

(2007) Completed activities



David visits and sings at a children's hospital.



Prior to his Thames Valley ITV television interview.



Outside Premier Radio Studios.



Jenny Baker (CE BTUK), David, Kathy Oliver (IBTA)

US singer/songwriter/long term brain tumour survivor [David M Bailey](#) (diagnosed with a highly malignant brain tumour eleven years ago) participated in the International Brain Tumour Awareness Week in the UK by giving concerts in the English counties of Surrey, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. In addition to performing at two hospitals, a fundraiser, a large international community church, an award-winning folk club, David was also interviewed by Premier Radio, Thames Valley ITV and Southern Counties Radio, thus spreading his own special brand of hope to thousands of listeners in the Southeast over the five days that he was in Britain.



David Bailey plays in the Chapel at Royal Marsden Hospital, UK.



World 50 kms racewalk champion [Nathan Deakes](#) of Australia, who has been a supporter of the World Walk and Awareness Week from the very first, donated the distance he covered in training during the Awareness Week, which was 180 kms. Nathan has been training from his base in Italy.

Kylie Wright CNC Neurosurgery & Teresa Simpson Senior Social Worker Brain Tumour Support Group Co-ordinators, report on their recent activity: "In celebration of the Inaugural International Brain Tumour Awareness Week 21 to 27 October, 2007 the Sydney (Australia) South West Area Health Service Liverpool Hospital Brain Tumour Support and Education Group participated in a walk and outing on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. A group of 21 patients and carers travelled to Scenic World in the very beautiful Blue Mountains in New South Wales, Australia and participated in a very eventful day. October, 2007.

The group undertook a one-hour walk through the World Heritage Listed Blue Mountains National Park walking tracks, walkways and boardwalks, the largest elevated boardwalk in Australia. Teeming with many of Australia's most exotic and wonderful flora and fauna species the Blue Mountains was a picturesque rainforest setting for this memorable walk to raise awareness of the challenges of brain tumours. As part of the day the group also enjoyed rides on the Scenic Skyway, Railway and Cableway which revealed breathtaking views of the valley floor, the famous "Three Sisters" landmark (photo at right), and the Jamison Valley. The day was made complete with morning tea and lunch in the scenic world revolving floor restaurant which was kindly supported by the John Richard Kuhlman Foundation."



Teresa Simpson (Senior Social Worker and one of the coordinators with Kylie Wright of the Liverpool group) holds one of the IBTA's Awareness Week posters at the group outing to the Blue Mountains.



2214 participants took part in the Second Annual [Have a Chance Walk to Fight Brain Tumors](#) held in Battery Park, New York City, on 28 October and raised more than \$660,000 for [Have a Chance Inc](#) and [The Brain Tumor Society](#). Above are some photos of the massive crowd and an Honour Wall. 133 other photos of the event may be viewed [here](#).

**Lori Silk** of Pennsylvania, USA, organised a 5 kms brain tumor walk on 13 October at Dubois City Memorial Park and Walkway in Dubois, PA, with 70 walkers participating. They collectively walked 280 miles or 448 km. The walk was dedicated to all those affected by brain tumors. Fellow survivors Barb Averill, Mike Ware, John Allen and 2 yr old Wade Huwar were present to participate in the walk.



Lori reads out a message to the walkers sent by IBTA Secretary Kathy Oliver. The IBTA shares the stage with some Halloween pumpkins!

Walkers from the UK brain tumour charity, "**Andrea's Gift**" have already added 1746.4 kms to the World Walk total. Here is [a link](#) to their main webpage.



On 18 August fifteen people walked 14 miles in "A Walk for Trina", held near Basildon, Essex and organised by Ryan Gahan and friends. Trina was Ryan's mother. That is a further 210 miles towards the World Walk target. The funds raised will go to [Brain Tumour UK](#).

Tara and Paul Gent, with family and friends, walked around Albert Park Lake (Melbourne, Australia) on 21 October, in memory of their brother Steve, who died last month. They accumulated 175 kms from 35 participants.



