



The League of Friends

OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL

Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2018/19

Dear Member,

I do hope you've had a wonderful summer and made the most of the glorious record amounts of sunshine, our Fundraising committee have certainly been very busy organising several garden events, including a flower demonstration with an afternoon tea and a wine tasting evening, both of which were held under the canopy of beautiful marquees kindly donated to us following family events. The annual ladies tennis tournament was once again a huge success and the sun continued to shine. Fundraising Chairman Mrs Kate Hazan and her team work tirelessly producing some delicious food, homemade cakes and biscuits, every little detail is considered when they are planning an event; they are truly an amazing committee who give their time to help and raise extra funds to put towards buying much needed hospital equipment, which is all helping to save more lives. As the days draw in the committee are already planning events for the autumn and winter which are listed in 'dates for diary'.

Since our last newsletter the Friends have gifted £331,880 of medical equipment to the hospital, a marvellous achievement and all thanks to the continual support we receive, generous legacies and donations and of course profits from our four shops, with many donations being a result of the kindness customers receive from our many shop volunteers, who see their role not only as serving a cup of tea but a friend when needed.

I hope to see you at one of our forthcoming events and please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, we honestly could not achieve what we do without it.

Yours sincerely

Susan

Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary

Glen Whitehouse, Radiology Centre Manager said "The third and final MRI Scanner was added to our fleet in April after the huge and amazing efforts of our Royal Shrewsbury Hospital League of Friends to raise £1m for this much needed machine. This scanner provides us with the capacity we need to support the ever increasing demand for the MRI service and is already running 12 hour days providing fantastic images for our patients. The LoF MRI scanner has always been special because it has the addition of cardiac imaging packages and functionality. Our dedicated MRI team are now providing regular MRI cardiac lists to our patients who would have otherwise had to travel outside the county for their scans.

As an MRI Radiographer myself I am really impressed with the cardiac images that the team has been generating with this new equipment.



Patient Iain Worthen from Oswestry said before his Cardiac scan, "It was so much better and less stressful to come to the Royal Shrewsbury hospital for my scan instead of having to travel the long distance to Stoke Hospital. At the moment with my treatment I'm unable to drive and I would have been relying on my daughter to take me all the way to Stoke. Originally I was told I may have to wait up to 12 weeks for my Cardiac scan at Stoke but with the new MRI scanner now here at Shrewsbury hospital I was given an appointment far quicker"



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Equipment gifted to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital over the last 6 months:

- Syringe Pumps: **£2,370**
- ECG Machines & Patient Monitors: **£70,700**
- Theatre Stack: **£50,000**
- Pill-cam Upgrade for Endoscopy: **£9,450**
- Equipment for the Eye Clinic: **£8,500**
- Two specialized Microscopes for the Pathology Lab: **£43,000**
- Cardio Scanning equipment for the MRI Scanner: **£47,910**
- Medical equipment for Ophthalmology: **£99,950**



Shops Chairman Tina Jordan, (centre left) with volunteers Jo Nudds, Mary Malloy & Eryl Williams.

Summer Draw raised £2,661 for the purchase of a new Patient Monitor

The winning tickets were drawn by the newly appointed Executive Chairman Richard Lawn, Fundraising Chair Kate Hazan and Shops Chair Tina Jordan. Richard Lawn said, "It is an honour and a challenge to follow former Chairman Ray Smith, especially after the successes of our 50th Anniversary and most importantly after our biggest purchase, the £1m MRI Scanner which is doing so much for patients of the RSH. We didn't stop there though; our coffee shops continue to provide good value and a kind word whilst also raising record amounts for the hospital. Our fundraising efforts go from strength to strength. With Tina and Kate taking over the chair of those two areas, and the support of all our staff and volunteers, I am sure we can continue the League's commitment to supporting the hospital and all who use it".



Kate Hazan with Caroline Hunt & Executive Committee member June Whitaker.

The Wine Tasting Evening raised £1800

By kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Trevor Hunt the event was held in their beautiful marquee which added to the special ambiance of the evening. Six different wines were presented to taste and enjoy accompanied by a selection of cheeses and pates'. 'Master of Wines' Jonathan Hislop gave an excellent informative introduction to each wine and the evening concluded with a fun quiz and raffle. A generous sponsorship of £500 was kindly donated by David Penney and we are very grateful for his continued support

Shropshire Association League of Friends annual get-together



June Whitaker, Executive Chairman Richard Lawn, Kate Hazan & Beryl Steadman-Lloyd.



Members of Shrewsbury League of Friends, Jane Preece, Ronald England, Sian Morris, Alida England & Ray Smith.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN/WINTER 2018/19

- **Friday 30th November 7.30pm for 8pm:**

'Christmas through Art' with Sarah Gathercole
The Trinity Centre, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HF
Tickets £15 Fizz & Festive nibbles.

- **Thursday 13th December 10am-4pm:**

'Christmas Wreath Making' with Mrs Cathy Young.
Cound Guildhall SY5 6EW. Tickets £30 Lunch included.

- **Wednesday 20th February 10.30am:**

Annual Winter Lunch 'Challenge Atlantic' Talk by
Di Carrington. The Trinity Centre, Meole Brace,
Shrewsbury, SY3 9HF. Tickets £25.

