

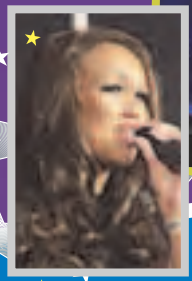
Staff **News 'n' Views**

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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All Rise for the ...

9th annual staff awards



Winners, glitz and glamour
plus surprise guests **Blue**
and Rebecca Ferguson

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Employee of the Month

Employee of the Month is awarded to a Trust staff member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and has made a significant difference in their role to improve patient care or developed services.

May:
Caroline Morris
Housekeeper,
Ward 4C,
Whiston Hospital



Nominated by: William Bowman,
Ward Manager, Ward 4C

Caroline has worked at the Trust for 8 years and was nominated for her commitment and work in supporting infection control. In his nomination, Will said: "Caroline works tirelessly in her role, often taking on extra responsibility. She is a vital team member supporting infection control and has meticulous documentation with this role. She is also a great support with staff education around infection control."

On winning the award, Caroline said: "I was really surprised and honoured to be named Employee of the Month, it was a real shock. I see the award as a team award. All the staff working on the ward work very closely to ensure our patients receive the best possible care during their stay on Ward 4C."

June:
Lynn Anslow
PACS / RIS Manager,
Radiology,
Whiston Hospital



Nominated by: David Anwyl, Assistant
Director of Operations

Lynn has worked at the Trust for 34 years and was nominated for her key role in the successful delivery and implementation of the replacement of the Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) and Radiology Information System (RIS) at the Trust. In his nomination, David said: "Lynn's leadership of the small multi-disciplinary team within the Trust has been instrumental in the success of the project. She demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and personal commitment in undertaking the pivotal role of clinical radiography champion to influence the specification, technical design, clinical suitability and implementation of this complex clinical IT system."

Receiving the award, Lynn said: "Winning the award was completely unexpected and makes me feel appreciated and rewarded. The past 12 months has been demanding, it is good to know that all the hard work done has been recognised. I would also like to thank all the staff in Radiology, especially the PACS Team and IT for their help and support in making this a successful project."

If you would like to nominate a member of staff for Employee of the Month, you can download a nomination form from the Staff Matters section on the Intranet, call Trish Caldwell on ext: 1250 or email: trish.caldwell@sthk.nhs.uk

By Royal Appointment!



*L-R Jean Heesome and
Diane Winstanley at
Buckingham Palace*

Midwives, Jean Heesome and Diane Winstanley had the appointment of a lifetime as they were both invited to Buckingham Palace in recognition of their 40 years' service at the Trust.

Both Diane and Jean have worked together, delivering thousands of babies over their 80 years combined service at Whiston Hospital. The close friends are two of the Trust's longest serving employees and travelled down to London to celebrate at the Queen's annual Garden Party at the Palace.

Jean said: "I was quite nervous to be in the presence of Royalty, but I felt so special and privileged to be chosen. It's lovely to be recognised for our hard work in this way."

Diane said: "I was thrilled when I found out. My husband rang me to tell me that a letter had arrived from Buckingham Palace – it's not every day you hear that, I wanted to jump up and down in excitement. It was lovely being able to share this experience with my friend and colleague. To experience this with Jean was very special for both of us. We've dedicated our lives to Midwifery and it's nice to get recognised for that."

The Royal Garden Parties are held every year to recognise people who have dedicated their life to public service.

Hand Hygiene Awareness Day

The Infection Prevention & Control Team held a hand hygiene awareness day in May as part of the annual global hand hygiene campaign celebrated by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The Trust is one of over 15,000 hospitals and healthcare facilities in 164 countries that have registered their commitment to hand hygiene as part of the 'SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands Campaign'.

This year, a hand hygiene pledge card was used promoting the message that using the correct hand hygiene method is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of healthcare acquired infections. Members of the Infection Prevention & Control Team even dressed up as germs and bugs to highlight the importance of hand hygiene

Staff, patients and visitors were asked to sign the Trust pledge board – pledging their commitment to hand hygiene. The Infection Prevention & Control Team, along with Trust suppliers of hand hygiene products; Diversey and GoJo, were present to offer advice on hand care, demonstrate the correct technique for hand hygiene and give out the hand hygiene pledge cards.



(L-R) Ita Hicks, Diversey Regional Healthcare Manager, Linda Newsham, Diversey Infection Control Nurse, Tracey Kelly, Surveillance Assistant, Julie Grimes, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Specialist, Debbie Higgs, GoJo Representative and Joy Davidson, Infection Prevention and Control Secretary.

NHS Northwest Games

The 3rd Northwest Games took place on Sunday 30th June at Kirkby Sports College. It was yet another fun filled and action packed event. Trust staff had practiced on a regular basis to ensure that they were at full fitness to take on the challenge of other North West hospitals, entering the netball, seven aside football, mixed badminton and table tennis competitions.

All of the teams did really well, and despite serious competition, the football team were runners up for the second year running and were presented with their trophy by Liverpool FC legend, Jamie Carragher.

Well done and congratulations to all of the teams both for their commitment and taking part.