Dr Andrea Pace of Rome (back to camera on right), Italy, advises that almost 500 people participated on 27 October in the run organized by [IRENE](#) for the Awareness Week. The run *corri al Massimo per IRENE* was a great success and 474 people ran 5 km in the villa pamphili park in Rome. The start was given by three characters from one of the most popular TV soap opera (*un posto al sole*). Before the start a message from the IBTA was read to the participants while the music of David Bailey's theme song for the World Walk "Keep on walking" was played. On 26 October another important success was obtained with the meeting organized in the Regina Elena National Cancer Institute on Rehabilitation in Brain Tumors.

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Peggy Flannigan advises that on 29 September 600 participants in the 5th Annual Mark Linder Walk 4 the [Mind](#) in Peoria, Illinois, each covered a distance of one kilometre, resulting in a donation of 966 kms to the World Walk Target.



Above: A group of the walkers in their smart T-shirts. Peggy (sunglasses) and fellow walkers.

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George Plym, President of the [WNC Brain Tumor Support group](#) in North Carolina, and his colleagues undertook a walk around a lake at their Survivors' Picnic on 20 September and donated 30 miles to the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours. The funds raised will go to the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States](#) which is a strong supporter of the IBTA and its work. That's a tremendous effort, considering that a number of their supporters are unable to walk.

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Elaine Johnston and her daughter Kim (pictured right) have each donated 100 kms to the World Walk target from their walking in the rift valley of the Ngorongoro conservation area and around the Ngorongoro crater rim in Tanzania during July. Altogether they raised



£11,000 for the UK-based Brain Tumour Research Campaign in memory of Elaine's husband Mark. Elaine hopes that her contribution will go some way towards finding causes, better treatments and "... maybe even

cures for this debilitating disease which has very poor prognosis."



*Elaine and Kim (above) and some of the local people they met during their walk.*

During 2-3 September, while on an away-day research team gathering in the Derbyshire countryside, 22 members of the Nottingham-based [Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre](#) walked 7 miles to contribute a total of 248 kms (154 miles) to the World Walk total. In the photo at the right they have paused to admire the view.



During a company Oncology-Virology meeting held in Toronto during 27-31 August members of [Schering-Plough Canada](#) walked a combined distance of 220 kilometres and have donated that distance to the World Walk target. Schering Plough Global and its constituent national companies are strong supporters of the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours and the inaugural International Brain Tumour Awareness Week.



Veronica OConnor has donated 1,400 kms (975 miles) to the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours. Veronica writes: "I walked from Fatima in Portugal to Lourdes in France via Santiago Compostela in Spain. It was a tough pilgrimage because of the very bad weather but any walk in support of BTRC (the UK-based [Brain Tumour Research Campaign](#)) is worth every minute. The walk took me through the villages and historical towns of Spain with their wonderful churches, rural villages and stunning countryside. It was both a cultural and spiritual pilgrimage. I also knew John Fulcher (the late husband of Wendy Fulcher, co-founder of BTRC) for many years and was deeply saddened by his death from brain cancer. He was the most kindest of men and a true friend. I am very happy to support BTRC at all times as research into this type of cancer is a major priority to improve and save lives."



*Veronica at Compostelle.*

In addition to the 15 members of the Westminster Challenge from the UK (see earlier item) who donated the mileage they walked during a fund-raising effort in the Arctic in February, 23 year old **Adam Ferguson of Canada**, who grew up in the High Arctic, has donated 580 kms that he covered on his hikes and walks this summer across northern Ellesmere Island in Quttinirpaaq National Park, the most northerly land area in North America.



*Adam Ferguson atop Mount Timmia on Northern Ellesmere Island with Viking Icecap in back.*

Since June **Jim De Cheser** from **Hawaii** has recruited his fellow "park walkers" to the cause by distributing IBTA brochures and obtaining pledges. Here is Jim's envious description of the location: "The name of the 500 plus acre park is formally referred to as 'Queen Kapiolani Park'. It is entirely well manicured and is shaded by century old Banyan trees. From dusk and throughout the evening the park is quite well lit. The grassy park borders the open beaches of the Pacific with long, wide slate walkways along the ocean bordering the entire southwest city of Waikiki. The park itself continues into Diamond Head along Diamond Head Road where walkers continue to the summit of the road to the very base of Diamond Head Crater and take a breather to view the famous lookout to the Pacific horizon beyond ... prior to turning around to continue their pilgrimage back to