- **Friday 29th March 7.00pm:**

Quiz Time. Radbrook Community Centre, Calverton
Way, Radbrook Green, Shrewsbury, SY3 6DX. Tickets
£10 includes Light supper & Bar.

- **Wednesday 10th April 10.30am:**

Coffee Morning, Braye House, Shrawardine, SY4 1AJ.
Admission £3 - Hosted by Mrs Jo Spencer-Jones.

*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*

Some members of the Fundraising committee took the opportunity to visit the Friends hospital shops and meet some of the staff.



Tina Jordan with Fundraising committee member Jane Preece; Shop helpers Vanessa McCloy & Wendy Parton; volunteer Phil Wells; Carol Baxter and Barbara Lester, members of the Fundraising team.

"Summer Sensation"

Flower demonstration/afternoon tea was held on the grounds of Lea House, Lea Cross in a beautiful marquee by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Tyrell. Due to the marvellous support the event raised £1870.

Fundraising committee members with florist Jane Pugh.



Ladies annual doubles Tennis Tournament raised £1,600

Many thanks to Santander for their generous donation of £500, Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis club & Town Walls Tennis club for the use of their courts and clubhouse, to everyone who took part in the tournament and the Fundraising committee for providing a delicious lunch and an array of puddings.



Organisers Liz Trotman & Judy Edwards with helpers Rob Hatts & Nick Verling.



Winners of the tournament, Gill Snodgrass & Jane Williams with Rob Hatts and Richard Lawn.

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.*

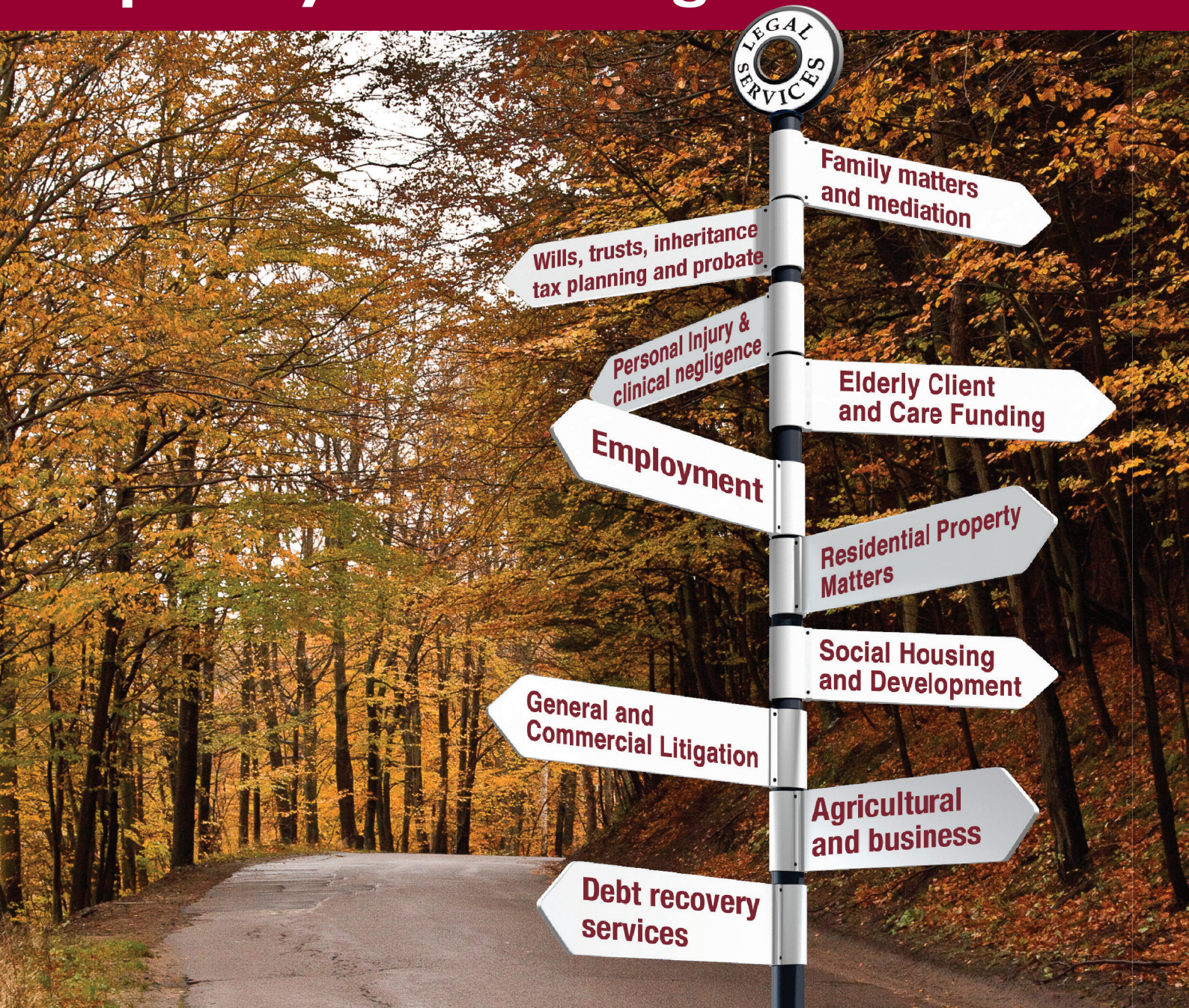
DRAW TICKETS:

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 13th December 2018** to ensure entry into the draw.
For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.



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