



WE ALL MATTER

A monthly bulletin brought to you by OcuMel UK

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Welcome to the latest edition of We All Matter. Below you will find a round up of the latest news in the world of OcuMel UK, we hope you find it informative.

A Message from Jo

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the support and help we have received so far in planning our very first Gala Dinner. We want to extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, with special thanks go to Joanne Morgan, who has been instrumental in bringing this event together. We are also delighted to welcome Joanne to our Board of Trustees, and are sure she will be a great addition to the team.

Helpline - 0300 790 0512

If there is anything concerning you, or there is something you want to talk about, including Stage IV treatments, please do contact Jo via the helpline or on jo@ocumeluk.org.

OcuMel UK & MPNE Ocular/Rare Conference 2018



Location: Hotel Novotel, Near Heathrow

We are delighted to invite all of our members to join us at our FREE, 3 day annual conference bringing you the latest information about ocular melanoma.

Attendees Can Expect:

- Specialist Speakers
- Socialising & Networking opportunities
- Wellbeing Workshops

Refreshments, lunch and dinner will be provided and funding is available to cover accommodation and travel costs.

For more information or to apply for your FREE place, please visit <http://www.ocular.eventbrite.co.uk/>

OcuMel UK Gala Dinner

We are delighted to offer our members tickets to join us at our First Annual Gala Dinner at the stunning Waldorf Hilton, in buzzing Covent Garden at the cost price of £110 per person. This night to remember will be hosted by BBC's Sally Bundock and promises to offer guests an unforgettable line up of performances and entertainment including:

- An appearance and performance from the stunning Welsh Number One Soprano Natasha Marsh
- Drinks reception accompanied by the hugely talented composer and pianist Paul Moran.
- Sensational close-up magic performed by magician Josh King
- Stand-up comedy from the fantastically funny "The Pub Landlord" Al Murray.



[Regular tickets](#)

[Member discounted tickets](#)

PASSWORD for members: **OcuMel**

CSR Worksop Family Fun Day



Jo Gumbs and Sonya D'Amaro spent the day at Csr Worksop's Family Fun Day on Saturday 1st September. Their local

SpecSavers branch were kind enough to donate free eye test vouchers for us to give away, along with a voucher for a pair of designer frames.

Huge thanks to Rick Cooks wife at Csr Worksop for making this fantastic Teddy for OcuMel UK. A "name the bear" competition was held for him on the day.

A lovely day was had by all and we can't thank CSR Worksop enough for all their support throughout the past year.

In the News

This year has seen an incredible increase in our members proactively raising awareness and fundraising for us, both independently and through organised events. Whether you choose to contact your local opticians to introduce us and leave information leaflets, take part in one of our national awareness campaigns, take part in a sporting challenge or place static collection tins in your local area – everyone's support is immensely appreciated and collectively will make a huge difference to our work.

If you have a fundraising event coming up that you would like to share, are looking for ideas or would like to see what others are doing and offer your support, please head over to our [Awareness & Fundraising Group](#) on Facebook.

We are delighted to share the following stories which have been featured since our last E-bulletin and take this opportunity to thank our members that featured in these.

[Hadley O'Dwyer runs 15 Park runs in 24 hours](#)

[Charity cycle raises £3,200 for OcuMel UK](#)

[Bike ride challenge in support of friend with rare cancer](#)

[Colour Runner raises £900](#)

Do you have a message you would like to share with people? Please contact sonya@omuk.info if you would like to be featured in one of our press releases.

Blogs

[A Ripple Effect](#) by Jo Gumbs

[OM - A whole new meaning of the word](#) by Joanne Morgan

Do you write a blog you would like us to mention? Please let Nicolette know on supporter.care@ocumeluk.org

Staying Updated

Our social media pages, e-bulletins and newsletters are in place to keep you all updated and provide you with opportunities for support and/ or signposting.

As well as keeping you updated, we have recently learnt that the number of OcuMel UK members and social media followers have a real impact on our position when applying for any future sponsorship and funding. The impact of GDPR has also led to a dip in these numbers across the board.

To strengthen our position for any future applications we are asking everyone to 'subscribe', 'follow' and 'like' everything!

[Join us a member here](#)

Like and follow us on Facebook:

[OcuMel UK's main page](#)

Support groups:

[OcuMel UK Patient Support](#)

[OcuMel UK Family Support](#)

[OcuMel UK Awareness & Fundraising Group](#)

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