the problem of GBS infection in newborn babies.

Targets for new treatments

A Foundation-funded project that began at Southampton University only a year ago has already produced two publications.

Researchers are aiming to find meningococcal substances that poison the human body, so that treatments can be developed to counteract poisonous effects of meningococcal disease. We already know that a substance called lipopolysaccharide (LPS) is the main toxin, but this work is showing that it is not the only one.

The concern is that new treatments which counteract the effects of LPS alone will not be able to cure the disease because they focus on just one part of the problem. A more holistic approach is needed, since other parts of the bug also have a poisonous effect.

The researchers have purified bacterial components that are free of LPS and proved that these provoke an inflammatory response in human cells. Therapies to block the inflammatory effects of these components in addition to LPS would offer a more comprehensive treatment for this disease.

Paediatric protocol published

The fourth edition of the protocol, *Early management of meningococcal disease in children*, was published in Britain's leading paediatric journal, *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, accompanying a key paper, Treatment of meningococcal disease, providing the most up-to-date guidance from doctors at St Mary's Hospital, London.

Since it was first published in 1998

over 40,000 copies of the protocol have been distributed by the Foundation.



Early management of meningococcal disease in children

Can you help?

Researchers are looking for help from Foundation members

A large study funded by the Foundation has shown that quality of life is significantly affected by having meningococcal disease. Now a follow-on investigation, funded by the Meningitis Trust, is building upon that research by developing a questionnaire to assess the effects of the disease in young adults. To do this, the researchers need to talk to people aged 15-24 who have had meningococcal disease in the last two years. Volunteers would take part in focus groups and would pilot the questionnaire, which could then be used to assess the effects of the disease in people affected in the future.

All information gathered remains confidential, and travel expenses will be paid by the Research Adolescent Unit at the Middlesex Hospital in London where the study is taking place.

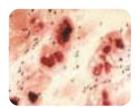
If you think you may be able to help in this important project, please call the Foundation's helpline (numbers on back page).



INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Pneumococcal vaccine available to more

Good news on the vaccine front. From 1 April the Department of Health extended the pneumococcal vaccination programme to include all those aged over 75 in England and Wales.



Pneumococcal bacteria

Pneumococcal bacteria (Streptococcus pneumoniae) are the second biggest cause of bacterial meningitis in the UK and Ireland.

Many people, including up to 60% of children, carry pneumococcal bacteria in the back of their nose and throat, and constantly pass them around by coughing and sneezing and close contact. Most of the time this is completely harmless. But in a susceptible person, the bacteria can cause a wide range of disease - from fairly minor bronchitis and ear and sinus infections to life-threatening pneumonia, septicaemia, and, less frequently, meningitis. Sometimes, pneumococcal meningitis can develop from more minor forms such as earache.

Pneumococcal meningitis has the same symptoms as other forms of bacterial meningitis, although people with pneumococcal disease do not normally get the rash which is typical of the most common kind of meningitis and septicaemia - meningococcal disease.
Pneumococcal bacteria can also cause septicaemia, the bloodpoisoning form of the disease, but not necessarily with meningitis.

About 85% of people who get pneumococcal meningitis recover, at least half of them without serious problems. Even so, it is among the most life-threatening of major forms of meningitis, and survivors are more

likely to have after effects, including deafness, seizures and long-term brain damage, than in other forms.

There are at least 90 different strains, or serotypes, of pneumococcal bacteria. However, most disease is caused by only a few strains.

People most likely to get pneumococcal disease are:

- young children, particularly under age two;
- people with poorly functioning immune systems or other health conditions that increase their risk of infection:
- the elderly.

There are currently two vaccines that protect against pneumococcal disease - a 23-type 'polysaccharide' vaccine for people over the age of two and a newer 7-type 'conjugate' vaccine for children aged two months to two years.

It is planned that the 23-type vaccine be made available to everyone over 65 in the UK and Ireland. This is already the case in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Scotland. In England and Wales, the programme is being rolled out gradually over three years. In autumn 2003 it became available to everyone aged over 80. With the new extension, it is now available to everyone over 75, and in April 2005 it is envisaged that it will become available to everyone aged over 65.

Meanwhile, the Foundation is continuing to support the campaign for pneumococcal vaccines for infants by urging governments to set out a clear timetable for the routine introduction of conjugate pneumococcal vaccine for children, which could save many children's lives and spare others the devastating consequences of infection.

Northern Ireland

Over the last few months the Northern Ireland Foundation to a wide variety of audiences.

Highlighting our research programme and the availability of funds for researchers was the order of the day as Manager, Diane McConnell, and Information and Education Officer, Liz Hamilton, attended the launch of the Northern Ireland Clinical Research Support Centre at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.

