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Churchill Partners

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Churchill Partners are a group of local volunteers; this means that EVERY PENNY that is raised by us goes DIRECTLY to the Churchill Hospital for their critical research work. Although the research is carried out locally, the benefits of the research are far reaching and definitely not limited to Oxford. In over 30 years, Churchill Partners has raised over £1.7m.



Everyone is affected by Cancer one way or another and it is heartwarming to see the stories of the survivors thanks to the groundbreaking research which could only happen if this vital research keeps being funded by charities. We are very proud of the important contribution this small group of volunteers have made so far.

The Churchill Partners had the best year since 2019, raising just over £41,000.

£10,531 of our income came from in memoriam donations and we would like to express our gratitude to all the families who have decided to support us at this sad time, especially with the changes imposed for funerals.

Christmas card sales were again comparable to the previous year, **raising a net total of £4,894**. We could not make the cards without the excellent designs offered by our artistic supporters and the essential financial support from a small group of very generous sponsors. Most of the sponsors have supported us for a number of years and we would like to thank them for their continued interest.



Are you are a dab hand with a paint brush and fancy seeing one of your designs on one of our Christmas Cards? If so, please feel free to e-mail us your Christmas design by latest 16th June to churchillpartnerscruk@outlook.com when we will be making our selection for this Christmas!

Once again a core group of supporters managed to bring in some much needed income. These included the Hanney Fundraisers, Sharon Cooper, with her (Belly) Dance for Life; hanging baskets and marmalade sales; Busking sessions continued at the Roadchef services on the M11. The income from cake sales at the University Research Building at the Churchill Hospital and Race for Life flower sales continued to be very profitable. We were also delighted that new supporters in **Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor helped our efforts, raising over £4,000.** Our ability to collect donations via contactless payment has gone from strength to strength and comprised just over 10% of our income.

(Belly) Dance for Life

On February 1st 2025, Southmoor Village Hall was filled with over 40 performers – mostly belly dancers – along with musicians and a very enthusiastic full-capacity crowd to support 'Dance for Life'. I am so grateful to everyone who gave freely of their time to make this fantastic event a reality – many of the same people who had supported me through cancer. I'm proud of myself for being brave enough to appear on stage in a bra top post-mastectomy, but even prouder that **we raised £2,090.54 for the Churchill Hospital** to continue their vital research. It was truly an evening to remember! Sharon Cooper



And a huge thank you, Sharon and the dancers, from Churchill Partners

Busk for Life



A 4-hour busking session at the M11 Northampton Southbound Roadchef on Saturday 14th December managed to bring in **nearly £600 for Churchill Partners**. It was the first day of the school Christmas holidays and everyone seemed to enjoy the festive live music that welcomed them as they entered the services.

Our next busking session is on the first day of the school summer holidays so we're keeping our fingers crossed that it will be a busy day for customers at the motorway station.

County Insurance Cheque Presentation

We were delighted to be able to receive **a cheque for £2,008.70** from County Insurance Services in Kidlington, who chose Churchill Partners as their nominated charity for 2024.

Events they organised throughout the year included a Rowathon, Triathlon, and a hook a duck during the county shows. Our sincerest gratitude goes to County Insurances for their hard work, charity and generosity



Charity kindness

Katharine Landon is allocated two days a year from her company to do charity work. She very kindly chose Churchill Partners this year to help out with our mailing lists. Luckily we chose a lovely sunny day to sit out in the garden and carry out the work accompanied by the sound of the noisy garden birds. Thank you Katharine.

Preloved Clothing Sales



Churchill Partners have started working in collaboration with Preloved Clothing Sale which takes place throughout the year, where we set up a pop up refreshment stand for teas, coffees and delicious home-made cakes. It was a very cold February day but we managed **to raise nearly £200**, so were delighted with the result.

11th Annual Quiz Night

Another **first** for Churchill Partners was to hold our 11th Annual Quiz in a **BREWERY!** After starting our quizzes off at the Oxford City Football Club and then moving it to the Kidlington Football club, the time had come to ring the changes. A brewery is always a hit and with over 100 people in attendance, it turned out to definitely be the right decision to make! A huge thank you to **Loose Cannon Brewery** for hosting for us and for their care and professionalism throughout, **and of course to everyone who came along to support and have fun.** Churchill Partners raised an staggering **£1,384.55** from the entrance fee, raffle, cake sales and thanks to the generosity of Miele Co Ltd, we raised another **£90** in the auctioning of a vacuum cleaner.