*Jim De Cheser obtains support for the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours from Susan Lyons in Queen Kapiolani Park, Hawaii. Susan walked six miles. Jim has placed a poster on a pole advertising the World Walk and Awareness Week. He has both English and Japanese-language versions for the mixed group of walkers who use the park.*

Waikiki ...".  
"Pilgrimage"! Those lucky Hawaiians. Jim has recruited more than 300 walkers (plus several in California) to contribute their combined mileage of 2016 miles to the World Walk total and is still continuing with his efforts. By the way, Jim has intraventricular neurocytomas. Well done Jim!

250 walkers covered 5 kms each during the 6th Annual Walk held on 12 May by the [Michael Quinlan Brain Tumor Foundation](#) based in Kentucky, Louisville, USA, and raised \$30,000 for the brain tumor community. The total of 1,250 kms will be included in the World Walk target.



Seventy-five **racewalkers in Melbourne, Australia**, contributed a total of 387 kms to the World Walk target and \$600 to the Neuroscience Foundation at the Royal Melbourne Hospital during the Racewalking Australia State Challenge event held on 14 July and organised by the [Victorian Racewalking Club](#). During the event Heather Carr (left) equalled her 10 kms Masters 55W world record of 53:55 and Andrew Jamieson (centre) set a new Masters M60 10kms world record of 46:46. Racewalkers of all ages competed and on the right is one of the Under 10 competitors.

On Sunday 15 July members of [Racewalking Queensland](#) in Australia contributed 135 kms to the World Walk target during the Racewalking Australia State Challenge and donated the funds raised to the [Cancer Council Queensland](#) for brain tumour purposes. Some of the walkers and volunteers are pictured on the right.



The 900-member [Cancer Nurses Society of Australia](#), which held its 10th Annual Winter Congress in Melbourne during **2-4 August**, as a joint meeting with the [Medical Oncology Group of Australia](#), promoted the World Walk and the inaugural Awareness Week.



The [International Union Against Cancer \(UICC\)](#), which has more than 270 member organisation in over 80 countries, carried an item about the Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours and the Awareness Week in the [April 2007 edition](#) of UICC eNews.



The organisers of "[Meagan's Walk: Creating a Circle of Hope](#)" which was held on Sunday **13 May** (Mother's Day) in Toronto, Canada, supported the World Walk and attracted 2,000 walkers who covered 5 kms each. This annual event was first held in 2002 and has been organised by Denise and her community, the mother of five year old Meagan, who passed away in 2001 from a brain stem glioma. To date the walks and related events have raised almost \$800,000 for pediatric brain tumour research. The walk begins at Ontario Place, Toronto, and ends at The Hospital for Sick Children, where participants join hands in a human chain, a "Circle of Hope" around SickKids Hospital. After a "Human Hug" is complete there is a street party with food and entertainment. A special message from the IBTA was read to the participants during the post-walk get together.



The 111 miles covered by "**Team John Geyer**" on **11 May**, in honour of the memory of the late John Geyer who passed away from a GBM in 2005, has been added to the World Walk. Funds raised will be directed to the American Cancer Society.



The second annual *Sharing Hope* walk took place on Saturday, **June 30th** at the UConn Alumni Association on the UConn Storrs campus (USA) with at least 500 walkers covering 2 miles each for a contribution of 1,000 miles to the World Walk total. All proceeds will benefit the research programs of the American Brain Tumor Association.



The [British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing](#) supports the World Walk and the Awareness Week. IBTA secretary Kathy Oliver attended several sessions of the 2nd National Neuroscience Nursing Conference held in London during 15-16 March and organised by the BJNN.



Sally Payne and family and friends from Sydney took the opportunity on Sunday **18 March** to undertake their own mini-walk as part of the 200,000 people who walked across the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge on the occasion of its [75th anniversary](#). The group wore a sign on the back of their shirts: "Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours". Funds raised through sponsorship will be donated to the brain tumour research organisation [Cure for Life Foundation](#), which is one of the more than 40 supporting groups associated with the World Walk and the Awareness Week. Sally's group contributed 63 kms to our target. We hope that during the Awareness Week (21-27 October) or at other times when convenient, key celebrities will also undertake walks across iconic bridges in their countries to raise awareness about brain tumours.