Jamie Carragher presents the awards



Netball Team

Jeanette Anders, Research and Development Manager, CGGARD
Emma Ashley, Head of Human Resources
Wendy Harrison, Senior Human Resources Administrator
Katharine O'Driscoll, Human Resources Business Partner
Jenny McGreavy, Human Resources Advisor, Human Resources
Jane Marshall, Health Improvement Programme Lead, Sexual Health
Elaine Gordon, Employment Services Team Leader, Lead Employer

Football Team

Alex Woods, Senior Operations Engineer, Informatics
Neil Rathbone, Medical Laboratory Assistant
Sam Miller, Staff Bank
Chris McNamara, Deputy Head of Purchasing and Supplies
Peter Deakin, Operating Support Worker, Theatre
Kevin Gould, Operating Theatre Practitioner
Marc Ward, Theatre Support Worker

Badminton

Madhankumar Krishnan, Special Registrar, ENT
Emma Qatin, Specialist Registrar, ENT Head & Neck Surgery

Table Tennis

Miroslav Veliky, Senior Registrar, Burns and Plastic Surgery Unit

Trust Football Team (L-R) Sam Miller, Staff Bank, Chris McNamara, Deputy Head of Purchasing & Supplies, Alex Woods, Senior Operations Engineer, Neil Rathbone, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Kevin Gould, Operating Department Practitioner, Peter Deakin, Theatre Support Worker, Marc Ward, Theatre Support Worker



President of the Royal College of Nursing visits Whiston Hospital

President of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), Andrea Spyropoulos, visited Whiston Hospital in July to meet with staff and patients.

The President was welcomed to the Trust by Ann Marr, Chief Executive and Sue Redfern, Director of Nursing, Midwifery & Governance, who gave a presentation about the nursing innovations, developments at the Trust and progress on key corporate objectives. The President was then shown a short movie highlighting the achievements of the Trust's staff over the past 12 months. The movie featured staff from across the Trust, picturing them in their daily roles and included short film clips of staff talking about their roles and the expert patient care that is provided at the Trust.



Director of Nursing, Governance & Midwifery, Sue Redfern and RCN President, Andrea Spyropoulos



Ms Spyropoulos meets Ward Manager, Sheila Thompson on Ward 4B, with Director of Nursing, Sue Redfern

She then visited the reminiscence room on Ward 5B, created especially for elderly patients and those who suffer dementia. The room is designed to remind patients of their past, decorated with ornaments and furniture from war times, so that they can recognise memorable items.

During her visit, the President spent time on two wards, alongside Sue Redfern. She first visited Ward 4B, where the RCN President met with patient Terence Frazer and discussed the care which is provided on the Surgical Assessment Unit.



Ms Spyropoulos meets patient Terence Frazer with Matron, Gwen Pantak on Ward 4B

This gives patients a focus point that helps them to familiarise themselves with their surroundings and provides a valuable area of communication for staff to discuss patients' lives and particular memories they may have.



Ward Sister, Kim Rothwell, shows the President, RCN and Sue Redfern, the reminiscence room on Ward 5B



Ward Sister, Kim Rothwell, shows old household items used in war times, in the reminiscence room

Her visit concluded with a question and answer session, with a wide range of nursing staff, who were able to discuss their role within the NHS and developments in the nursing profession. The President and staff discussed the recent findings of the Francis Report and the effects on the nursing profession, pay conditions, research developments in nursing and the future role of the RCN.

Andrea said: "Members at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – like so many others at Trusts across Merseyside and the wider region and country – are doing their best to provide good care for patients, day-in, day-out. It's a great privilege for me to be able to spend time with them on the wards. It's also been a useful opportunity for many of our members working on the wards here to share their views on a range of issues affecting the profession at the moment."



Nursing staff take part in a question and answer session with RCN President, Andrea Spyropoulos



Chief Executive, Ann Marr and RCN President Andrea Spyropoulos

Ann Marr, Chief Executive said: "We are pleased that the President of the RCN chose to visit the Trust, to meet with staff and patients. During the visit she saw at first hand the high standards of nursing care provided and learned of the many innovative developments our nurses are striving to achieve."



Training & Development Funding

- search tool now available

The 'Academy 4 Training & Development Service' online tool is now available to all Trust staff.

This FREE online search engine, houses thousands of opportunities aimed at helping you explore training and development funding opportunities to help you to develop in your current role.

To access the funding tool go to:

www.open4training.info/Whiston

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Skills for
Health

The Apprenticeship Promise

The Trust has pledged its commitment to the regeneration of the region, by signing the Skills for Health Apprenticeship Promise.

The scheme was launched to encourage organisations to develop apprenticeship opportunities, and recognise their impact on improving quality, productivity, individual confidence, employability and health. Apprenticeships lead to better jobs, better skills in the health sector and consequently better health – all crucial to regeneration.

Anne-Marie Stretch, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Human Resources was presented with the Apprenticeship Promise plaque in recognition of the Trust's work with Skills for Health.

Anne-Marie said: "The Trust has a long history of supporting development opportunities for its staff and the local community, offering them the opportunity to gain valuable experience and skills they can use in progressing their careers. The Trust's commitment to the Apprenticeship Promise highlights its continued support."



Anne-Marie Stretch, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Human Resources is presented with the Apprenticeship Promise plaque by Sandra Jones, Apprenticeship Broker, Skills for Health Academy North West.

By signing up to the Promise, the Trust agrees to;

1. Consider all appropriate vacancies as potential apprenticeship opportunities and advertise them as such.
2. Identify those staff that do not hold a minimum of a level 2 / 5 GCSEs or equivalent and offer them the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship.
3. Actively promote the opportunities for progression to those who successfully complete their apprenticeship
4. Sign up to the 'Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers' list to showcase the number and range of apprenticeship opportunities in the North West NHS region
5. Share best practice and lead the evidence base illustrating the health and wellbeing impact of education and employment, through an annual case study.

