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Yate Relay for Life gets support from Steve Webb MP

The annual yate relay for life received backing from local MP Steve Webb. Steve was very excited about the event which for the first time has a village fair with stalls from jewellery to sports drinks. Yate relay this year also has a drumming group, the African Sambistas, opening the event after 20 Cancer Survivors.

As well as his support Steve signed Yate Relay's 'I promise to never start smoking' board showing that he understands the link between smoking and cancer. The board is available for public to sign at relay after visiting Chipping Sodbury School on the 4th July. Head of Cancer Awareness, Jo Craythorne, wants to 'urge anyone to sign the pledge to drastically reduce the risk of them getting cancer'.

Event chair Helene said that the 250 participants who will be relaying for 24 hours need the 'public to turn up and offer their full support' she added that there was 'a lot of entertainment not just for the participants but for the public'. Event entrance is free and open from 11am Saturday 5th July.

There will be many things for the public to enjoy including 24 hour music, live music, stalls, drumming and more! Also people will have the opportunity to donate a Candle of Hope bag for the Candle of Hope ceremony where people who have had cancer are remembered by lighting Hope with candle bags at night. These candles burn throughout the night. Yate Relay is free to attend so Helene encourages 'everyone to come along and have a good day.' Yate Relay is being held on the 5th and 6th July at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex.

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Yate Relay for Life Photocall notice

WHEN: Saturday the 5th July 12PM onwards, (candle of hope in the evening)

WHERE: Yate Outdoor Sports Complex, Broad Lane, Yate, South Gloucestershire BS37 7LB

PICTURE: Cancer **survivors - all wearing special 'Survivor' T-shirts - will start Yate Relay for Life by taking part in an**

emotional ‘Lap of Honour.’ Other events taking place thought the day such as an emotional candle of hope ceremony where people who have died because of cancer are remembered
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NOTES TO EDITORS-

About Relay For Life

Relay For Life in Yate takes place at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex on 5th and 6th July

You can donate to Relay by texting YRFL56 and then an amount to 70700

Cancer Research UK’s Relay For Life is a unique celebration of life and hope which unites communities to help beat cancer and culminates in a fantastic family and team experience.

Teams of between eight to 15 people - of all ages, levels of fitness and from all walks of life - are needed to take part in the overnight festival, which follows months of fundraising.

For more information on how to enter Relay For Life, visit yaterelayforlife.org.uk

About Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK is the world’s leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research.

The charity’s pioneering work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has helped save millions of lives.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its life-saving research. Every step it makes towards beating cancer relies on every pound donated.

Cancer Research UK has been at the heart of the progress that has already seen survival rates in the UK double in the last forty years.

Cancer Research UK supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses.

Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.