The [Christopher Clarke Cancer Research Fund](#). Friends and family of Chris Clarke and Ross Cooper walked from St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay (coast to coast in the UK) over a period of 10 days, staying in various hostels along the way. The walk took place during **16-26 July 2007**. Ms Karen Clarke stated before they embarked on their journey: "We are hoping to raise as much money as we can in order that we can hopefully attain our £100,000 goal by the end of 2007. We are happy to join in with International brain tumour awareness week and donate the mileage covered on this coast to coast walk to enable the target of 40,000 kms (25,000 miles) to be reached." Christopher died from a brain tumour in January 2006.



"Westminster Challenge is delighted to donate 543kms (walked) of the total mileage achieved (by a combination of walking, sledding and running) on our recent Arctic trek to the IBTAs Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours campaign. The Westminster Arctic Challenge team are honoured to help further the IBTAs goals by donating the distance walked." - Richard Stephenson (Chairman).

The 15-member [Westminster Arctic Challenge](#) embarked on a combined trek of sledding, running and walking during one week in February in the Arctic. Each participant covered a distance of 285-300 km (over 4000 kms collectively).

We appreciate their support. One of the charities for which the team raised funds was Cancer Research UK. That organisation pioneered the early development of temozolomide in the UK - a chemotherapy that has been of benefit to many brain tumour patients around the world.



The [Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation](#), based in Atlanta, Georgia, supports the World Walk and the Awareness Week. At its 8th Annual Race for Research held on 21 July walkers among the 1200 participants contributed 582 miles to the World Walk target. (See news story.)



The [Caps 4 Sam](#) group, which raises funds for the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, donated the mileage from its 2nd Annual timed walk and family walk - Walk 4 Wisdom - held on Sunday **6 May**, to the World Walk. 317 walkers in the run/walk event walked 3 kms each, making a total of 951 kms. The "Caps" refer to unique ski caps whose sale contributes to the fund raising. The activity is in honour of ten year old Sam, who has a brain tumour.



The mileage covered by participants in the [2nd Annual Kortney's Challenge](#) on **8 September** has been donated to the World Walk and the funds raised will be used for pediatric brain tumour research being undertaken at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (US). Nine year old Kortney Rose Gillette was diagnosed with a brainstem glioma and passed away on 27 April 2006.



Walkers line up at the start of Kortney's Challenge and are on their way.

Participants in the charity event "Relay for Life" held in Gisborne, [New Zealand](#) walked around a 300 metre track in February for 24 hours raising money for the local Cancer Society. As part of this event, the Hospital Laboratory team walked a total of 190km and have dedicated this mileage to the International Brain Tumour Alliance's 2007 Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours project. A member of the team, Mark Thompson, has a Grade 3 astrocytoma diagnosed in 1994.

Peter Bennett, President of Racewalking Queensland, competed in a [24 hour walk in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#), during 11-12 August and donated the distance he covered to the World Walk target. Peter walked 165.26 kms and came fifth in a field of 291 competitors from 19 countries. The course was around Dataran Merdeka (Independence Square). Here is a photo of Peter wearing a cap with the IBTA logo on it.



4,000 American high school and college students (mainly from Arizona, USA) covered an average of 3 miles each in their 6th Annual Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research Walkathon held on **24 February 2007**. They were more than happy to associate their event with the 2007 Walk Around the World for Brain Tumours and have donated a massive 12,000 miles (19,312 kms) to our target. The students collectively raised \$200,000 for research. Here is a link to their [website](#). On the right is a composite photo of some of the participants and below is the IBTA sign sent to the students for display on the day.



On Saturday **9 June** 48 fitness walkers (plus a pet dog belonging to former Australian Olympic racewalker Andrew Jachno and his wife Lorraine) took part in the [Peter Waddell](#) memorial 5 kms walk in **Canberra** prior to the [41st annual LBG racewalking carnival](#), contributing a total of 240 kms to the world effort. Funds raised have been sent to [The Cancer Council of Australia](#), earmarked for brain tumour projects, including the publication of a consumer version of the forthcoming Clinical Practice Guidelines for Australia.