9th Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening



This year's staff awards presentation evening was an exceptional night of glitz, glamour and award winning stars.

Over 900 staff and guests gathered at the Liverpool Arena for the biggest NHS staff awards ceremony of its kind at no cost to the NHS, and the most anticipated night in the Trust's social calendar.

This wonderful occasion is funded through ticket sales and the generous donations of the Trust's partners, so that the event is at no cost to the NHS.

A spectacular guest performance from Blue and surprise guest, X Factor finalist Rebecca Ferguson, raised the roof off the Liverpool Arena, with local celebrity guests and distinguished supporters of the Trust attending to honour our very own staff heroes.

Those lucky enough to attend the event enjoyed an array of surprises, a drinks reception, a fabulous 3 course meal, an extraordinary prize draw with 5 chances to win £1,000, an electrifying musical performance and of course the main business of the evening, the awards ceremony.

The evening started with a drinks reception, and it wasn't long before the excitement was bubbling. As guests mingled, music began to pump out of the sound system and before anyone realised what was happening, a circle had formed in the middle of the floor as a surprise 'dance mob' started to rock out to the tracks. Performing back-flips, cartwheels and handstands, the dancing had guests cheering and whooping as they took over the floor.

As the dance mob ended, a drape shielding the ceremony area, dropped to reveal the Arena in its entire spectacle, decorated in silver and purple and ready for its guests. As everyone settled at their tables, The Beverley Edmunds Dancers, from the Dolphin Dance Studios, opened the evening dressed in feathers and entertained the crowd with an outstanding dance performance.

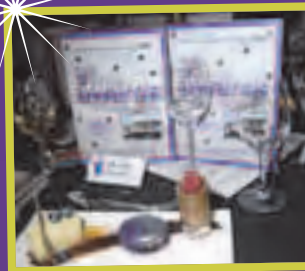
Master of Ceremonies and star of radio, Kev Seed, led the proceedings throughout the night. Kev introduced Ann Marr, Chief Executive to the stage, who praised staff and thanked guests and partners for attending the evening and their generous donations. The complete speech can be found on page 11.



It was then time for the winner of Trust's Got Talent 2013, Keiron Kenny, Audit Officer, to take to the stage. Keiron performed his winning song, a beautiful rendition of Katy Perry's 'Teenage Dream' and the Queen hit single 'Don't stop me now!'.

Another surprise on the night was a movie shown to guests highlighting the achievements of staff over the past 12 months. The film featured staff from across the Trust, picturing them in their daily roles and included short film clips of staff talking about their roles and the expert patient care that is provided at the Trust.

Before guests settled down for their meal, there was yet another surprise in store as Ann Marr, Chief Executive announced a Special Recognition Award for the Hospital Volunteers.



The meal was an unbelievably tasty fine dining experience from Heathcotes, including a delicious smoked chicken salad, melt in the mouth braised British beef with creamed polenta and an assortment of tasty mini chocolate desserts. Kev Seed was then joined on stage by Ann Marr, Chief Executive, to draw and announce

the five winning tickets of the £1,000 giveaway. Six lucky members of staff ended up walking away with a share in the £5,000 pot, as close colleagues chose to share their winnings between them. More details of our prize draw giveaway winners can be found on page 13.

Following the excitement of the prize draw, there was no time at all for the crowd to regain their breath as it was time for the main business of the evening – the hotly contested award presentations. Presented by local celebrities and distinguished supporters, the staff awards recognise the achievements of staff from across the Trust for their hard-work and commitment in providing the very best services within the hospitals.

It was then time for the surprise of the night, as excitement grew and people tried to guess exactly who the star performance would be, the atmosphere was electric as boyband Blue took to the stage for an exhilarating performance of all their greatest hits.

With a disco until late and an after-show party in the Arena, the crowd danced the night away and celebrated the very best of the NHS.



Chief Executive's Speech



Now, we need to say some other "thank you". We couldn't hold this event without the support of our sponsors and donors. Their generosity means that we do this at no cost to the NHS. Their names are printed in the programme, and some are most welcome to be here with us tonight. Thank you. Thanks also to our fabulous celebrities, who give freely of their time to honour our award winners, and get the opportunity to see otherwise respectable professionals shed all their inhibitions. We are very grateful to you all.

Next, I want to pay tribute to the working group who organise the event. I'm sure we are all in awe of their ability to create so much bling, but it's a lot of work, so thanks to Lynsey Thomas, Michelle Barry, Chris McNamara, Julie Clemson, Kevin McLachlan, Eileen Balmer, Barry Atherton, Gary Barker, Patsy Clifford, Cynthia Foster, Joanne Gannon and Debbie Pye, and of course, to the queen of sparkle herself, Judith Marsland.

We've got a great night to look forward to, with performances from our Trust's Got Talent winner, Keiron Kenny and from our colourful mystery guests.

We've got fantastic raffle prizes – five people will go home tonight £1000 richer (as long as they don't spend all their winnings on drinks!) Buy your tickets!

Good luck and congratulations to everyone who has been nominated tonight. But you are all stars, and to prove it, we've made a film about you.

So sit back, enjoy the film, and have a great time tonight.

Thank you

Ann Marr

Good evening and welcome to our annual extravaganza, which we hold to celebrate the exceptional achievements of some of our colleagues, and to thank each and every one of our staff for all you do for our patients every day of the year. We are delighted to have over 800 members of staff here tonight to say thank you in person, but please tell your friends, and at some point we might all want to raise a glass to those back at the hospital right now caring for patients. It's great that this year our awards night coincides with the 65th birthday of the NHS. So, tonight, let's celebrate our pride in the NHS as well. That's not a cue to drink more or party harder, I know you'll do enough of that anyway!