The invitation to the launch came from groundwork laid in discussions between Foundation staff and the Centre's Director and Clinical Trials Manager, Dr Karen Bailie and Dr Paul Biagioni. With the Centre's remit to increase support for the promotion and conduct of high quality clinical and health services research in the province, discussions revolved around how the Centre's network can be used to greatest effect to promote the Foundation's research programme.

Recently Liz also travelled south of the border to Cavan to take an awarenesstraining course for pre-school trainers, organised by Cavan County Childcare Committee. Then she visited the new health

England and Wal

Foundation staff have been roaming far and wi and our awareness resources.

Firstly, many thanks to our members who so ably supported staff at our exhibition at the recent Royal College of Nurses' conference in Harrogate.

Foundation staff were also in attendance at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health conference in York, where not only were we able to display and distribute our materials, but attendees were also able hear a presentation by Dr Nelly Ninis featuring our new handbook for junior doctors — Lessons from research for doctors in training. Talking of which, in May, we were delighted when the handbook was featured in the Chief Medical Officer's Update to all doctors in England.

Building on the international perspective of last year's Foundation conference, *Meningitis and Septicaemia in Children and Adults*, our Head of Research and Medical Information, Linda Glennie, recently travelled

office has been promoting the work of the



Information and Education Officer Liz Hamilton at the Women's Health Day for the Belfast Traveller's Education Group

centre in Enniskillen, meeting with practice nurses to discuss the support services offered by the Foundation to families affected by the disease. Liz followed this up by visiting the Erne Hospital, distributing copies of *Vital Signs for Frontline Nurses* to staff in A & E.

Republic of Ireland

Information on meningitis and septicaemia in languages other than English has been a major focus for our Dublin office.

Information in 18 languages is available from our website – www.meningitis.org. This information was used to great effect when Information and Education Officer Evelyn Dooley sent printed versions of the documents to 18 foreign embassies in Ireland. Also included were copies of our posters which highlight the availability of the Foundation's services for people whose preferred language is not English. The posters were sent both to the embassies and 18 other cultural groups around the country.

The mailing to the embassies obviously went down well as Evelyn received a lovely thank you letter from Stelio Marcos Amarante, the Brazilian ambassador. In the letter he praised the

work of the Foundation and our provision of information in such a wide range of languages. The information is currently on display in the Consular Section of the embassy in Dublin.

The theme of providing information in people's preferred languages continued as, once again, the Gaeltacht mailout proved to be successful. All 37 Irish-speaking colleges were sent information about meningitis and septicaemia. Every year thousands of students aged 15-18 attend these colleges and, as they fall into the second most at risk group from the diseases, it is important that they are aware of the symptoms.

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to Finland to attend the three-day European Paediatric Infectious Disease conference. Of particular relevance was the coverage of information about new and emerging vaccines for children.

Members of the helpline and membership team have also been out and about, attending the Childhood Bereavement Network Annual Conference, and speaking to the Bristol Aztec Rotary Club, Pharmacists in the Bristol area and the Chester Sure Start group.

Work has continued on inputting and analysing data from the members' survey. However, we could do with a bit of help. If there's anyone who's computer literate and lives near to the Foundation's head office, then our Research and Medical Information department would love to hear from you on 01454 281811.

Scotland

In Scotland we've been building on the success of last year's information evenings held in Perth and Aberdeen.

The latest in the series took the team to Inverness, and with research being central to the Foundation's work, Scotland Information and Education Officer, Rili Craig, began the session with an update on our research programme.

To provide an understanding of how meningitis and septicaemia can affect families, member Jeannette Dillon shared her experience of her son Scott's illness. Helen Macdonald then very kindly provided insights into the work of the Highlands' Public Health Team in responding to a case in the community.

To finish off the evening, the Foundation's Fundraising Officer in Scotland, Sarah Bromley, shared some

of the successful events of the last year, emphasising not only the need for funds to continue the Foundation's work, but also the fun that can be had.

Rili was also in attendance at the recent Royal College of Nursing Critical Care Conference in Newcastle. This was a great opportunity to explain our work to this key audience, and to exhibit and distribute awareness materials for health professionals. Feedback was very positive from the delegates. This was the case with both those who were seeing the materials for the first time and the majority of nursing staff who were already familiar with our resources and took the opportunity to replenish their stocks.

FUNDRAISING

Big Pedal bike rides

It's time to get your bikes ready because our Big Pedal fundraising rides are coming up in September.

The beautiful surroundings of Scotland's Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfries is the venue for the first Big Pedal on Saturday 11 September. There will

be a range of routes to suit all abilities, so everyone's welcome. For more information give Sarah Bromley a call in our Edinburgh office on 0131 228 3322.

Swinnerton Cycles will be supporting more fun for leisurely riders, as well as the more serious racers, at Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Staffordshire on **Sunday 12 September**. To register and receive our sponsorship pack, contact Sara Parish on 01454 281814.

