



# The League of Friends

OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL

## Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2019/2020

**Dear Member,**

How proud you must feel to know that even during these uncertain times that by giving of your time, support and welcoming smiles the League of Friends can be counted on to help make a difference for the patients and visitors of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Once again all the support we have received has allowed us to continue to raise valuable funds for the purchase of much needed equipment which has improved patient care and is helping to save more lives. The new equipment which comes with the latest technology has attracted new consultants and nursing staff which is great news for the people of Shropshire and Mid-Wales.

Our four hospital shops, which are mainly run by volunteers, continue to thrive and provide a wonderful and friendly service to all its customers. Shop Manager Lee and his assistant Lynn, constantly try to be one step ahead of what the customer wants and always mindful of sourcing the best quality produce from local suppliers. All profits from the shops are put towards the purchase of hospital equipment, so next time you visit the RSH and buy a cup of tea and perhaps one of our famous Chelsea buns you can be sure that you are helping to raise more charitable funds.

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Kate Hazan have organised some truly marvellous and varied events throughout the summer. We were very lucky to be offered some beautiful homes to host some of them, from coffee mornings, open garden teas, a summer jazz luncheon and a wine tasting evening. We are very grateful to everyone who supports our events, provides generous sponsorship and raffle prizes.

I would also like to personally thank the members of the three smaller branches of Berrington, Whitchurch and Church Stretton, who have given their time to organise some very successful events in their local communities which not only highlighted the work of the Friends but raised an incredible amount of money for the hospital.

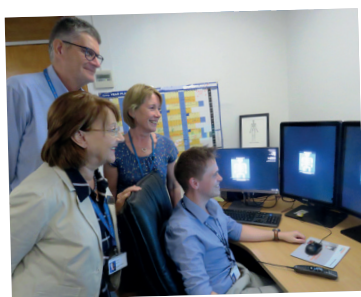
I wish you all health and happiness and thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Susan

Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary

Graham Kelly, Consultant Radiographer, Radiology Imaging Centre "With investment from the League of Friends the Radiology department has been able to purchase four sets of reporting monitors. By having these monitors in place it ensures that radiologists and advanced radiographers have the necessary equipment to provide a clinical report for patient imaging. It also enables further training of radiographers and radiology registrars. With this investment the radiology reporting team are more able to provide a more timely service to the public with enhanced quality".



### Equipment gifted and agreed since January 2019:

£48,565 - Three Reporting Radiographer Workstations for Radiology.  
£16,500 - Six Polysonography machines for the Cardio Respiratory department  
£8,800 - Four Patient Monitors  
£4,695 - T34 Four Syringe pumps for end of life care patients  
£46,344 - 3D Printer for Maxillofacial Laboratory for Maxillo

Facial & Oral surgery, Orthodontics & restorative dentistry.  
£71,066 - MRI scanning equipment for the Intensive Care Unit  
£78,619 - Ultrasound scanners for ITU & Theatres  
£24,000 - Replacement of two dialysis machines for the Renal Unit  
£5,000 - Optiflow Thrive & Airvo for Theatres. Both systems are used to prevent life-threatening desaturation, (low oxygen levels).

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The Friends shop near the main Ward block is constantly busy serving customers with extended hours to cover evenings and weekends.



Shop volunteers Sue Lewis, Sue Hill, Tina Jordan & Jo Nudds.



Coffee morning hosted by Sue Tonkin. With the sun shining attendees were able to enjoy coffee & biscuits and admire the beautiful garden.

Sue Tonkin with members of the Friends Fundraising committee

Alida England retired after almost 40 years on the Fundraising committee. She will be greatly missed but will continue to support the Friends by attending events and helping when she can.

Alida being presented with an engraved water jug and certificate from Chairman Kate at the Shropshire Association Friends annual lunch hosted by Mrs June Whitaker.



### 'Summer Jazz in the Garden' hosted by Jane Lloyd.

On a sunny July day 152 people attended a luncheon at Shoothill House, Ford. A jazz quartet played as everyone enjoyed a glass of champagne generously donated by Mr & Mrs Lloyd. A delicious lunch was served under a marquee in the grounds of the beautiful garden.

Gail Gilchrist,  
Friends Chairman  
Kate Hazan,  
Jane Preece,  
Jane Lloyd &  
Sally Davies.



"Summer Draw" Colin Roscoe busy selling tickets in Outpatients reception.



### Summer Draw

Joy Marston started helping as a volunteer 40 years ago at the age of 23, making her one of the Friends longest serving volunteers. Emma is one of the youngest volunteers at 17 and gives her times one or two evenings a week after college. Hazel has been a volunteer for over 13 years and for several years served as a valued member of the Shop committee. Colin only 85 years young cycles to the hospital and twice a week set up a stall in the Outpatients reception to highlight the work of the Friends and to sell extra draw tickets.

Volunteers Emma, Colin, Hazel & Joy drawing the four winning tickets.







## Shrewsbury Flower Show

During the show days the Friends marquee converts into a Plant Creche. (All donations from the four days are put towards hospital equipment).

*Chris Ralphs & Chris Bennett surrounded by plants in the creche.*

Bacon butties and homemade cakes were served during the two set up days before the show which is very welcomed by everyone including the many exhibitors setting up their stalls in readiness for the show.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN/WINTER 2019/2020

### • Wednesday 16th October 10.30am – 12.00pm:

Coffee morning hosted by Karen Callear. 3 Tower Farm, Uffington, SY4 4SF. Admission £3.00 included welcome coffee/tea & homemade biscuits.

### • Saturday 2nd November 6.45pm – 9.15pm:

Shrewsbury Rotary Severn & League of Friends RSH. 'The complete story of Thai Cave Rescue by the Midlands Cave Rescue organization'. Clayton Hall, Shrewsbury College, London Rd, SY2 6PR Admission £15 Canapés included.

### • Thursday 28th November 10.00am – 3.30pm:

'Creative Willow for Christmas'. Cound Village Hall, SY5 6BN. Led by Cathy Preston. Cost £30 included material & lunch.

### • Tuesday 17th December 10.00am – 3.30pm:

'Xmas Wreath Making' Marche Manor, SY5 9DE. Led by Cathy Young. Cost £30 includes material & lunch.

### • Wednesday 20th February 10am – 4pm:

'Annual Winter lunch' Nesscliffe Village Hall, SY4 1AX Tickets £25 included lunch. Speaker to be confirmed.

### • Friday 27th March 7.00pm:

'Quiz Time' Radbrook Community Centre, Calverton Way, SY3 6SX. Tickets £10 includes a light supper & bar.

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

## Sponsored Gym Session

Shop volunteer Helen Binnersley arranged a 4hour sponsored gym session on the 23rd September and raised in excess of £300 for the Friends. "Well done Helen" a great achievement.



The annual Ladies doubles Tennis tournament was once again a huge success. Sincere thanks to the Town Walls Tennis Clubs, Shrewsbury Lawn Tennis Club and the Shrewsbury Girls High School for the printing of entry forms and use of courts. Extended thanks to Santander for generously providing matched funding.

*Karen Sullivan & Fiona Edwards were presented with the winners shield and bouquets of flowers.*



## Leaving a gift in your Will or leaving a donation in memory of a loved will make a lasting difference

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 12th December 2019** to ensure entry into the draw. **For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.**



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