

10,000th liver transplant

Furnaceman James Watson, 54, made history as the 10,000th patient to receive a liver transplant to be registered on the UK Transplant Database.

The father of three was given just weeks to live before surgeon Mr Paul Gibbs and his team carried out the six hour operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge in July. See



www.uktransplant.org.uk/ukt/newsroom/news_releases/news_item/10000th_liver_transplant.jsp for the full story.

ALTA Celebration Day

Frank Lee Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

10 October 2004 at 11:30 am



If you missed the invitation to the Celebration Day in June's newsletter, you can still complete the ticket request below, and return it to the address shown, or to Joyce, John or Terry at Clinic. Over 75 have already booked their place, so you will be in good company. You will meet old and new friends and members of staff from the ward will join us for the buffet lunch. Free parking will be available in Car Park **P** this year.

Ticket Request ALTA Celebration Day,

Name	Tel No.
Address	
No. of Tickets	Amount Sent
Please return this form with a cheque made payable to ALTA	
To Mr John Williams, 26 Durham Close, Great Bardfield, Essex, CM7 4UA	
Please note: No receipts will be sent.	

Success in the British Transplant Games, 2004

This year, the Addenbrooke's team delivered its best ever performance in the British Transplant Games, earning a total of 38 medals. The games took place at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. The 21-strong team included six ALTA members, pictured below.



Photograph: From left to right, Colin Aspland, Diane Alexander, Russell Hadley, Becky Symonds, Tony Scott and Madge Alston, with team manager, Nina Herbert (kneeling).

The ALTA members made a valuable contribution to the Addenbrooke's team effort, earning 13 out of the 38 medals. The table (below) shows the events entered and the medals won.

ALTA Members Events and Medals Table					
Diane Alexander	100 metres sprint	silver medal.	Madge Alston	Table tennis	
	200 metres sprint	silver medal.		Badminton	silver medal.
	Long jump	gold medal.		Swimming 50metres freestyle	bronze medal.
Colin Aspland	Bowls	gold medal.	Russell Hadley	Table tennis	bronze medal.
	Snooker				
	Throwing the cricket ball				
Tony Scott	1500 metres race	gold medal.	Becky Symonds	Badminton	gold medal.
	5 Kilometres race	gold medal.		Shot put	gold medal.
				Throwing the cricket ball	silver medal.
				Table tennis	bronze medal.

(Diane and Becky were also members of Addenbrooke's volleyball team.) Congratulations to all those who took part and to those who won medals. Thanks to Nina Herbert for her efforts in organizing the team, to Madge Alston who helped her and to those who supported the team.

These brief notes have been extracted from a more comprehensive report on the games supplied by Ron Alston. The full report is on the ALTA website, www.alta.org.uk.

Transplant Week



Members of ALTA and staff from C9 manned a display on the main concourse at Addenbrooke's promoting organ donation. This was a great success with many people signing up for donor cards immediately and others taking the forms away to complete in their own time.

Thanks to all who helped. ALTA mounted a display and so did the National Blood Service, who were promoting tissue donation.

In Chelmsford Library, I mounted a Donor Card display and supplied donor forms to local shops in my village.

If you would like to promote the donor card in your area, I will be happy to supply you with forms. (see back page for contact details)

Another Boost to ALTA Funds

The ALTA committee fielded a team at a quiz night organised by Elaine Burnett. There was an excellent turn out and the event raised nearly £450 for ATLA funds. Our team was narrowly beaten into 2nd place by a team from the Radiology department from Three Rivers. Many thanks to Elaine, her family and their friends who made the night run so smoothly.

Keeping Cool

ALTA supplied six fans to C9 during the recent hot spell, to ensure the comfort of patients. We hope they improved the situation.

Accessing The ALTA Website

Did you know that you can use the computers in the reception area at Addenbrooke's to read these pages when you are visiting the hospital?

Committee

It is expected that there will be vacancies on the ALTA committee following this year's AGM. If you are interested and would like to be proposed for membership, please speak to John Williams (01371 810995) as soon as possible following the AGM. The committee currently meets at Addenbrooke's five times a year. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings at 18:30 and they last around two hours

C9 Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Jane Whitehead who married Alex and to Stephanie Burton who married Tony. Best wishes also to Vicky Thompson and Greg Stephenson who are to be married this month.

Now we are ten. UK Transplant Donor Register

This is the 10th Anniversary Year of the UK Transplant Donor Register. Anyone interested in organising events to promote Organ Donation between 6 October 2004 – 5 October 2005 should contact Angie Burton, UK Transplant Communications, telephone 0117 975 7495.

Good News

C9 has been busy recently, with 31 liver transplants between April and August. We will have to print more newsletters!

Bye for now, and remember, Keep smiling

If you have any suggestions for future issues, please give me a ring, or send me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olive Tierney".

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