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Hello Relayer!

**Thank you for registering as a team captain for
Cancer Research UK RELAY FOR LIFE AYLESBURY 1st and 2nd July 2017.**

We warmly welcome you and hope to give you and your team a truly unforgettable experience whilst raising vital funds for the work of Cancer Research UK.

This will be our ninth Relay for Life in Aylesbury; so far we have raised over half a million pounds since we began in 2009. Last year we raised just over £105,000, another staggering amount. Let's make sure we top it this year!

My name is John Hillier and I am part of the Team Management Committee; along with Sarah Stacey, we will be your primary contacts for help in managing your team, assisting with ideas for your fundraising and generally answering any team based queries. The best way to contact us is by e-mail; relayaylesbury@gmail.com.

So here's some guidance on what to do next:

- **TEAM MATES** - Your first step is to recruit your team members! In the email that CRUK sent you as soon as you registered there is a web link that will enable your team mates to register themselves, or you can register on their behalf through our website - www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org. If you encounter any problems registering your team mates then please let us know and if we can't fix it then we know someone who can! This website also contains useful information like "What is Relay for Life?" and in due course will also contain details of upcoming events. This year, as you are aware registration is **FREE**.
- **FUNDRAISING** - Make a start on your fundraising. The CRUK website contains a section on fundraising ideas and is a really good source of inspiration. http://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/PageNavigator/Fundraise_for_Relay. If you would like some goodies to help your fundraising - i.e. collection goblets, draw tickets, sponsorship forms - then please contact us. These items are also available to collect at the Team Captains meetings just let us know beforehand so we make sure we take enough!
- **OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE** - Check out our website <http://www.relayforlifeaylesbury.org/> for up to date information, downloadable resources and photographs from previous relays. We also have a page on Facebook called "Relay for Life Aylesbury", please join our page. It contains regular updates and is a great place for team captains and team members to share ideas.
- **TEAM CAPTAIN MEETINGS** - Leading up to Relay there will be Team Captains meetings which are a great opportunity for you to meet other team captains and get to know each other, and to share your ideas so you can make relay an experience to remember for years to come! The important dates to put in your diary are **Monday 27th February (Launch night), Monday 27th March, Monday 24th April, Monday 22nd May and Monday 26th June (final Team Captains briefing)**. With the exception of the June meeting all of these meetings will take place at **Aylesbury Canal Society Function Room, Circus Field Basin, Stocklake, Aylesbury HP20 1AP Club** at 7.30pm (unless otherwise advised). It is vital that ALL Team/and or Vice captains attend these meetings, you may nominate another member of your team to attend in your absence.



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- **BANK YOUR CASH!** Please bank your fundraising direct to any HSBC bank. I have attached all the information you need to get banking.

The main focus of the Relay weekend itself will be a celebration of our fundraising achieved and of the successes of our survivors, rather than as a fundraising activity in its own right. In the past teams have done their fundraising in advance and be out to have a brilliant weekend. Our Saturday afternoon programme will be jam-packed with displays, bands, games and competitions and we encourage each team to set up and decorate a stall for the amusement and entertainment of your fellow relayers - please do invite friends, family and neighbours to join us on the Saturday to help create a fun atmosphere. The entertainment continues into the Sunday morning and the weekend culminates with a closing ceremony acknowledging the hard work and fundraising efforts of all the teams. Prizes and certificates are awarded to all teams taking part. The event then closes with an enormous conga around the track and a wonderful cloud of bubbles, so get your bubble blowers ready!

We will keep you posted of all developments within the monthly newsletter which will be emailed out to you. This year we will also be sending out the newsletter to your team members who have provided an email address at the time of registration. If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Team Captains meetings soon.

Kind regards

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Sooner or later we will find a cure for all cancers. Let's make it sooner.