Our special guests

The Trust would like to thank our special guests for kindly giving their time for free to support the commitment of our staff by presenting the awards and adding extra sparkle to the event.



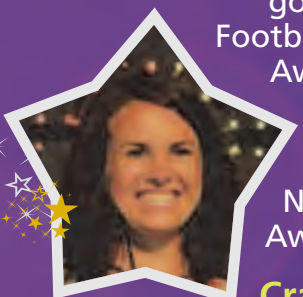
Kev Seed, our Master of Ceremonies, once again performed as compere extraordinaire on the night. Kev is a long standing supporter of the Trust, hosting Trust's Got Talent and presenting the annual staff awards event each year. He is a familiar voice, known to many across Merseyside, as a star of radio for over 20 years.

Steve Simonsen, is best known on Merseyside as a goalkeeper who has played for both Everton and Tranmere Football Clubs. Steve presented the Excellence in Clinical Care Award.

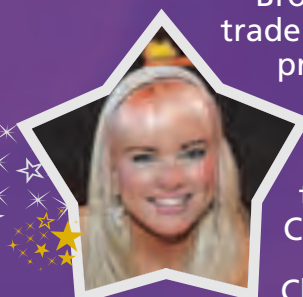


Someone who knows all about the hard work and dedication of NHS staff is **Nina Warhurst**, health correspondent for BBC Northwest. Nina presented the Excellence in Service Improvement Award.

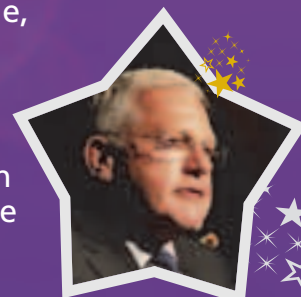
Craig Phillips, shot to fame by winning the first series of Big Brother. Craig has since become a star of TV, putting his building trade background to good use as a DIY expert and presenter. Craig presented the Excellence in Support Services Award.



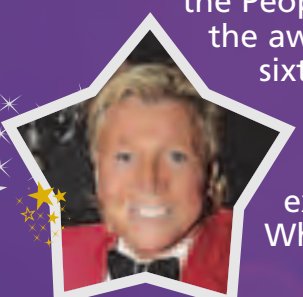
Star of radio and stage, **Claire Simonsen** is the voice of the Radio City 96.7 traffic and travel as one of the presenting team on the 'Rossie & Co Breakfast Show'. A regular star of pantomime, Claire presented the excellence in Patient Experience Award.



Chief Executive of the Liverpool Echo Arena and BT Conference Centre (ACC) Liverpool, **Bob Prattey**, presented the People's Choice Award. Bob is a great supporter of the Trust, with the awards evening having been held at the Liverpool Arena for the sixth year running.



Herbert of Liverpool, is the Trust's Ambassador of Dignity and Care, a star of TV and radio, as well as hairdresser to the stars. Herbert is extremely generous with his time, regularly visiting patients in Whiston Hospital and bringing gifts for the elderly at Christmas. Herbert presented the Employee of the Year Award.



Simon 'Rossie' Ross, returned to the Awards Ceremony for the fifth year and presented the Team of the Year Award. Host of the 'Rossie & Co Breakfast Show', Radio City 96.7, Rossie is a long standing supporter of the Trust and has previously acted as Head judge at Trust's Got Talent.



Winners of the **SPECTACULAR** prize draw

Six lucky members of staff walked away with a share of **£5,000** in the evening's spectacular prize draw.

Staff were able to purchase one book of tickets for just £5 or three books for £10, for their chance to win one of five £1,000 prizes.



The winners were:



Karen Mawdsley, Radiographer

**Fiona Kelly and Karen Willoughby,
Medical Secretaries, who shared
the winning ticket**



**Paula Stritch, Operating
Department Practitioner**

**Cathy Baskeyfield, and Carol Rees,
both Staff Nurses.**



Lucky Cathy had two tickets drawn on the night, winning a whopping £2,000, and shared her prize with Carol so both take home £1,000 each.

Cathy said: "I was absolutely shocked and delighted!! I always enjoy the awards night; it is always special and lovely to see people's hard work appreciated. Winning not one but two raffle prizes has just made it all extra special!!"



Special Recognition Award



Winner

Hospital Volunteers



Presented by
Ann Marr,
Chief Executive

Every organisation needs special people with unique skills and talents. Our Trust has that in abundance. In particular, a special group of people continuously show extraordinary compassion and support which so many patients and visitors appreciate from when they come to the hospitals.

Together, they have selflessly given thousands of hours of their own time to help others, with a hand, a smile, or by just sitting, talking and listening.

Therefore, to recognise their kindness and dedication, the Special Recognition Award this year goes to the Trust's Volunteers.



Excellence in Service Improvement

This award is to recognise where a clinical or non-clinical service has been enhanced to deliver improvement or increase efficiency.



Winner

GP Assessment Unit

The trust experienced extraordinary levels of activity during last winter. Staff worked tirelessly for months to manage the pressures and demands on the service, whilst at the same time improving pathways of care. They remained committed throughout to providing patients with an efficient service and excellent standards of care.

Highly Commended:

Medical Emergency Team (MET)

This new team of skilled clinicians provide urgent care to those patients whose condition is critical and deteriorating. Their expertise and swift interventions have also helped to reduce the number of patients who need intensive care.

