



# The League of Friends

OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL

## Newsletter Spring/Summer 2020

### Dear Member,

In these current, ever-changing and uncertain times it is more important than ever for people to care for each other, and I'm reminded daily how lucky we are at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital when I see all our marvellous volunteers busy serving in the shops, taking a trolley service around the Wards and our Fundraising committee enthusiastically planning events, it makes me feel very proud indeed to be part of the League of Friends as we strive to make a difference.

Our four shops within the hospital continue to provide a first class service to all its customers, during 2019 we generated record sales thanks to the hard work of all our volunteers and staff and to the many customers and hospital staff alike who continue to support us. It's worth remembering that every penny of profit is given back to the hospital and put towards the purchase of the most latest up-to-date equipment which is helping to improve patient care and save lives

Fundraising Chairman Kate Hazan and her marvellous team have once again been hard at work planning events for the forthcoming months with every little detail considered. We truly have some talented cooks and bakers on the committee who provide the most delicious food which I'm sure many of you will have already sampled and enjoyed. Take a look at our list of 'diary dates' and you will see that there is a variety of events to choose from as we look forward to warmer months ahead.

Special thanks to the members of our three smaller branches of Berrington, Whitchurch and Church Stretton for organising events in their local communities, which not only highlights the work of the Friends but raises an incredible amount of money for the hospital.

During the last twelve months the Friends have provided funds to the value of £333,822 for hospital equipment, this could not have been achieved if it was not for the support of so many people and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Susan

Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary



*Dr Ashley Miller with the new machines.*

### **£150,000 for three new life-saving ultrasound machines for critically ill patients in the Intensive Care Unit**

This donation included a generous contribution of £1,250 raised by the family of Graham Boyle who organised a charity football match in appreciation of the marvellous care he received whilst in ITU. - Friends Chairman Richard Lawn said "The people responsible for raising money for the League are our shop volunteers and staff, our Fundraising team and most importantly those members of the public who are so generous with their donations and legacies, and are always delighted when they can see the money raised is put to immediate and lifesaving use, this is definitely the case with this new equipment" Dr Miller said "The anaesthetic and Intensive care teams are extremely grateful to have received this funding from the League of Friends. These machines will save lives".

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### 3D printer for Maxillofacial Head & Neck Cancer Unit

Doris Cooper who died last year left two legacies, each one for £37,572 to the RSH and PRH in appreciation of the care she received from Consultant Mr Sunil Bhatia and his marvellous Maxillofacial surgery teams and the Head and Neck services. The Friends of the RSH gifted a further £10,000 to enable the hospital to purchase some ground breaking software and equipment to plan surgery and reconstruction for cancer and trauma patients.



Jayne's Glass is hand decorated in Shrewsbury, with all the profits being donated to the League of Friends of the Royal

Shrewsbury Hospital. Since starting her business a few years ago Jayne has donated £5,500, a marvellous achievement and a very generous gesture.

Commissions for personalised items specifically designed and made for you are welcomed. Jayne is very happy to discuss your requirements for engagements, weddings, christenings, anniversaries, birthdays or just a treat for yourself! Please allow two weeks for completion of your order. Contact Tel Nos: 01743 246893.

## 'Volunteers of all ages working together in our shops'

Mae said "I enjoy being able to work as a team to serve patients and visitors in the hospital"

Divya said "I like being able to help and try to contribute to making a difference in the Community"

There is nothing more positive and energizing than seeing young people developing their social skills and interacting with customers. They all agree that by including voluntary work on their CV's will most certainly help them in the future, and at the same time they are helping to raise extra valuable funds.



*Mae Blower & Divya Balain give their time at weekends to help in North shop.*



*Bethan Evans & Di Southern help in Oasis shop in the Treatment Centre a few times a week.*



At the Winter lunch held at Nesscliffe Village Hall in February Lady Lees was presented with a certificate from the High Sheriff, Fundraising Chairman Kate expressed a huge thanks to Mary for all the help and support she has given to the League over the years. Mary steps down from the Fundraising committee after almost 40 years, she will be greatly missed but will continue to attend events and support the Friends as and when she can.

The event raised £1,750 and will be used for the purchase of specialised equipment for the Cardio Respiratory at RSH.

Berrington branch committee members got together for their AGM earlier this year.

During 2019 the branch raised enough funds for the purchase of two patient monitors, which is a marvellous achievement. (See details of their coffee morning and lunch in the 'diary dates').



*Judy Dixon, Sally Owen, Liz Rowlands, Penny Cowdy, Libby Baines, Janet Gibbs, Ann Rogers & Julie Adney.*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SPRING/SUMMER 2020

- **Thursday 7th May:**

Coffee Morning 10.30 -12.00 hosted by Lyn Nicklin, 17 Radbrook Road, SY3 9BD.

- **Wednesday 13th May:**

Berrington branch coffee morning hosted by Mr & Mrs Owen, Brookside, Dorrington, Shrewsbury, SY5 7JD.

- **Saturday 30th May:**

Open Garden 2.00 – 5.30pm. Geoff Coble, Cruckfield House, Shoothill, Ford, Shrewsbury, SY5 9NR. Admission £6.00.

- **Sunday 28th June:**

£18.00 includes an afternoon tea with flower demonstrations and a talk from a local flower grower. By kind invitation of Sir Michael Leighton, Loton Park, Alberbury SY5 9AJ.

- **Sunday 5th July:**

'Country Classics' Tickets £25.00 includes two course lunch and an auction. By kind invitation of The Moseley family, Knockin Hall Farm, Oswestry, SY10 8HQ.

- **Thursday 10th September:**

Ladies annual doubles Tennis tournament, Shrewsbury Lawn & Town Walls tennis clubs.

- **Sunday 11th October:**

Berrington branch Sunday luncheon at Dorrington Village Hall.

*Please note that due to these unforeseen circumstances some of these events will either be cancelled or postponed. For the latest updates contact the Friends office: 01743 261007, mobile 07962 081568, email s.hurdiss@nhs.net website www.rsh.org.uk*

## Looking back to December 2019:

Once again the Christmas Draw brought to an end a successful year of fundraising. Almost £3,000 was raised from the Draw which was all put towards the funding of the new equipment for the Intensive Care Unit.



*Panto stars from Theatre Severn's pantomime Aladdin pulled out the four winning tickets.*



*Members of the Fundraising committee serving up some delicious homemade soups.*



*Ladies arrange festive flower displays to add Christmas cheer to the hospital.*

Fundraising Chairman Kate Hazan kindly hosted a Christmas Wreath making at her beautiful home at Marche Manor and raised £400.

Jane Preece organised 'Creative Willow for Christmas' at Cound Village Hall, the event raised £630.



*Cathy Preston demonstrates how easy it is!*



Jayne Mott kindly hosted a Coffee morning in her lovely home and raised £500.

*Fundraising committee members Carol & Barbara with Santa drawing the winning raffle tickets*

## 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 20th August 2020** to ensure entry into the draw. **For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.**



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