



Silver Star Society Marathon Special

Support our great team and help us!

The Silver Star Unit, in Oxford's John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital cares for pregnant women and their unborn babies with serious or dangerous problems such as pre-eclampsia. The Unit has grown in knowledge, experience and excellence as a result of its specialist care over many years. In addition a vital research team works to discover the causes of these life threatening conditions.

With your generous support the Silver Star Unit now offers the most up to date care possible.

We believe that WITH YOUR HELP we can develop our long established Unit in Oxford to be the BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

Please support our runners and give Oxford region the best maternity care for many years to come.

Our team of 6 runners: Kevin Kemp, Angela and Martin Kerr; Dionne Smedley, Gary Arrand and Sean Purcell are all trying to help with fundraising, which may prove a little more difficult in the current financial climate, so we wish all Silver Star runners the very best of luck. (see back page for runners)



Dates for the Diary

Saturday March 6th 2010

Radcliffe Orchestra Concert playing Edward Elgar – In the South, Johann Hummel Trumpet Concerto, Antonin Dvorak 8th Symphony, with Conductor Will Orr and Solo Trumpet Peter Stradling at Tingewick Hall, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

Starts at 7.45pm. Tickets £10, concessions £8, children under 16 free, to include refreshments. Tickets available from the Cairns Library, Maggie Findlay 01865 221718 or on the door. All proceeds to the Silver Star Society.

Thursday March 18th 2010

Biomedical Public Open Day in the West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital. At 5pm Prof. Chris Redman and Hazel Meacher

(research Midwife) will talk about their current pregnancy research, supported by the Silver Star Society.

Thursday May 13th 2010

Biomedical Research Centre Supported Public Talk in Rooms 2A and 2B in the Post-Grad Centre, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital. At 5pm Prof. Ian Sargent will talk about current pregnancy research and Oxford Safer Pregnancy Alliance (OSPREA) which the Silver Society helps to fund.

Saturday June 26th

Summer Party. 2pm until 4 pm.

Saturday November 20th

Christmas Party, 1pm until 4pm.

Every penny helps.

www.justgiving.com/silverstarsociety

Donating through Justgiving is easy and safe with a credit/debit card. Alternatively, please send cheques to Maggie Findlay, Silver Star Office, Level 6, Women's Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU. For more information ring Maggie on 01865 221718 or email her on silverstar.society@orh.nhs.uk

Thank you.



Angela, Martin and Dionne

Angela and Martin Kerr and best friend/running buddy, Dionne Smedley, our indomitable supporters are running for Silver Star once again!

Angela explains the reason for their commitment, "Two years before our second son Matt was born, we lost our first baby Benjamin. He was stillborn due to pre eclampsia. We came to see Professor Redman and the Silver Star Unit in Oxford, and will be eternally grateful for the wonderful help and treatment, which culminated in Matt being born safely in May 1994. So although after finishing London last year I commented "Never again", here we are pounding out those training miles. You all do a fantastic job, so we thought we should do our bit."

“ Last year I commented "Never again", here we are pounding out those training miles. ”

Martin

"I am contemplating the steep hill run with some trepidation, I did actually say 'you cannot be serious', but my 'running coach', (Angela) assured me it would do me good, I'm not so sure! All this fun (!) training will hopefully go some way towards helping your team function."

Dionne

"I first came to hear of Silver Star from my best friend Angela Kerr. She is the lady who turned my life around by getting me into running and has made me the fit (almost) specimen I am today. Angela was under the care of Professor Redman while pregnant with her son Matthew. She has spoken often of the excellent care she received and how Matt may not have been there without that care. I have been inspired by their family's story and would like to do all I can to help such a worthwhile cause, especially when I know the money goes directly to helping the people that really need it. This year Angela and I are doing a double marathon challenge of Brighton and a week later, London to raise all we can, to help mothers and babies".



Martin: 'You can't be serious'



Kevin Kemp

"I have always dreamed of being a runner but was talked out of it as a child by well-meaning parents, and later as the responsibilities of parenthood and work took over I forgot all about running. Times have changed since I was a kid. It really is never too late to realise childhood ambitions. To be able to combine my dreams of long distance running with raising money to help fund the wonderful work of Silver Star is like a marriage made in heaven."

And finally...

Name Change Suggestions Please!

The Silver Star Society has raised over a million pounds over the past 20 years to support the growth and development of the Silver Star Unit. We feel that the current name may not fully reflect the important work that we do; and in fact sounds rather outdated. We definitely want to keep the "Silver Star", but would like to remove the word "Society" and replace it with a word that better reflects our aims, for example, "**Silver Star Action**". Tell us what you think! And please send any suggestions to Maggie on 01865 221718 or email silverstar.society@orh.nhs.uk