Neurophysiology

The service has continued to expand, offering patients more choice and quicker access for diagnosis and treatment of debilitating conditions. This team of professionals combine science and skill to provide patients with outstanding results.



Presented by
Nina Warhurst,
BBC Journalist



Excellence in Clinical Care

This award recognises a significant commitment and contribution to delivering high quality care.



Winner

Colorectal Cancer Service

This team have developed a truly patient focussed service, which provides expert care and also gives patients extensive support to manage their illness. Many patients say that at their most difficult times, the staff are always there for them.



*Presented by
Steve Simonsen,
ex Everton FC
Footballer*

Highly Commended:

Coronary Care Unit (CCU)

The staff who work in the CCU have gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide high standards of specialised care for patients with serious heart conditions. Their skills and talents are critical to many patients whose lives they have saved.

Ward 3Alpha – Trauma and Orthopaedics

This group of specialists work closely together as a multi-disciplinary team. Together they have developed the service and treatment for people who are often elderly and have complex injuries. Patients have said they feel safe and cared for on the ward.



Excellence in Support Services

This award recognises exceptional service in supporting the delivery of patient care.



Winner

Radiology

This department is essential to the smooth running of the hospitals. The staff are always willing to take on new work and new challenges, and to ensure that the department provides a fast, efficient and convenient service to patients.



*Presented by
Craig Phillips,
TV Personality*

Highly Commended:

Catering

Thousands of meals are prepared and served for patients, staff and visitors at both hospitals throughout the year. Appropriate nutrition is an important part of recovery, and the catering team provide a valuable and personalised service to patients.

Cold Decontamination

This team provides much needed support to frontline services through ensuring that important equipment is cleaned to high standards and available when needed. They will always find a way to overcome any obstacle to deliver reliable services.



Excellence in Patient Experience

This award recognises a contribution that has resulted in excellent patient experience.



Winner

Paediatrics

The unit is highly regarded by parents and families in the local community, who say that their children receive fantastic care and treatment, both in hospital and at home. The service has continued to expand, meaning more children than ever before are receiving high quality care from this dedicated team of talented professionals.

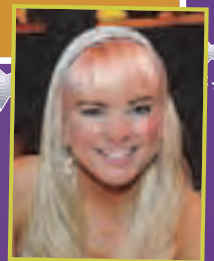
Highly Commended:

Dr Christina Jones, ICU

Christina has developed innovative initiatives to help critical care patients overcome psychological trauma. Her hard work and national research has helped to create a valuable Critical Care Support Group, which has provided much needed help to other patients.

Ward 5D

The team of staff who work on this ward look after dependent patients with complex needs. They constantly strive to make further improvement to standards of care and the environment, to make patients as comfortable and safe as possible.



*Presented by
Claire Simonsen,
Radio City 96.7*



People's Choice Award

This prestigious award is voted for by the readers of the St Helens Star newspaper and highlights the appreciation that patients and their families have for the excellent care they receive.



Winner



Leanne Davies

Leanne is an exceptional member of staff, both on and off duty. She showed extraordinary skills and bravery to save a gentleman's life when he suffered a cardiac arrest and stopped breathing on a public road. He said: "She's my guardian angel, it's a miracle I'm still alive; she gave me back my life."



*Presented by Bob Pratley,
Chief Executive,
Liverpool ACC*

Highly Commended:

Burney Breast Unit

This team is world renowned for the standards of care they provide to patients with breast conditions and cancer. The team have a very inclusive style, which helps women feel in control and supported.

Dermatology

This team of skilful staff have worked diligently to meet the high demand on the service throughout the year. They have developed the service to provide patients with a quick, easy access and an efficient service.



Employee of the Year Award

This award recognises the outstanding achievements of individuals within the Trust throughout the year.



Presented by
Herbert of
Liverpool

Winner

Tom Fitzpatrick IT Taskforce Engineer

Tom is an exceptional member of staff who does all that he possibly can to provide support to staff to effectively use IT systems. Tom is calm and positive; and nothing is too much trouble. He has also raised thousands of pounds for the Trust's special care babies and breast cancer patients.

Highly Commended:

Sue Hawkins, Sister, Endoscopy

Sue is a valued member of the Endoscopy team, and led the recent developments to improve the service. She is a tremendous support to staff and goes out of her way to put patients at ease to ensure they have a good experience.

Neal Jones, Head of Clinical Education

Neal has brought a dynamic approach to the delivery of high quality education. He has put the Trust at the forefront of clinical learning, providing training and development to staff across the NHS and has attracted important national conferences to be held at the Trust.



Team of the Year Award

This award recognises the performance of a team that has continuously delivered a first class service.



Winner

Urology

The highly respected Urology team provide exceptional standards of care to patients. They have been innovative in developing and expanding the range of treatments available, and have introduced more local, convenient, one stop services. They are determined to deliver even more ambitious plans in the future.



Presented by Simon Ross,
Radio City 96.7

Highly Commended:

Obstetrics

This team of specialists have provided women with excellent standards of maternity care whilst managing a significant increase in the number of babies born in the Unit. The midwives have achieved great success, encouraging more new mothers than ever before to begin breastfeeding their babies whilst in hospital.

Skin Cancer Service

Patients from across the North West and North Wales receive wide ranging and high quality services from the innovative regional skin cancer centre based at the Trust. Patients consistently praise the services they receive and are extremely grateful for the personalised care provided by the staff.



Keiron Kenny

The Winner of  2013 performs

Audit Officer, Keiron Kenny, got the party started as he took to the stage, reminding everyone just why he won the talent show earlier this year.

