

Message from the editor

Welcome to the first edition of our new monthly newsletter for volunteers, friends, members and staff at Lymington hospital.

We aim to bring you regular updates how Friends support the Hospital. We value your feedback and ideas for future issues.

VOLUNTEERING News

Monthly Cake Sale

A tasty new idea this month.

Kay Black has organised a rota of willing volunteers to bake a range of delicious home-made cakes and to sell them to raise funds for the Hospital ... "well done Kay!"



First Tuesday every month

A range of mouthwatering home-baked cakes will be available to buy at the Friends Café and from a table in front of Reception on the first Tuesday of every month.

How did we do?

Our first "Cake Sale" on Tuesday 3 September raised an amazing £173.86 .. well done to all our home-bakers!

◆ Have you got any ideas for fundraising in the Hospital?

"Lou's Snippets"

Thanks to our super volunteers for your hard work to support the hospital patients, visitors and staff. To help you, we are ...

- ✓ Improving the range of products for the shop and trolley service to include a better quality of sandwiches and add healthier snack options.
- ✓ Adding a bookcase in Reception A to give patients a good read while they wait. They can borrow or buy a book for a donation. We need good condition second-hand books.

Just ask Louise ...

◆ *If you have any ideas to improve the way we work ... just pop your head round my door and say Hi!*

Lou

Leon Crouch

We are all deeply saddened by his recent passing. Leon was a tireless supporter of the Hospital and made a very valuable contribution over many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends.

Volunteer Roll Call

Keeping you up to date with changes.

New starters

Welcome to all our recent new recruits:

- ❖ Brenda Rolfe (shop)
- ❖ Barry Parker (early shop, papers)
- ❖ Yvonne Bruce (shop, café)
- ❖ Steven Sinyard (shop, café, trolley)
- ❖ Pat Mullen (café, shop)
- ❖ Hilary Tudor (shop, café)

Retirements

Olga Blount ... thanks to Olga for her help in the café team over many years, before leaving to look after her family.

Introduce a friend ...

Who do you know who could give their 'Gift of time' to join our volunteer team?

We are looking for more

- ❖ Café assistants
- ❖ Shop assistants
- ❖ Guiders
- ❖ Befrienders
- ❖ Trolley-rounders ... and
- ❖ Paper-rounders.

◆ ***Please ask your family, friends and neighbours if any would like to join us ... Thank you.***

FUNDRAISING News

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When the Scanner Appeal launched (July 2017), the previous Chair of the Friends agreed to fund £1.39m to Southern Health towards a new CT Scanner (£575,000), two Ultrasounds (£90,000) and a new MRI Scanner (£725,000) ... this would require monthly fundraising of £28,000.

By May 2019 only £40,000 had been raised over 20 months. Nevertheless, the Board agreed to honour the funding for the CT and Ultrasounds by drawing on the League of Friends' reserves.

Since May, we've raised £20,000 from Waitrose tokens appeal, 'Raise a cuppa', Highcliffe Fete, Lymington Spectacular, Cakes Sale & Donations (includes a personal donation of £10,000!).

Our Trustees are drawing up fundraising plans to replenish reserves and raise funds for the two Ultrasound machines due in early 2020 and then for the new MRI scanner in 2021.

- ◆ There will be regular updates in each issue
- ◆ We welcome your ideas for fundraising activities ... big, small or even crazy!!

TRUSTEE News

AGM 2 September 2019

The AGM was well attended by members, volunteers and friends. We approved new Articles of Association, Trustees elections and the Financial Accounts.

Who are our Trustees?

Due to his recent illness, Leon stood down as Chair and he has now sadly passed away. The Board remembers Leon for his tremendous work as Chair and Trustee. At the August Board, Mike Hodges and Harry Nash (Treasurer) became Joint Chairs.

In addition to Mike and Harry, our existing Board comprises Philippa Blunt (Co. Secretary), Christopher Forbes-Ritte, Alastair Mann, Nimesh Patel, Penny Caswell and Louise Harfield (Ops Manager).

We are strengthening the Board with three new Trustees, Arthur England (Communications/PR), Anne Bowman (Membership) and Claire Brown.

We advertised a Permanent Chair in the Lymington Times and are also seeking a Fundraising Trustee

- ◆ Information about all Trustees is being added to our website and in Lou's office – more next month.
- ◆ We will arrange a 'meet the Trustees' event too.

HOSPITAL News ... world-class CT scanner goes live!

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You have probably heard that our fantastic new 'state of the art' modern CT scanner, was installed in July. This is already producing more detailed results at greatly reduced speed and lower radiation doses.

We will now step up our Scanner Appeal, to help replace the hospital's ageing Ultrasound and MRI equipment.

Our CT, Ultrasound and MRI scanners are vital to the work of the hospital, helping consultants, doctors and nurses diagnose the best form of treatment for patients. Patient feedback is already positive ***"my scan was so quick and the staff are very friendly and reassuring"***.

- ◆ Find out about the **big cheque** presentation next time.

