

Hawkwind's Huw Lloyd-Langton returns on cancer mission

He's a rock legend. His vocals and guitar work with Hawkwind, Widow Maker, Leo Sayer, The Pretty Things and Sci Fi writer Michael Moorcock, are part of music history.

In Christmas 2001 while Huw was a nationwide tour with Hawkwind he contracted Legionnaires Disease. His wife Marion believed it was the end of his musical career, but slowly his health improved and in 2008 Huw was approached to record an album of the best songs Huw had written. Huw didn't see the point and instead he and wife Marion wrote a series of new tracks for the album to be titled "Hard Graft".

The album will be released in the Spring of 2010, but before that, one of the tracks is to be released and be featured in a global cancer awareness campaign from the KILLING Cancer charity, promoting Photodynamic Therapy as a new way of destroying cancer. The track - 'Photodynamic Therapy' - will be the campaign anthem.

It was written following Huw and Marion's personal life experiences with cancer.

To raise awareness of the campaign, a competition is being launched for UK university and college students to create an animation for the track. Already 20 have signed up.

The competition launches in September and finishes on 1st March 2010. The winning animation will be put on a free DVD dedicated to KILLING Cancer's work to be released with the new album.

The full length track "PDT – Photodynamic Therapy" is being released by Cherry Red Records as a global digital download on the net on Monday 19th October 2009.

Can you please help to promote the track?

We can provide you with links to the KILLING Cancer website - the competition website too. More than that, could you please put the 2-minute track and a story on your website?

Our charity target is to raise £50 million to pay for the 20 trials - see right. Making the public aware of their cancer choices is vital. For them.



PDT really is a breakthrough, and a far gentler way to destroy cancer cells. The fact is that this will probably be the first time you have ever heard about PDT. You will have known friends who could perhaps have been treated with PDT. The emotional and physical scars would have been slight. Please help us to change the cancer world for you, your family and friends. I would love to hear from you.

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Photodynamic Therapy

This little-known cancer treatment is actually more than 100 years old. It is a combination of drug and light that kills the target cancer cells by switching off the oxygen supply to the target tumour.

In essence, we are talking about photosynthesis. All those years ago, the drugs were simply plant extracts - the chlorophyll. Today, the drugs are more refined and medical experts have pinpointed the exact frequency of light best able to have the greatest success at destroying all target cells.

This all probably sounds very far-fetched. But it isn't. It is being viewed by many medical experts as the new way to kill cancers, and does so without the terrible side effects patients get with chemo and radiotherapy.

PDT is fast becoming a mainstream choice to treat cancers in the mouth, lungs, oesophagus, prostate and skin. Its potential is vast. Huge.

PDT is usually only required once to treat and destroy the target. It means that for the larger drug companies, PDT is not such an attractive economic proposition to market and distribute.

The charity is working to raise the funds from the public for international PDT trials to develop the science for the treatment of brain tumours, pancreatic and liver cancer, bowel, bone, breast, throat, bladder, cervical and many more. The list of possible PDT uses extends to more than 20 cancers and other serious medical conditions.

Huw and Marion's support of the charity is based on personal experience, having met patients who have been successfully treated with PDT.