



# The League of Friends

OF THE ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL



## Newsletter Spring/Summer 2021

### Dear Member,

With the spring flowers in bloom and the success of the vaccine 'roll out' we can certainly start looking ahead to a brighter and more positive future and as a charity we are doing just that. Our Fundraising committee have some wonderful events planned and will be taking the opportunity to enjoy the warmer days ahead, and take in the delights of some beautiful gardens.

During this terrible pandemic it has highlighted the true kindness of so many people who bring a little sunshine into other people's lives. Very often it's the little things that mean the most. We feel very lucky indeed to have some wonderful volunteers who are giving their time to help us continue to run our hospital shops; unfortunately we are missing a big part of our team of over 70's but we hope it won't be too before we can all see each other again.

A letter of thanks was recently received from the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Service at the RSH to let us know that since receiving the two ultrasound scanners from the Friends, 9,550 patients have been screened, 98 aneurysms have been detected and 17 men have undergone successful life-saving surgery. So you can see that all your donations are really helping to save lives.

The Friends are always keen to support funding for the latest innovative hospital equipment, such as the Interacoustics Balance Equipment to develop and advance Audiology, this improved service will help so many people who are suffering needlessly and it can also help detect the early signs of Parkinsons, strokes and schizophrenia.

Please may I take this opportunity to express 'huge thanks' for your continued support and especially during this testing time. I would like to wish you, your family and friends good health whilst looking forward to when we can all meet again and do what we all do best; welcoming family and friends with plenty of smiles and enjoying some long overdue hugs and celebrations.

Yours sincerely

Susan

Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary

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### Donations to the Hospital from January 2020 to March 2021:

Cardiac Output Monitoring Unit - £19,989

Bladder Scanner - £13,590

Ophthalmology Yag Laser - £34,876

Extra equipment for the new Ophthalmology Unit - £59,613

Portable Monitoring Unit - £16,520

Two Polysomnography machines - £9,000 (Paid for by money raised by Sabrina Lodge & Berrington branch LoF)

Hamar Centre - £30,000

Morcellator for Urology Services to treat Benign Prostate - £35,000

Ten T34 Ambulatory Syringe pumps for End of Life Care - £10,500

LifeCard ECG Recorders for Cardiology - £4,945

Interacoustics Balance Equipment for Audiology - £20,850

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Shop Manager Lee Herkes said "The pandemic has thrown up a lot of challenges in trying to keep the shops open, especially during the lockdowns. Fortunately the few staff and volunteers that were still able to come in have pulled together and worked wonders (often going far above and beyond what was expected of them), something that hasn't gone unnoticed as each one has received a personal card from the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, thanking them for all their hard work. Thankfully we have managed to keep two of the shops open and hospital staff and patients have been so grateful. Hopefully, when hospital policy allows, more staff/volunteers can return and we can reopen a third shop, but until then we must all continue to follow the guidelines".



*Jacky Spooner (seen serving in one of the Friends shops) has been a volunteer for the League of Friends for over ten years.*



Jane Pugh of Petals & Gifts in Bishops Castle kept everyone's spirits up in her local community with her wonderful singing and recorded a CD of her songs and raised an amazing £1,000 for the League of Friends.

Incredibly in a lock down year Berrington Branch LoF had their best year yet and since 2012 has donated £34,918 to RSH, a marvellous achievement and all thanks to their enthusiasm and commitment. Most recently they donated £4,500 for a Polysomnography with CPAP device for the Cardio Respiratory Unit. Their 'Bubble lunch' in September was a great success and the branch members pulled together to deliver some delicious meals which were all freshly prepared by Ed Potter and his team from OakApple Catering.



*Cheryl King from Berrington Branch delivering some of the lunches.*

Sabrina Lodge in Shrewsbury have generously donated £4,158 which has been used for the special purchase of a second Polysomnography machine which tests and diagnoses sleep disorders and records brain waves, the oxygen level in your blood, heart rate and breathing.



*Friends Executive Chairman Richard Lawn seen receiving the cheque from the Worshipful Master of Sabrina Lodge, James Hodgson.*



*Richard Lawn with The High Sheriff of Shropshire Dean Harris.*

Thanks to so many generous people the Friends Christmas Draw raised £3,200. High Sheriff Dean Harris attended the prize draw and personally telephoned the winners to give them the good news. Julia Clarke, Director of Corporate Service at SaTH NHS Trust said "We are incredibly grateful for all the fantastic support we receive from the League of Friends RSH, now more than ever as we continue to work our way through this pandemic."



## SUMMER EVENTS 2021

- **Thurs 27th May 2.00 – 5.00pm:**

Afternoon open Garden, £6.00.

- **Fri 28th May 6.00 – 9.00pm:**

Early evening Open Garden, £9.00 includes a glass of fizz. - Both events by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Hazan, Marche Manor, Halfway House, Shrewsbury SY5 9DE.

- **Sun 5th June 2.00 – 5.30pm:**

Open Garden by kind invitation of Geoff Cobley, Cruckfield House, Shoothill, Ford, SY5 9NR.

- **Wed 14th July 12.00:**

Ploughman's Lunch, £12.50. By kind invitation of Mrs June Whitaker, Winsley Hall, Westbury, SY5 9HB.

### Coffee Mornings:

- **Tues 6th July 10.30 – 12.30:**

Jo Spencer-Jones, Braye House, Shrawardine, SY4 1AJ.

- **Wed 5th Aug 10.30 – 12.30:**

Sarah Sartain, Glebe House, Cound.

- **Wed 8th Sept 10.30 – 12.30:**

Jane Preece, Rose Cottage, Broomhall Lane, Oswestry, SY10 7HG.

- **Thurs 14th Oct:**

Jill Mace, Wheelhouse Barn, Castle Court, Shrawardine, SY4 1AH.

*Sincere thanks to those kind ladies for hosting these coffee mornings*

*Berrington branch are planning a coffee morning at the end of June, date and venue to be confirmed*

- **Fri 1st Oct 7.00pm:**

Quiz Night, Radbrook Community Centre Calverton Way, Radbrook Green, SY3 6DX.

- **Sun 3rd Oct:**

Berrington Branch Sunday Luncheon at Dorrington Village Hall.

*Please note that due to the current situation these events may need to be changed, for the latest updates contact Sue Hurdiss at the Friends office: 01743 261007, s.hurdiss@nhs.net or look on our website [www.rshlof.org.uk](http://www.rshlof.org.uk)*

'Bubble of 6' Christmas Wreath Making Workshops certainly put everyone who attended in a festive mood as well as raising over £1,000. Each event was held under a marquee on the beautiful grounds of Marche Manor.



Christmas wreaths & festive door hangings made lovingly to order by Jayne Mott proved most popular and generated charitable funds of £533.00. **'With spring in the air'** Jayne is now turning her talents to creating some beautiful spring wreaths. Please let the office know if you would like to place an order.



### 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 very much indeed for your support.*

### 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 Wednesday 18th August 2021** to ensure entry into the draw. **For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.**



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