



## Action Mesothelioma Day 2011

Dear All

Here is our second bulletin for Action Mesothelioma Day (AMD) on Friday 1 July 2011.

Mesothelioma UK will communicate events for the day to everyone and anyone interested. Please feel free to pass this bulletin on and forward the email addresses of anyone who you think we should include.

If you are organising an AMD event in your area please forward details so that we can let everyone know. This is the second of many AMD updates so please do not worry if your event is not included, just forward it to us for the next issue. We will also circulate two bulletins after AMD that will include pictures and summaries of events that took place.

Best wishes

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## **Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**

- To raise awareness about the dangers of exposure to asbestos. To try to prevent future ill-health and misery caused by asbestos related cancer – Mesothelioma
- To raise awareness that Mesothelioma can be caused by low level exposure to asbestos
- To inform the general public that asbestos may be contained in our public buildings and schools

11am in the Arena, New Square at Chesterfield

- Video showing 'Mesothelioma – the Human Face of an Asbestos Epidemic'
- Speakers from DAST and the major Trade Unions including the Fire Brigade's Union, UNITE
  - Trade union banners
  - "A Reflection of the Celebration of Life" message trees
    - Health and safety information
    - Models and simulated asbestos products

'A Reflection of the Celebration of Life'

This year we are asking for messages on leaves that reflect on the celebration of life. Money raised will be donated to Mesothelioma UK – National Helpline to support victims of Mesothelioma and the Mick Knighton Mesothelioma Research Fund. If you would like to sponsor a leaf please contact DAST on 01246 380415 for a message leaf.

## **Asbestos Action Tayside**

Asbestos Action Tayside is holding a patients and carers day in the Hilton Hotel, Dundee on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Speakers include a respiratory consultant, oncologist, a psychologist from the Maggie's cancer care centres and a solicitor. Mesothelioma sufferers and their families / friends are welcome to come along and invitations will automatically be sent to members of Asbestos Action Tayside. A remembrance candle will be lit for the 44 members of Asbestos Action Tayside who lost their fight against mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases last year. Lunch will be served.

Tel: 01382 225715

## **Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group / Merseyside**

### **Asbestos Victims Support Group**

The Merseyside and Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Groups are jointly hosting this year's Action Mesothelioma Day again. This year's event will be held at Wallasey Town Hall 10.30am - 3pm. Speakers in the afternoon will include Mr Paul Rowan, Former MP for Rochdale and now Chairman of for the Asbestos in Schools Group, Mr. John Tootle, Lecturer in Construction at Liverpool Community College and Dr. Chris Warburton, Consultant Respiratory Physician. Dove release in memory of all those victims lost to mesothelioma will be held at 12 noon.

Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group - 01928 576 641  
Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support Group – 0151 236 1895



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## **Leicester Event**

A Reflection of the Celebration of Life to be held in Leicester St Martin's Cathedral  
21 St Martin's, Leicester, LE1 5DE  
Tea, coffee and biscuits in the Cathedral  
Full programme to be confirmed  
Tel. 0800 169 2409

## **The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund is delighted to invite you to *"meet the experts"* on AMD**

This FREE event will enable Mesothelioma sufferers, their families and health and social care professionals working in the field to meet specialists in the treatment of Mesothelioma, researchers investigating the disease, and experts in the legal assistance available to sufferers, along with representatives from the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund (JHMRF).

The day will have an informal, round table style, allowing attendees the opportunity to meet these experts, hear about their work and ask questions of them. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Experts will include representatives from each of the four research projects currently supported by the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund. The JHMRF has recently funded the first clinical trial of an immunotherapy vaccine in combination with standard chemotherapy and is also funding studies into the molecular pathways of mesothelioma cells, the activity of a specific set of genes found in some types of mesothelioma cells and a PhD project that will investigate the anti-mesothelioma activity of a new biological compound derived from bacteria. Respiratory physicians and oncologists who treat people with mesothelioma and solicitors, and other legal experts, who deal with mesothelioma cases, will also be present.

There will be poster displays of research and related topics.

Local support groups will also be on hand to talk to people and provide information about their membership and activities.