Part of the prize for winning the contest is an invitation to perform at the Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening and Keiron wowed the audience once again with his fantastic rendition of Katy Perry's 'Teenage Dream' and the Queen hit 'Don't stop me now!'.

Since winning the show back in March, Keiron has received numerous offers to sing at events and his growing fan club were more than impressed with his outstanding performance on the night.



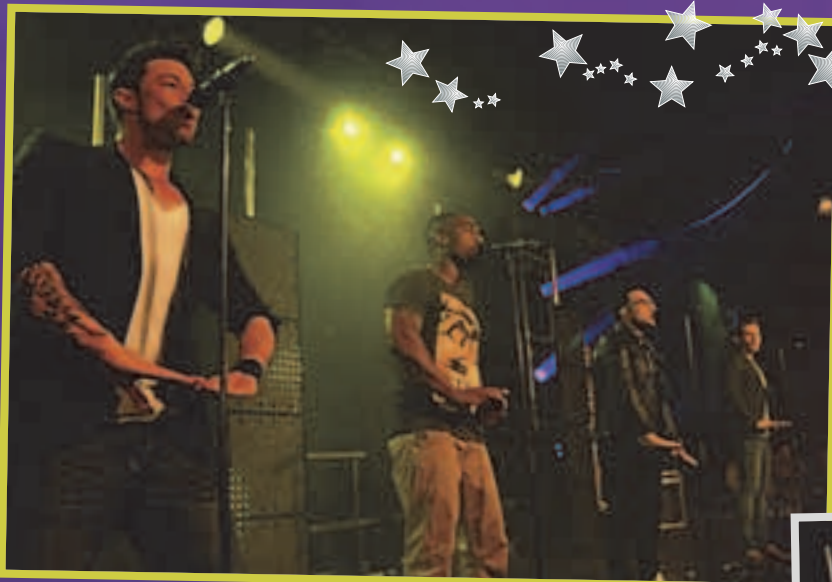


Blue

*with a surprise guest performance by
Rebecca Ferguson*



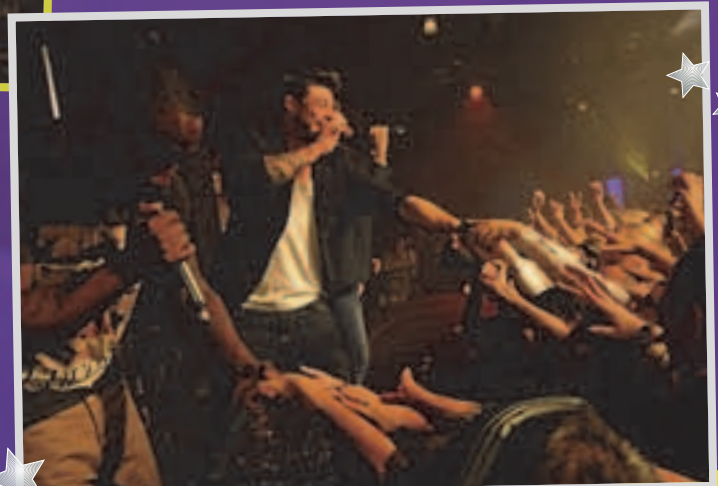
There was an electric atmosphere as compere, Kev Seed, took to the stage to announce the surprise guest performers for the evening. The crowd were buzzing with anticipation as Kev hinted at the colourful characters that were about to take to the stage.



The moment that boyband Blue were announced on stage the excitement reached fever pitch, the crowd surged forward to get prized position in front of the stage. The audience went crazy, as the group launched into their hit tunes 'All Rise', 'Fly By', 'One Love' and many more.

With everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves, singing and dancing along to hit after hit, a surprise guest was invited onto the stage to join the boys

in a rendition of their hit single 'Too Close'. Local girl Rebecca Ferguson was runner-up in the X Factor in 2010 and has since forged a successful career with her unmistakable soulful voice. Rebecca entered the stage to rapturous applause, thrilling everyone with her beautiful harmonies and taking the excitement of the crowd to another level.





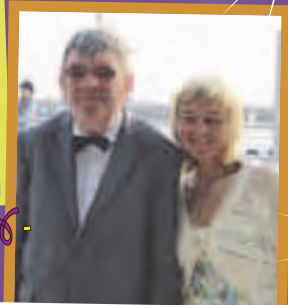
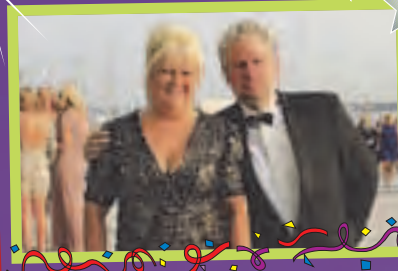
After an exhilarating half hour, Blue thanked the audience for their amazing support and left the party on a real high. After their electrifying performance, this was one party that is not to be forgotten!!

