

## June Hewitt & Friends

In July 2003, I made a donation to the Oncology appeal fund at Furness General Hospital, Barrow. I had recently celebrated a birthday and the money I received was in lieu of gifts. This new unit was being built and many generous donations were being contributed to the fund. The appointed appeal Fund Raiser was looking for a volunteer to coordinate table top sales which were to be held in the main entrance of Furness General Hospital, they asked me if I would do this and I agreed with the help of two friends Julia O'Neil and Anne Beattie. We ran these table tops along with raffles and tombola's several times a year.

I am now ably helped by a team of ladies, Anne Berry, Marjorie Backhouse, Liz Barker, Barbara Hall, Sheila Batty and Joan Rawlinson. Since 2003 we have raised £9,540.00. Anne Berry is a tremendous help and is always by my side, sorting out goods we have been given and transporting it to and fro with me and of course our husbands Jim and Doug are our pack ponies.

We have so much fun while raising money for the local unit and are constantly reminded of how generous people are and we are always being offered books, bric-a-brac etc., to sell. Their continued support spurs us on. I can't envisage what life would be like without this focus and of course it is such a benefit to those who need to use the Oncology facility.

All the ladies who help me attend The Furness Cancer Support Group, and we are all survivors. This group was originally started by Anne Beattie who was then joined by Elaine Lewis who run's this group for cancer patients their families and friends. We meet every Wednesday for tea and chat (and fun) from 2 to 4 o'clock, with the sessions being held in the Lesser Kings Hall in Hartington Street which is owned by St Mary's Hospice Ulverston.

This year the group is celebrating 21 years.

Long may we all continue.

June Hewitt  
Volunteer Fund Raiser

