



# The League of Friends of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital

**NEWSLETTER**  
Autumn/Winter 2024/2025

**Dear Member,**

As Shrewsbury born Charles Darwin wrote in his theory of Evolution ... *"that over time we need to adapt and change in order to survive"*, it's quite apt as a charity the Shrewsbury based League of Friends are adapting to change by giving our full support to Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital (SaTH). As services rightly become more organised on clinical pathways, rather than geography this will benefit all the communities that the League of Friends and SaTH strive to support; hence the need to change our name and our Constitution to reflect this.

The Hospital Transformation Programme at Shrewsbury Hospital has now begun with the Outpatients entrance being closed as building work commences to extend the hospital; meanwhile our four shops continue to be very busy serving their customers whilst adjusting to the daily challenges that the new development is bringing. We are very lucky to have a marvellous team who keep our four shops running smoothly and I would like to express a 'special thank you' to you all for your hard work and commitment, along with a warm welcome to our newest recruits and volunteers.

Our Fundraising committee as always have been busy throughout the summer months organising a variety of wonderful events, supported by the kindness and generosity of people offering their beautiful homes and their time, for which we are most grateful. Berrington and Whitchurch branch too have been busy generating extra funds by holding events in their local communities. Huge thanks to all the members of our committees and the two branches for giving their time so freely to raise money to help improve patient care.

We have several fun events planned for the coming months so please join us if you can.

Yours sincerely,

*Susan*

**Susan Hurdiss, Organising Secretary**



*Professor Jason Kasraie pictured next to the Surgical Saturn Laser*

The Friends have provided the funds of £33,282 for the purchase of this new technology for the Fertility Unit. This new equipment will allow the medical team to maximise the survival rates of frozen embryos and improve chances of patients achieving a live birth. This is a County service for Shropshire and Mid-Wales.

"The Emergency Department at RSH have received eight new recliner chairs for their fit to sit and Paediatric areas. The chairs have been generously donated by the League of Friends (LoF) and will provide a much more comfortable seat for patients and who are experiencing a prolonged stay in the department. The LoF have been working in partnership with the hospital for nearly 60 years and their support with extra equipment is just one of the ways that we can improve the care to our patients and become stronger together."



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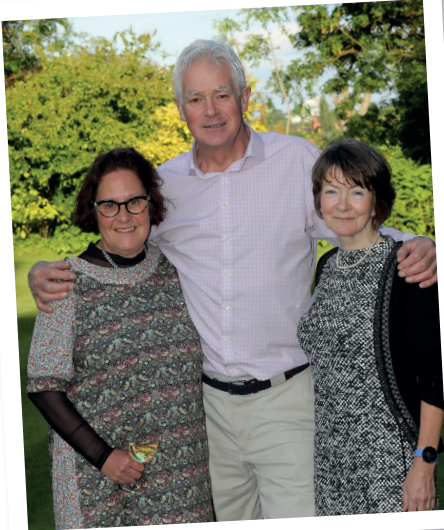
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## Looking back to Fundraising Events held during the summer

### Charity Golf Day at Mile End Golf Club



*Rachel Taylor & Richard Harris with Fundraising Chairman Sue Skinner*

120 guests gathered in the early evening sunshine for a 'Fizz & Flowers' event at Castle Gates House in Shrewsbury. £3,864 was raised which was put towards the funding of the new Laser for the Fertility Unit.



*John Fenton, Dave Malcolm, Tom Morris & Bryan Andrew*



*Fundraising committee members Alison Holroyd & Jane Preece*

24 teams enjoyed a full fun day of golf, raising £2,260 in the process and resulting in requests for the event to be repeated again next year.

On the 8th August Mrs Shane Green kindly hosted a coffee morning in her beautiful home in Exford Green, raising £1,150.

*Sue Skinner with Shane Green*



*Fundraising Committee members Jane Preece & Carol Baxter Preece on the Plant stall*

Lindsay Kelley kindly hosted a coffee morning on the 11th July in her wonderful home and raised £1,375.



*Jane & Susannah Williams accepting their winning trophy from Alex Sudlow*

The annual Ladies doubles tennis tournament held on the 5th September was a great success and raised £2,090. Many thanks to all the incredible tennis players and to the Town Walls Tennis club and Shrewsbury High School for once again providing the use of their courts and clubhouse. Special thanks to Alex Sudlow from Lloyds Bank for not only helping on the day but securing sponsorship of £500 and to the Manager of Lakeland for generously gifting a slow cooker for the raffle. Also not forgetting our marvellous fundraising committee for all their hard work and in preparing a truly delicious summer luncheon.



## Forthcoming Events:

- **Friday 25th October**  
Quiz Night at Radbrook Community Centre, Calverton Way Radbrook, Shrewsbury SY3 6DJ
- **Saturday 2nd November**  
Winter lunch and an afternoon of Duplicate Bridge £25.00 pp. Mereside Community Centre, Shrewsbury. SY2 6LH  
*For more details email rose-crocker@hotmail.co.uk*
- **Thursday 28th November**  
Berrington Branch Christmas Wreath Making – Longnor Village Hall  
10.30am to include a light lunch £35  
7pm – to include Mulled Wine and Mince Pies £30  
*For further information or to make a booking please contact Judy Dixon on dixonhomefarm@hotmail.com*
- **Friday 6th December**  
Christmas wreath making hosted by Jo Spencer Jones £35 pp to include all materials & refreshments.  
Two sessions: 9.30 -12.00 & 1.00 - 4.00pm  
*To book contact sallydavies365@gmail.com*
- **Friday 31st January 2025**  
Berrington Branch Quiz Night - £12.50 per person. with a hot supper - Bring your own drinks.  
7pm at Pitchford Village Hall - Teams of four  
*Contact: dixonhomefarm@hotmail.com to make a booking.*
- **Wednesday 2nd April 2025**  
An evening talk by Tullis Matson of 'Nature Safe preservation of rare breeds' at Chapel Fields, a purpose-built Conference Centre near Whitchurch

*For further information on these events, please contact: Friends Office: 01743 261007 or email: s.hurdiss@nhs.net*



New Shops Chairman Sally Davies receiving her 'League of Mercy Award' for outstanding Voluntary Service at Mansion House in London on the 2nd July, she was accompanied by her husband Jonathan.



The Friends shop situated near the Outpatients reception is open for business as usual Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.15pm.

*Shop volunteers Kate & Harriet with a friendly smile to greet customers*



*Shop Chairman Sally Davies, Fundraising Chairman Sue Skinner and Exec Chairman Richard Steventon*

In memory of the June Whitaker a bench has been placed in the Thomas Moore Garden in front of the main Ward block entrance.



The four winning tickets in this year's Summer Raffle were drawn by Shop volunteers, Jooles Crinson, Marlene Walker and Pene Parker.

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

*By making provision for the League of Friends 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 9.00 am on Wednesday 12th December** to ensure entry into the draw. **For extra tickets contact the office 01743 261007.**

Please note that League of Friends Christmas Cards are available to purchase from any of our hospital shops located in Shrewsbury hospital



# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



We are looking for volunteers aged 16 upwards to help in our shops within the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Volunteering with us is a great way to meet like minded people, add life skills, build your social confidence and can also boost your CV.

Shifts start at just 2 hours a week and we work around your availability.

## How to contact us...

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