The homemade cake stall was a huge hit. Thank you to all our volunteer bakers. An extra big thank you to YuLi from <https://cloud-cake.com> who not only donated her delicious cakes but also helped us out on the night with the cake stall.



Mid Summer Prize Draw 2025

Following on from the huge success of our spring into May Prize Draw last year (**when we raised almost £3K**) we have returned with bigger and better prizes thanks to the generosity of local businesses. Our aim (with the help of our supporters) is to smash last year's success in 2025.

Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased from any of our Churchill Partners Committee Members or using our contact details 07887 494611 or churchillpartnerscruk@outlook.com

Each ticket will give you a **DAILY chance to win one of the fabulous prizes detailed on the next page!**

Our special thanks go to the following business who kindly donated some fabulous prizes this year:

[Pizza Express, Abingdon](#)

[Price of Wales, Iffley](#)

[Junkyard Golf, Oxford](#)

[Mostly Books Abingdon](#)

[Cloud Cake](#)

[Waterperry Gardens](#)

[Popham Hairdressing](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn, Abingdon](#)

[Top to Toe Beauty](#)

[Oxford River Cruises](#)

[Nurture and Shine](#)

[Loose Cannon Brewery](#)

[Bates Office Supplies](#)

[Stowe Gardens](#)

[Oxford Playhouse](#)

[Courtyard Marriott](#)

[Donnington Valley Hotel](#)

[Results Chiropractor](#)

[Results Health Club](#)

[Milton Hill House](#)

[Crocodiles of the World](#)

[Blenheim Palace](#)

[Flowing Well, Sunningwell](#)

[Larkins Enchanted Tea Gdns](#)

[Upton House and Gardens](#)

[Enduro Performance Wear](#)

[Missing Bean \(any\)](#)

[Batsford Arboretum](#)

[Holiday Inn Peartree](#)

[My Oxford Travel](#)

Mid Summer Prize Draw 2025

Pizza Express £60 gift voucher (1)

£50 voucher Prince of Wales Iffley

Junkyard Golf 1 x round for 2

£10 voucher for Mostly Books

Pizza Express £60 gift voucher (2)

8" Cloud Cake

Season ticket for 2 at Waterperry Gardens

£55 voucher for Popham Hairdressing

B&B stay for two at Hilton Abingdon

£10 Top to Toe beauty voucher

£75 reflexology voucher

Open evening @ Loose Cannon Brewery for 2

SUPERCAR VIRGIN EXPERIENCE DAY

Cocktail Cruise for 2

Stowe Gardens pass for 2

Courtyard Marriott afternoon tea for 2

Donnington Valley Hotel afternoon tea for 2

2 x tickets for a show at Oxford Playhouse

Dinner B&B for 2 at Milton Hill House

Steak meal for 2 at Flowing Well, Sunningwell

Free Blenheim Palace Annual Pass

Chiropractor consultation & 2 free weeks gym membership

1 adult 1 child free entry to Crocodiles of the World

10 x missing bean coffee vouchers

Afternoon Tea at Larkins Enchanted Tea Garden

Family voucher for Upton House and Gardens

Oxford Tour for 2

Designer male or female jacket

B&B stay for two at Holiday Inn Peartree

Family ticket Batsford Arboretum

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported our work this year, whether via the committee led events or under their own direction. We really appreciate the efforts that are made on our behalf. All events and donations to the Churchill Partners, of any value, continue represent important contribution to our work to support the work of Cancer Research UK at the Churchill Hospital.

We are always on the outlook for volunteers for our fundraising activities, be it bakers, musicians, artists, knitters, jam makers, supporters, or just spreading the great word of Churchill Partners.

Please forward this newsletter on to anyone who you think might be interested in hearing our news.

Upcoming fundraising events and opportunities:

All of June - Midsummer Prize Draw

25 June - Collection at Rod Gilbert show

29 June - Race4Life

19 July - Busking

Various cake sales

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