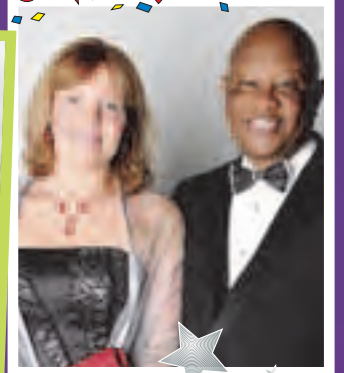




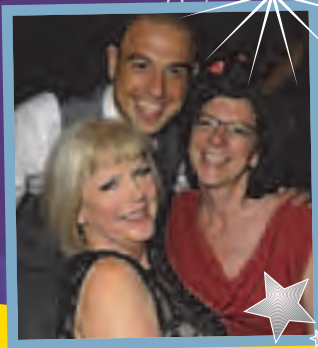
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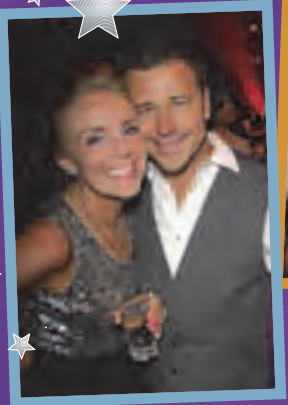
All the night's action and glamour caught on camera...





9th annual awards presentation evening





A huge thank you to...

The Trust would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this year's Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening such an amazing success.

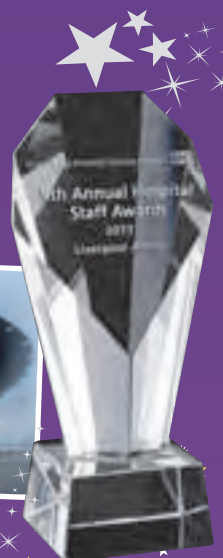
We would especially like to thank the following partner organisations whose kind donation have enabled the Trust to make this event the biggest NHS staff awards of its kind and all at no cost to the NHS.



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EXTRAORDINARY £30,000

DONATION FOR SCBU

An extremely generous family have raised over £30,000 to help premature babies who need specialist care at Whiston Hospital.

Jason and Anita Mullen, from Widnes, together with their family and friends have raised thousands of pounds to keep the memory of their baby son alive through the Alfie Flynn Mullen Charity. Alfie was born 16 weeks premature, weighing just 1lb 9oz and in spite of battling all the complications of being born so early, sadly Alfie died aged just 10 months. During his short life, Alfie received care from three different hospitals in the region but spent the most time on the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Whiston Hospital before sadly passing away.

In 2010, the couple raised over £4,000 to purchase fold-away beds for parents to stay at the bedside of their children. This year, the couple have donated over £30,000 to purchase a brand new, state-of-the-art transport incubator and portable ventilator. The incubator is used to safely transfer critically ill babies between departments within the hospital or to other hospitals within Cheshire and Merseyside for specialist appointments or to and from regional paediatric intensive care beds.

The specialist incubator, the same as those used by Regional Neonatal Transfer Teams, is the most state-of-the-art equipment available and allows medics to continue to provide expert care whilst transporting ill babies for vital specialist treatment.

The family worked tirelessly to raise the money organising a number of fund raising events including the '3 Peaks Challenge', climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, charity nights at the Stobart Stadium (Widnes Vikings Rugby Club), sponsored walks and bike rides.

Ann Marr, Chief Executive said: "I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Mullen family, and to all those who have supported them, for their extremely generous donation. The effort to organise all of the amazing events has been extraordinary. The new incubator will help many babies and their families to receive safe and timely care."

Dad, Jason Mullen said: "Alfie was cared for by the wonderful staff at Whiston Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit and on the Children's Ward, who did everything they could for him. Raising money for the hospital to have their own transfer incubator has been hard work, and I'd like to thank all of our family and friends for their continued support. We hope that the incubator will make a big difference to the children and their families who may need it in the future."



Anita and Jason Mullen, with son Alfie



Alfie and Anita



Alfie and Jason



L-R Anita and Jason Mullen with Sally Duce, Lead Nurse, Divisional Manager, Paediatrics, Dr Laweh Amegavie, Clinical Director, Consultant Paediatrician and Ann Marr, Chief Executive

Seddon Skaters

Staff from St Helens Rehabilitation Unit, based in Seddon Suite, St Helens Hospital, got their skates on to raise money for people who suffer from Motor Neurone Disease and neurological trauma.

Claire Ward, Team Leader, Emma Tatlock, Healthcare Assistant and Kirsty Mason, Staff Nurse, laced up their roller boots to take part in a sponsored skate at Wigan Roller Rink. The event was organised to raise money for those affected by Motor Neurone Disease and patients who need intensive rehabilitation after severe trauma or illness. All money raised will go towards the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MDNA) and the Walton Neurological Centre, of which St Helens Rehabilitation Unit is an affiliated treatment centre. The event raised £4000 in total, with staff at the Rehab Unit raising £250 to sponsor Claire, Kirsty and Emma.

Many staff from the Unit went along to offer Claire, Kirsty and Emma their support on the day, as they skated in circles for two hours.

Claire said: "The night was a great success, it was hard to do but we did it. It was such a worthy cause and hopefully we may be able to do more events for MND and our own Unit in the future."



(L-R) Emma Tatlock, Healthcare Assistant, Kirsty Mason, Staff Nurse and Claire Ward, Team Leader, in their fancy dress outfits get ready for skating.



Barbara Stuart, Team Secretary, St Michaels Ladies Domino Team, Janet Bentham, Ward Manager, Joanne Neeves, Ward Sister and Suzanne Dunning, Team Captain, St Michaels Ladies Domino Team.

Domino Delight for Children's Wards

Members of the St Michaels Ladies Domino Team in Widnes have donated £200 to the Children's Wards at Whiston Hospital.

Each year the team plays in the Widnes Ladies Domino League and the team who win the Charity Cup are able to donate the prize money to a charity of their choice.