Date: Friday 1st July 2011

Time: 10.00am – 3.30pm

Venue: Weetwood Hall Hotel, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 5PS

Attendance must be pre-registered. To book your free place please contact:

Kate Hill,

Leeds Institute of Health Sciences

The University of Leeds

Charles Thackrah Building

101 Clarendon Road

Leeds LS2 9LJ

Tel: 0113 343 0864

Email: [k.m.hill@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:k.m.hill@leeds.ac.uk)



## **Mick Knighton Mesothelioma Research Fund**

MKMRF is holding a memorial service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00am at St Nicholas Cathedral in Newcastle. The service is for all who have lost their lives to asbestos related disease and Mesothelioma in particular and will be followed by sponsored dove release in their memory.

Action Mesothelioma Day at St Nicholas Cathedral continues with a Seminar between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Eminent speakers include Michael Lees on Asbestos in Schools, along with health and legal professionals all experts in the field of Mesothelioma.

To book a place at the seminar or make a donation in memory of a loved one, please telephone 0191 2637386 or email [c.knighton@mkmrf.org.uk](mailto:c.knighton@mkmrf.org.uk) a light lunch will be available for those who register to attend the seminar. Everyone is welcome to both events

## **Sheffield and Rotherham Asbestos Group**

SARAG will be a meeting to mark Mesothelioma Day at 11.30 Minster Yard, Rotherham Minster, All Saints Square, Rotherham S60 1PU to bring attention to the dangers of low level exposure, particularly in schools.

Speakers to be confirmed include the Mayor of Rotherham, Rotherham MP's, South Yorkshire MEP, trades union representatives. Dedications from friends and relatives - a reading of all the names of people who have been killed by mesothelioma, asbestos lung cancer and asbestos-related diseases in South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire. Following the dedications, people will be able to light a remembrance candle. Light refreshment afterwards.

All donations raised will go to asbestos-related disease research.

Contact SARAG 01709 360 672 The RAIN Building, Eastwood Lane, Rotherham S65 1EQ.

## **Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group Action Mesothelioma Day**

Release of Sponsored Doves

12.30pm in Lincoln Square (Brazenose Street Opposite Manchester Town Hall)

In memory of all those who have died from mesothelioma

Public Meeting

13.00 – 14.00 in Manchester Town Hall

“Asbestos Protection Crisis”

Speakers: Dr. Linda Waldman – Co-author of report “Safe as Houses”

John Shiers – Social Housing Asbestos Campaigning

Tel: 0161 636 7555



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## **London Hazards Centre Action Mesothelioma Day Event**

Supported by London Councils  
Information Stalls & Public Meeting 1.00 p.m.  
Robin Brook Centre, Seminar Room 4

St Bartholomew's Hospital  
West Smithfield Campus  
London EC1A 7BE  
12.30 p.m. St Barts

Release of Sponsored Doves Dedicated  
To all those who have suffered from Mesothelioma  
Please let us know if you would like to sponsor a dove -  
Any monies raised will be forwarded on to an appropriate charity

*Speakers include:*

Dr. Jeremy Steele

Medical Consultant St Bartholomews

Eileen Beadle,

East London Mesothelioma Support Group

Simon Hester

Health & Safety Executive

Dr Andrew Lawson

Michael Dooley

London Hazards Centre

Followed by Refreshments

Tel. 020 7794 5999

## **British Lung Foundation**

It's nearly that time of year again and as Action Mesothelioma Day fast approaches the British Lung Foundation is planning a media campaign using the 'Be Asbestos Aware' theme. Similar to last year the aim of the communications will be to target people who are considering doing DIY in their home to make them more aware of the risks of exposure to asbestos and to advise them about what to do if they find it.

The Communications team will be working with journalists to produce features based around real life stories of Mesothelioma patients. If you or someone you know has been affected by Mesothelioma and would also like to raise awareness of this cruel disease by talking to the media you can call Hayley in the Communications Team on 0207 688 5565 or email

[Hayley.richardson@blf-uk.org](mailto:Hayley.richardson@blf-uk.org) to find out more.

The BLF will also be posting all the events that appear in this newsletter on our website so make sure you keep a look out at [www.lunguk.org](http://www.lunguk.org)



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