



## Newsletter

Addenbrooke's Liver Transplant Association Aug 2006  
Website: [www.alta.org.uk](http://www.alta.org.uk)

### ALTA AGM and Celebration Day, 8 October 2006



This year being held at the Cambridge Motel at Shepreth. The order form for tickets is enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill it in and return the tear-off portion in the pre-paid envelope supplied, together with your cheque or postal order. **Closing date: 16 September 2006.**

**Improved catering**, with a hot buffet included in the ticket price. You will also be able to buy drinks at the bar.

**Easy access and ample free parking.** The Cambridge Motel at Shepreth, is on the A10 not far from Junction 11 on the M11. See enclosed map on the ticket order form.

**Live entertainment** from a local Jazz band.

**Ticket prices held at £5 per person**

### New law is likely to boost transplants

Relatives will no longer have the legal right to overrule a loved one's wish to donate organs or tissue, following the introduction of new legislation.

The Human Tissue Act 2004, which comes into force on 1 September 2006, gives priority to the wishes of the 13.5m people on the NHS Organ Donor Register, donor card carriers and others who have said they want to help others to live in the event of their death.

Currently the wishes of one in ten people who have registered to donate are overruled by their families, denying hundreds of patients the chance of a transplant. The new Act makes it clear that if someone wanted to donate, their wishes should be fulfilled.

More details on the UK Transplant website

<http://www.uktransplant.org.uk/ukt/newsroom>

### National Transplant Week was a huge success.

National Transplant Week was accompanied this year by national television coverage each day.

Alan Craig of AKPA created a very professional display based on transplant recipients thanking organ donors for the gift of life. Thanks to those of you that contributed words and pictures. We will try to show them again at the Celebration Day.

Addenbrooke's staff were featured on Anglia Television and in the local press releasing balloons on Parkers Piece. Thanks to our super heroes, Wonder Woman and Superman (Wendy and Paul if you bump into them around C9).

Thank you to the ALTA members who manned the stands at Addenbrooke's and at the Grafton Centre and to all who helped to make the week so successful.

### Christmas Card 'Sale'



ALTA Christmas cards will be on sale at the Celebration Day on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006. We are also selling them on our Tombola stand in Clinic 5 on 19<sup>th</sup> October and on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006.



## Sources of help and support.



### Transplant Patients' Trust,

Amery End,  
Tanhouse Lane,  
Alton,  
Hants, GU34 1HR

Reg. Charity No. 1007809

The Transplant Patients' Trust of Great Britain was inaugurated in 1991 to provide financial help for patients or the family of patients who have:

- had a successful organ transplant;
- had a failed organ transplant;
- are awaiting an organ transplant (in exceptional circumstances).

A failed transplant can have disastrous consequences and even a successful one may leave the family with serious poverty.

Applications for help can be made by writing to the above address.

Grants of up to £200 may be allocated at the discretion of the Chairman. Applications for larger amounts are sent to all Trustees for an opinion. The Trust aims to provide as rapid response as possible since many needs are urgent. Funds are limited, so many deserving applications have to be turned down. Around 60% can be supported, but not always to the full value of the application.

Examples of grants given include, help with telephone installation, help with bills to prevent disconnection of telephone, gas or electricity, taxi costs for emergency transport to hospital for transplant and help with travel and subsistence to allow close family to remain with a recipient during the early and critical days post transplant.

All trustees and auditors give help voluntarily. The Trust has minimal costs to meet and therefore about 99% of its income is used to help needy patients.

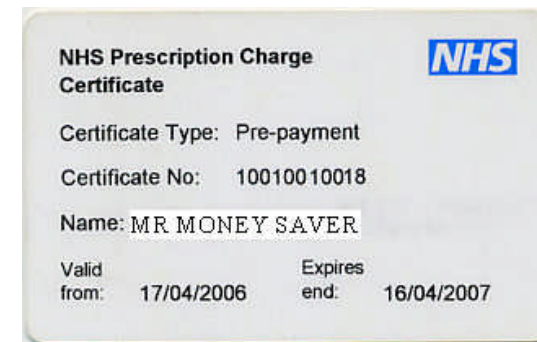
You can help by sending donations to the above address, or by covenanting a gift to the Trust which allows tax to be reclaimed, thus increasing the value of your gift.

## Dates for your diary, 2006

- 6 Sep 2006 **Donor Day South**, aboard SS Great Britain at Bristol  
Sue Johnstone 0117 9314638, [sue@transplantsinmind.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sue@transplantsinmind.fsnet.co.uk)
- 16 Sep 2006 **Thanksgiving Service**,  
Southwark Cathedral, London - 10:45 for 11:00  
Kim Hunt, Kings College Hospital NHS Trust , 020 7346 6357
- 8 Oct 2006 **ALTA AGM and Celebration Day 2006**  
Cambridge Motel, Shepreth – 11:30

## Do you pay Prescription Charges?

If you do not qualify for free prescriptions, you should be able to save a lot of money by purchasing a Prescription Pre-Payment Certificate (PPC).



The current cost is **£34.65** for a 4-month PPC; and **£95.30** for a 12-month PPC. If you need any more than 5 items in four months or 14 items in a year, you will save money.

If you are resident in England, there are four ways to apply for a PPC:

1. Over the Internet, <https://www.ppa.org.uk/ppa/ppc/patient.jsp>
2. By Telephone, ring the order line on 0845 850 0030.
3. By post, please complete the PPC application form FP95, available from pharmacies and doctors surgeries, and send it with your payment to the address specified on the form.:
4. From a Pharmacy Registered to Sell PPCs

## Bye for now, and remember, Keep smiling

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