And on **Sunday 19 September**, we'd love you to be one of the hundreds of cyclists who will converge on the shores

of Carlingford Lough to join in the Big Pedal. Two beautiful routes to choose from - a leisurely eight-mile cycle between Newry to Omeath and back, or a slightly more taxing 20-mile return journey to Carlingford Village, again starting at Newry. More information from either our office in Belfast (028 9032 1283) or Dublin (01 496 9664).

Entry for each of the events is £5/€7 per individual, or £15/€20 per family, with a minimum sponsorship requirement.

Slimathon

Hundreds of people throughout the UK and Ireland joined in with Slimathon 2004.



In the Republic of Ireland, 64 people shed pounds and ounces for the Foundation. To date over €4,000 has been raised. Top fundraiser was Michelle Hayes of

Shannon, Co. Clare, who weighed in with a whopping €500.

In Northern Ireland, there's less to see of Charlie Boyd nowadays as he's lost two stone and raised £1,507 for the Foundation in the process. This money forms part of the £2,645 raised to date in Northern Ireland.

With over 60 participants in Scotland, more than £7,000 has been received so far. Heather Jones from Glasgow certainly deserves a special mention as she raised an incredible £4,500. Heather's success

also shows the benefit of using the Justgiving website. Any Foundation supporter can use this site to take the hassle out of getting sponsors. Find out more in the Foundation's website's Getting Involved section at www.meningitis.org

With money still coming in, the England and Wales target of raising £8,000 is well in sight, with top fundraisers Linda Price and David Boyes contributing £505.67 and £700 respectively.

A very big thank you to all our supporters who took part in Slimathon 2004.

If you've still to send in your sponsorship money, we'd love to hear from you so that we can put your hard work to use as soon as possible in our fight against meningitis and septicaemia.



We were delighted to nominate our old friends from the Battery Inn for a Charity Oscar – Link Award (NICVA) for all the work they do for the Foundation.

And were even happier when they received first prize in the small company section. Here proprietors Billy and Lana Ashe are pictured receiving their much-deserved award from actor Sean Williamson – well done all

Parachuting

Would you like to make an exhilarating 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump whilst at the same time supporting the Foundation? Of course you would . . .

Whether you're an experienced jumper or have never jumped before, 5 September is the date for your diary as we bid to raise £35,000 in one day for the charity.

If you're a first time flyer, don't worry, you won't be on your own. As one of 240 others taking the plunge, after being fully trained, you'll be harnessed to an instructor as you take a tandem leap. What's more, you can jump for free in return for raising a minimum amount of sponsorship – only £340.

Places for the jump are running out fast, so get in touch with your local office now!



Here's a fundraising superstar, it's Josie Thum from London. Since the death of her beloved brother Fred from meningitis in July 2001, there's been no let up in Josie's support for the Foundation. Her latest moneyspinner is a cake sale that raised over £750. Josie's at the front of her class, waving to the camera. Thanks a lot Josie



Walk this way

Supporters have been putting their best foot forward throughout Ireland recently.

Walk in the Footsteps of Giants, led by Henry Thompson MBE, lived up to its name, with over £20,000 raised.

Henry and his friend Rab Wilson walked every step of the 165 mile trek and were joined en route by many other walkers. Many thanks to Henry and Yvonne Thompson and their extended families. Thanks also to Rab Wilson, Denise McCosh, Karen Dick and all the walkers who took part.

Down south, members Maureen and Tom Price held their fifth annual walk in memory of their daughter Sandra. Supported by Ballinagore GAA, street collections took place at various points on the Mullingar to Dublin route, with a target of €5,000 in sight.



Henry Thompson and friends cool their feet in the beautiful coastal waters of Portstewart

Christmas cards

Inserted in this edition of *Microscope* is information on this year's selection of cards and wrapping paper.



If you don't use the information yourself, it would be great if you pass it on to someone who might like to order from the charity. If you need more copies of the leaflet for friends, family and work colleagues do please get in touch with your

local office. And a great way to use extra copies would be to distibute them and then hold a coffee morning at work or home where people could place their orders through you.

In addition, we've also got packs of 15 assorted cards which are blank for your own message and can be used anytime of year. These everyday cards are on sale at £2.50 (plus 50p postage and packing) and can be purchased by calling 01454 281811.

Our recent golf days have really gone with a swing. Celebrities galore at the fourth Northern Ireland Golf Classic which raised over £5,000. Pictured are Gerry Kelly, John Linehan, patron Pat Jennings and Joe Swail. Many thanks to everyone who participated and supported both this and the recent Republic of Ireland and Scotland Golf Classics



Going the extra mile

Our great summer of running events has got off to a brilliant start.



