



We would like to offer Season's Greetings to all the families and children affected by liver and intestinal failure, especially those who are stranded in hospital many miles from home during this time. We are very grateful to the many supporters who have continued to help us raise funds for the charity despite the troubles brought by COVID-19.

We are very pleased to learn that Fatima Kalsoom has joined Velma Wright as part of the team supporting families associated with the Liver Unit. We know from Velma and Fatima how vital Emergency Grants are for the well-being of children families who have long stays in hospital as in-patients, and SPLIT has continued to make Family Emergency Grants available. Last year, SPLIT made nine emergency awards totalling £2150. Since the start of the first Lockdown in March 2020, cash grants to total £4150 have been distributed.

**THANK YOU**  
Everyone

SPLIT has also made funds available for research – see Research Corner.

And in the past 12 months, there have been some notable fundraising efforts:

The amazing **Tilly Rae** and her terrific team of friends and family raised a fantastic £2100.00 (see her photo on the website <https://splituk.org>) – the Trustees applaud Tilly for her determination and efforts.

**Charles Tobey Friends and Family** used the occasion of an exciting match between Brockampton Village Cricket team and The Misfits (a scratch team from Operating Theatre 4) to raise funds for SPLIT. This match had been re-arranged several times owing to Covid restrictions – the £502.00 raised an indication of the enduring good will which SPLIT and all the charity's beneficiaries deeply appreciate.

One of the Trustees joined in the Open water swimming craze at Salford Quay in July and raised £750, and donations from the **Mary Chan Family and Orphalan** have totalled £2200, bringing the total raised on behalf of SPLIT in 2021 to £4802.

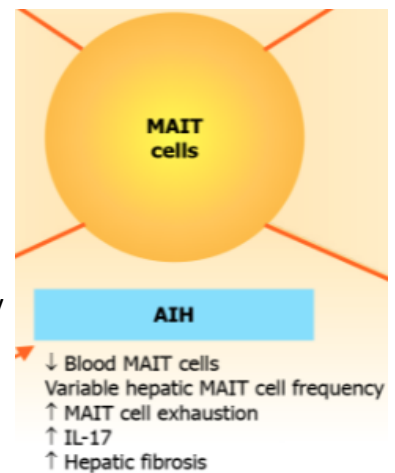
The Fibro-scanner device purchased by SPLIT last year (view Newsletter December 2020 via website) is now housed on ward 8, it has been used to monitor the health of patients' livers, before and during treatment.

### The Debbie Hartt Fund - DHF

Exists to support Allied Health Care professionals to carry out research & audits & present their insights and results at conferences, nationally and internationally. No awards were made in 2020-2021, but we hope to resume these awards in 2022.

### Research Corner

We are delighted support **Dr Suzan Warner** who is working on a particular type of immune cell called MAIT cells which are found on the wall of the gut and end up in the bile ducts where they may cause damage (a type of autoimmune disease). She is also hoping to find out if the damage caused by MAIT cells can be modified by another type of immune cell called Tregs. SPLIT has awarded £5000 to fund her laboratory consumables in 2021.



### FIND OUT MORE

If you want to know more about SPLIT, please check out our website: <https://splituk.org> - you will see that we sponsor fundraising activities by subsidising entries in National events like the Great North Run, the Birmingham Half Marathon, the Velo Birmingham & West Midlands – you can choose 50 or 100 mile cycle ride. We hope to resume these fundraising efforts in 2022 & plan to sponsor runners in the London marathon too.