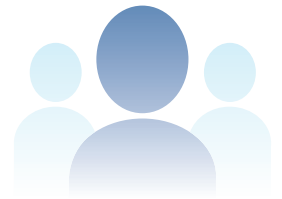




The League of Friends

OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL



Newsletter Spring/Summer 2018

Dear Member,

We were overwhelmed by the response to our MRI Appeal and due to the generosity and support of so many people we reached our goal to raise the extra money needed to purchase the new scanner. On the 22nd March an official opening was held to launch the new scanner and was reported and filmed by BBC Midlands Today and the local press. The CEO of the Trust Simon Wright thanked everyone for their support in helping to raise the £1 million for this special piece of equipment which will greatly improve patient care and help to save more lives with early diagnosis.

The Shops continue to go from strength to strength in providing not just a marvellous service to all our customers but a friendly face behind the counter. Many of our customers are anxious and concerned so even just to be there to serve cup of tea gives a little comfort. The daily trolley service too which goes out to all the Wards can help cheer up a dull day when lying in bed for hours on end.

Our Fundraising Committee have some wonderful events planned for the coming months, along with our three branches of Berrington, Whitchurch and Church Stretton who continue to spread the word in their local community by holding their own local events - See 'Dates for your diary' for more details.

For all our latest news, regular updates and further details of forthcoming events please take a look at our newly updated website www.rshlof.org.uk; Facebook or connect to us on Twitter @rshlof

On behalf of the League of Friends I would like to express our sincere thanks for your continual support, we really are most grateful and I know I say this in every newsletter but we honestly could not achieve what we do without your help.

Yours sincerely

Susan

Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary



Sir Algernon told guests "This is a great achievement, I greatly admire the League of Friends and all the work they have done over the years. You and the staff that work here are the Guardian Angels of this hospital"

Simon Wright, CEO of the Hospital Trust said, "The new scanner will bring enormous benefits to patients across Shropshire and Mid-Wales. We are extremely grateful to the League of Friends and their sponsors and volunteers for providing SaTH with a new state-of-the art MRI Scanner. It is also one of only a few scanners in the country that can take Cardio images."

Ray Smith, Chair of the League of Friends, said: "There is one group of people who need to be thanked above all others, and that's the donors and contributors. The response has been quite outstanding. We have had legacy donations. I have been to functions where I have received cheques for £3,000 and £10,000. And then there have been the five pounds, the one pound and the 50 pence's and they all add up to enable us to purchase this wonderful piece of equipment."



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Overwhelmed with generous donations for the MRI Appeal:



£3,000 from the Shrewsbury Community Choir.

£2,701.45 from The Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Severn money raised from the Tree of Lights.



League of Friends Executive Chairman Ray Smith accepts the presentation cheque of £10,000 from Berrington Branch Chairman Tess Bromley, branch secretary Penny Cowdy and Anne Rogers. This is an incredible achievement and down to a small group of wonderful ladies who give their time in organising events in their local community and always with such great enthusiasm and team spirit.



Christmas Draw raised £2,200 toward the MRI Appeal

With the help of cast members who were performing Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs at Theatre Severn, Vice Chairman of the Friends Richard Lawn pulled out the four lucky winners.



£70,700 has paid for much needed patient monitors and ECG Recorders

Medical Engineering Manager Nigel Watkinson said, "Monitors purchased for RSH by Shrewsbury League of friends, allow the hospitals frontline nursing staff to carry out swift, reliable and accurate measurement of patient vital signs. These high quality devices have boosted the hospitals fleet of monitors, supporting standardisation of devices throughout the Trust including the medical device library where the monitors can be immediately deployed to wherever they are needed within the hospital."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SPRING/SUMMER 2018

- **Wednesday 11th April 10.00 - 12.30:** Coffee morning hosted by Kate Hazan, Marche Manor, Halfway House, Shrewsbury, SY5 9DE.
- **Friday 27th April 7.00pm:** Quiz Night at the Radbrook Community Centre, Radbrook Green, Shrewsbury, SY3 6DZ. Tickets £10 includes a light supper.
- **Wednesday 2nd May 10.30 - 12.30:** Berrington Branch coffee morning hosted by Chairman Tess Bromley at North Farm, Eaton Mascot.
- **Thursday 24th May:** Open Garden hosted by Kate Hazan, Marche Manor, Halfway House, SY5 9DE.
- **Thursday 21st June 10.00 - 12.30:** Coffee morning hosted by Carol Baxter, 24 Roman Rd, Shrewsbury, SY3 9AT.
- **Sunday 15th July:** Summer luncheon at Winsley Hall, Westbury, SY5 9HB. Tickets £22.50. By kind invitation of Major Charles Whitaker.
- **Monday 13th August 2.00 - 4.30pm:** 'A summer sensation of flowers & song' with Jane Pugh at Lea House, Lea Cross. Tickets £15.00 includes afternoon tea. By kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Tyrell.
- **Monday 10th September:** Wine Tasting Evening by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Hunt.
- **Thursday 13th September:** Ladies Doubles Tennis tournament, Town Walls, Shrewsbury.
- **Thursday 20th September:** Coffee morning hosted by Sally Davies, Bank Cottage, Little Worthen SY5 9HL.

Please note, extra events may be held after this newsletter was printed; for more details and any new updates please contact The Friends office: 01743 261007, email susan.hurdiss@sath.nhs.uk or look on our website www.rshlof.org.uk

On a cold February day the Fundraising Committee held a luncheon at Nescliffe Village Hall with guest speaker Sarah Gathercole who gave an interesting talk on 'Fabulous Food & Feasting in Art' with a wide selection of photos to bring the talk to life; it was followed by a delicious hot lunch freshly prepared by the committee. Due to the tremendous support it raised just over £2,000.



Thelma Wynn, Chairman of the Whitchurch branch

Thelma Wynn, Chairman of the Whitchurch branch raised a grand total of £950 from her charity walks. Congratulations Thelma. She said that she has been overwhelmed by people's generosity and kindness and has also made some extra friends along the way who have wanted to accompany her on some of the walks.

Your legacy

By making provision for the League of Friends RSH in your Will, you would be providing a lasting gift for future generations. Every sum, no matter how small, is welcomed and spent entirely on providing vital hospital equipment to improve patient care and help save more lives. *Thank you for your interest and support – we could not do without it.*

DRAW TICKETS:

Enclosed is a book of 10 raffle tickets which you can purchase yourself, or sell to family and friends. Tickets are just £1 each (£10 for the book) sold/unsold tickets should be returned to the Friends office **by 10.00 am on Thursday 16th August 2018** to ensure entry into the draw. **For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.**



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