



## Press Release

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# RUH Radiopharmacy Technician's China Trek Fundraising Efforts

Fundraiser Sarah Leybourne, who works as a Senior Radiopharmacy Technician at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, will be taking on a once in a lifetime challenge trekking the Great Wall of China whilst raising vital funds for The Forever Friends Appeal's RUH Cancer Care Campaign. As part of her fundraising efforts she will hold a jam packed Event's Evening on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at Prattens Sports and Social Club in Midsomer Norton with live band, The Honky Tonks a 7 piece Somerset soul/rock/pop band. Guests will be able to dance the night away and enjoy a raffle grand draw with some fantastic prizes including a luxury Mulberry handbag, a free MOT test by Saltford Motors and many more.

Trekker Sarah Leybourne has been working hard not only to break in her brand-new walking boots but also to raise as much as possible for her local hospital. She has already held two cake sales which have been extremely successful and hopes to continue in this fashion for the Event's Evening.

*"As a Pharmacy Technician specialising in aseptics, a large part of my job is to make IV chemotherapy for patients requiring treatment for cancer. Having worked with patients and their families affected by cancer I can see the amazing benefits that the Cancer Centre will have and wanted to be a part of this incredible project. Trekking the Great Wall of China is on my bucket list so I couldn't help but jump at this chance, not only to fulfill a dream of mine but to do something positive and raise important funds for this new Centre."*

Departing in September 2014, Sarah and other charity trekkers will take part in this unforgettable journey along The Great Wall, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This trek is extremely

demanding but also incredibly rewarding and promises to be the challenge of a lifetime. Sarah will be walking between three and seven hours a day and will really get a taste of adventure. Discovering China on foot is an experience that will take trekkers out of their comfort zone to truly experience the magic and culture this beautiful country has to offer.

The Appeal is the fundraising charity for the Royal United Hospital in Bath, currently focused on the RUH Cancer Care Campaign, raising £8.5 million towards a pioneering Cancer Centre. This new Centre will transform the care for patients and their families affected by this life changing diagnosis. The hospital is planning on replacing all the outdated 1940s cancer facilities, with a state-of-the-art £23.5 million Cancer Centre fit for purpose that will bring treatment 'under one roof'.

This new Cancer Centre will take inspiration and draw on experiences from the RUH's most recently completed development project, The Dyson Centre for Neonatal Care (NICU) which has won 10 National & International Awards since its opening in July 2011. It will take a similar holistic approach, as with NICU, and provide a soothing and relaxing environment for patients and their families that will transform the patient experience.

To support cancer care and to join Sarah at her fun filled China Trek Events Evening please email [sarahleybourne@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahleybourne@hotmail.com). Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Prattens Sports & Social Club, Misdomer Norton.

7.30pm til late. Tickets £5 per person.

Alternatively, you can sponsor her at [www.doitforcharity.com/Sleybourne](http://www.doitforcharity.com/Sleybourne).

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### **Photo Attached:**

Sarah Leybourne at work.

**For further information, please contact Laura Pearce, Events Fundraiser for The Forever Friends Appeal on 01225 821535 / [laur Pearce1@nhs.net](mailto:laur Pearce1@nhs.net)**

### Notes to Editor:



#### **The Forever Friends Appeal**

The Appeal has helped secure over £17 million to provide state-of-the-art equipment and facilities at the Royal United Hospital (RUH), Bath.

We continue to raise funds for all areas of the hospital (alongside our major campaign), under our recognised name and logo to ensure the best possible level of acute care to the 500,000 people in Bath & North East Somerset, Wiltshire and the Mendip area of Somerset.



#### **RUH Cancer Care Campaign**

The Appeal's current major fundraising Campaign is raising a minimum of £8.5million towards the cost of a pioneering new Cancer Centre and Therapies development at the RUH - taking a holistic approach that is designed to produce a highly beneficial healing environment for patients and their families. The new Centre will transform RUH cancer services and provide the very best care for all our cancer patients and their families.

Through support from the public and major donations from The James Dyson Foundation & Medlock Charitable Trust, the Appeal have currently raised over £5.5million for the new Cancer Centre.

The Centre will be another jointly funded NHS / Charitable Funds partnership with the parties contributing c66% / 33% respectively.

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