Foundation participants at the Edinburgh Marathon: Noah Mathews, Libby Myers, Heather Jones and Dianna Densmore



The weather was perfect for the members and supporters who ran in support of the Foundation at the

Edinburgh Marathon on June 13. A huge thank you goes to all who took part and helped raise over £3.000.

In Dublin, the annual mini-marathon saw an amazing 188 participants run (and walk!) for the Foundation. Many thanks to all at that fine public house Doheny and Nesbitts who hosted the post-run gathering where runners were well fed and watered. The event gave the runners the opportunity to share stories and receive thanks from the charity's staff.

Why not take a lead from our Irish and Scottish supporters and get involved by turning to the Calendar of Events on the back page? There are running events to suit all ages and abilities.



Calendar of events

July 31 - August 2

Munro Madness

Once again, the Foundation is holding its annual fundraising quest around the beautiful mountains of Scotland. Whether you fancy a challenging climb or a gentle ramble, there's a mountain to suit everyone in this year's Munro Madness. For more information please contact the Scotland office on 0870 3210204 or email sarahbromley@scotland-meningitis.org.uk

August 1

London 10k Road Race

The race route passes along some of London's most famous streets, starting on Piccadilly and ending on Whitehall, and attracts runners of all abilities. To secure your place, call 01454 281814 or email fundraising@meningitis.org

September 3

Margaret O'Brien Golf Classic

Margaret's annual golf classic will take place at Turvey Golf Club, Donabate on Friday 3 September. To enter a team phone the charity on 01 496 9664.

September 5

Flora Light 5k Women's Challenge

This women's only race is a great way to get fit and help the Foundation at the same time. There are still places available at one of the two race venues - Birmingham City Centre. To register, get a place online at www.floralightchallenge.co.uk then contact us for a free runners' pack on 01454 281814 or email fundraising@meningitis.org

September 19

Cork Mini Marathon

For more information and a sponsorship pack, please contact the charity on 01 496 9664.

September 19

Abseiling

You could experience the thrill of climbing up one of Scotland's highest cranes - Finnieston

Crane - and abseil down the 170 ft descent, all whilst taking in the beautiful sights of Glasgow. Alternatively, you could find yourself over the edge of one of Scotland's most renowned landmarks - the Forth Rail Bridge. For further details contact Sarah Bromley on 0870 321 0204 or email sarahbromley@scotlandmeningitis.org.uk

September 25

Meningitis Meanders - Northern Ireland

Our ever-popular meanders organised by our Northern Ireland office are back. On September 25, you've got a choice of gentle rambles in and around Roe Valley Country Park, Limavady or Drum Manor.
Go on, give those legs a stretch. More information from our Northern Ireland office on 028 9032 1283 or by emailing info@meningitisni.org

October 2

Meningitis Meanders

More meanders in some of the best countryside that Northern Ireland has to offer. You can choose between Crom Estate, Lisnasken and Tollymore Country Park. Whichever you choose, you're guaranteed a fantastic day out for all the family.

October 3

Loch Ness Marathon

Chance to do some monster spotting! This marathon is a 26.2-mile run along the beautiful shores of Loch Ness. We have five places to fill and are looking for people to raise a minimum of £500 each for us. Contact Sarah Bromley in our Scotland Office on 0870 321 0204 or email sarahbromley@scotland-meningitis.org.uk

October 25

Dublin City Marathon

For more information and a sponsorship pack, please contact the charity on 01 496 9664.

November 18 - 28

Thailand Jungle Trek

If you like it hot and steamy then Thailand's the place for you on this Charity Challenge trip. More information on 01454 281814.

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Getting involved

One of the ways that you can get involved in the work of the Foundation is by donating your time to volunteer for one of our street collections.

Street collections really work.
Recently St. Augustine's College, Co.
Waterford, raised an unbelievable
€2,750 following a flag and pin day in
their local town of Dungarvan.
Thanks to all of the students and their
co-ordinator, Joe Moynihan.

Talking of students, regular readers of *Microscope* will know that every year around Easter we have a collecting frenzy, called London Loot, where people from universities and colleges throughout the UK descend on main line and tube stations in London. This year's Loot was the most successful ever, raising an astonishing £35,000 in just two days of collecting.

But it's not just students who can be involved in collections. In September our Northern Ireland office has their annual house-tohouse collection month, and they're looking for people to knock on a few doors. If you're interested and want to find out more, just call 028 9032 1283.

If you're south of the border, then our Dublin office is organising a street collection in the city on 12 September. If you can help out, give them a ring on 01 496 9664.



The Foundation was delighted to be highly commended in the recent Charity Awards 2004. The commendation was for work on the introduction of Tot Watch and the Make Music with Marvin fundraising campaign which accompanied it.