This year, the ladies of the St Michaels team were victorious and member Renee Lunt chose the Children's Wards at Whiston Hospital as her neighbour suffers from Cystic Fibrosis and has been treated at the hospital.

Ward Manager, Janet Bentham, and Ward Sister, Joanne Neeves, attended the presentation evening at St Bede Parish Club in May to receive a cheque from the ladies.

Janet said: "We are so grateful to all the members of St Michaels Ladies Dominos Team for choosing the Children's Wards for their kind donation, and wish them the very best for future tournaments. The money will be of great benefit to the children on the wards. "

Bus drivers get on their bikes for the Lilac Centre

A group of adventurous bus drivers have raised over £1,600 in aid of the Lilac Centre, St Helens Hospital.

The drivers for Arriva North West, took part in a 4 day bike ride from Inverness to Loch Lomond, covering 220 miles. The team included cyclists Raymond Moss, Alan Ready, Mike Hawkins, Neil McLeod and Jimmy Western, plus a back-up crew of Phil Hawkins and Taffy Williams who drove the support van following the cyclists, to assist and carry equipment.

The Challenge took place in April and you would expect the most they would need to deal with would be a few April showers, but the team faced a tough challenge cycling through snow, wind, rain and ice to complete their amazing adventure.

Supported by their Manager Rob Cheveaux, and all of their colleagues at Arriva, the team chose the Lilac Centre after Raymond's sister Pat Woods received treatment at the Centre.

Raymond said: "It was a tough challenge, with training and completing the ride in such difficult weather conditions, but it was more than worth it to raise so much money for the Lilac Centre. We would like to thank all of those who have supported us throughout the challenge, especially our manager Rob who supplied the van and petrol for the entire trip and was very supportive."

Jeanette Ribton, Lilac Centre Manager said: "This is such a fantastic venture for them to take part in and we are so thankful that they chose the Lilac Centre to donate to. Money donated to the centre goes towards ensuring that our patients are cared for in a comfortable environment. They are such a fabulous group and their efforts to raise this money have been extraordinary, we can't thank them enough."



Lilac Centre Manager Jeanette Ribton, Healthcare Assistant, Janice Ashton and the Arriva drivers.



Special thanks to Lowton Garden Association

The Trust would like to thank the members of Lowton Garden Association who have donated £200 to the Trust and for their kind words of thanks for our staff. Messages of thanks are of great support and encouragement to all staff.

QUIZ WINNERS

In the last edition we asked you to name the 10 most commonly known body parts spelt with 3 letters. Thank you to everyone who entered – the first 10 correct entries (there were some questionable answers) win a one day leisure pass to The Village Hotel.



Answer – Hip, Jaw, Gum, Lip, Eye, Arm, Leg, Ear, Toe, Rib

Winners:

**Julie Chamberlain, Clerical Assistant, Patient Access
Joanne Gannon, Personal Assistant, St Helens Hospital
Clare Corlett, Deputy Cashier, General Office
Liam Morrison, Apprentice Technician, Vinci FM
Linda Willis, Assistant Clinical Coding Services Manager
Katherine Sephton, Legal Services
Jennifer Fjeringen, Personal Assistant, Executive Offices
Pat Currie, Accommodation Officer
Denise Kennedy, Staff Nurse, Ward 3C
Jackie Morris, Receptionist, Main Reception, St Helens Hospital**

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Hattons Solicitors have launched a free membership scheme. The membership is available for Trust staff, volunteers and partners. Join online to gain access to the many offers they have. Some of the offers which include discounts with local businesses are:

- **Dominos Pizza, St Helens**
- **Local restaurants**
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- **Retail stores**
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Cryptic Movie Competition

Identify the following films from the cryptic clue:

- 1 – Australia's Magician
- 2 – Highest Revolver
- 3 – Actors and actresses not at home
- 4 – Waltzing before washing
- 5 – Illness in the middle of the weekend
- 6 – Fruit that functions like a watch
- 7 – Final punk hairstyles
- 8 – One young man at home

First 10 correct entries to lynsey.thomas@sthk.nhs.uk win a one day leisure pass to Village Health & Fitness, The Village Hotel, Whiston.

Did you know?



Letters and numbers

- The letters 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd' do not appear if you spell any of the numbers between 1 and 99 (Funnily enough, letter 'd' comes for the first time in Hundred)
- The letters 'a', 'b' and 'c' do not appear anywhere in the spellings of 1 to 999 (Strange, but true, letter 'a' comes for the first time in Thousand)
- Neither letter 'b' nor 'c' appear anywhere in the spellings of 1 to 999,999,999 (The letter 'b' comes for the first time in Billion)
- Letter 'c' does not appear anywhere in the spellings of entire English counting system.

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RESULTS

The winners of the recent staff lottery draws are:
May 2013

- £1,500 Beverley Clisham, Healthcare Assistant, Outpatients Department
- £500 Mary McBirnie, Nurse Manager, Urology Department.
- £200 Susan Foster, Staff Nurse, Seddon Rehabilitation Unit.

June 2013

- £1,500 Allen Briscoe, Night Receptionist.
- £500 Sandra Tate, Catalogue Administrator, Theatres.
- £200 Lyndsay Finney, Personal Medical Secretary, Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

*The next draw will take place on Wednesday
31st July 2013*

Note: Prizes can only be issued to lottery participants who have paid all due contributions. In the case of deductions not being made from your pay, please contact the Finance Department on extension 1180. Your payslip should show a separate deduction described as LOTTERY and the amount deducted (£1 for each number).

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The deadline for submitting items for the next News n Views is 30th September 2013