

Friends of the Sheffield Children's Hospital

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Dear Friends

The Children's Hospital is undergoing one of its regular periods of change to keep up with the most recent developments in childcare. New outpatients, new wards, new operating theatres with intraoperative imaging to make surgery safer and more accurate will greatly improve patient care and keep the hospital in the forefront of development. There will also be more and better accommodation for parents. But as they say, "No gain without pain". The shop, our main fund raising activity, will have a space in the new outpatients but in the meantime its takings are very much reduced and our volunteers are working under very difficult circumstances. We all have to thank them for their resilience and enthusiasm. Fortunately we have enough reserves to tide us over until the money starts coming in from the new shop. This should be at the end of this year.

Despite these upheavals we have maintained our levels of giving and feel optimistic we can maintain them until the regular funds start coming in again. We are all the more grateful to the organisers of the raffle and other fundraisers mentioned in the rest of our magazine.

I wish you all a happy healthy 2016

Dr Martin Steiner (Chairman)



Martin meeting Ann Wyatt of the Sick Children's Trust in the kitchen that the Friends helped to fund in Treetops House

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The object of our charity is to raise funds to help and support the welfare of the patients of the Sheffield Children's Hospital. We publicise the availability of funding throughout the hospital and we are always pleased to receive requests. No reasonable request is ever rejected and we are usually able to respond quickly to appeals for help.

During the last ten years we have given over £210,000 to the various wards and departments of the Hospital and we continue to fund a wide range of projects and activities for the benefit of patients.



Craig Bradley, the singing poet. Craig goes round the wards entertaining the children with songs and poems and encouraging them to participate. We have funded two visits by Craig this year.



Some of the toys donated by the Friends

The main donations, out of over 30 made this year, were to the following departments:

Christmas Toys	£6,000
Treetops	£5,000
Metabolic Bone Team	£1,600
Wards M1, M2 and M3	£4,000

We also made many smaller donations, for example we received the following from Jenny Smedley of the Eye Department after a recent donation:

The Friends of Sheffield Children's hospital charity kindly donated some money for us to buy some cot books.

The cot books (as pictured) are given to children who are diagnosed with a visual impairment. It can be a very difficult time for parents when their child is first diagnosed with a visual impairment. The cot books mean they can instantly go home and do something practical to stimulate their child's vision.



Our charity is entirely run by volunteers and most of our income is generated by the shop and raffle but we are very fortunate to also receive funds from a very wide range of sources, for example Maggie Little continues to donate all the profits from the sale of the bunting that she makes. Also, as well as the many generous donations made by individuals, we have received support from the following: The May Hearnshaw Charitable Trust, St Polycarps Knitting Group, Grenoside Methodist Ladies, Morrisons and Wharncliffe Side Players.



Brightholmlee Methodist Church, Wharncliffe Side held its second a Christmas Tree Festival. We received a generous donation of £1,000 from the proceeds, and our stall at the event raised a further £220. Our thanks go to everybody at Brightholmlee.

RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle 2015 was a resounding success raising just over £3000, including Beryl's personal fund raising contribution of nearly £600. There were 51 prizes donated, all of excellent quality and some additional 'surprise' hampers which were won by three lucky people who attended the draw on 16th December.

It was particularly pleasing to see so many willing volunteers helping to sell the raffle tickets in Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre! Some were 'stalwarts' from previous years, but also a number of 'new friends', all of whom made a significant contribution to the fundraising effort! Thank you!!

All the prizes were claimed and delivered by the 18th of December, well in time for Christmas Day!!

Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre has already offered us their facilities again for this year!! Any volunteers to help sell raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated!

The following people and companies donated prizes:

P.A. Jewelry, W.M.Waites, Peter Jones, Chatsworth Garden Centre and Farm Shop, Peter Jones, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Motorpoint Arena, Arena Square, Napoleons, Tesco, Co-op, Spar, Halfords, Pets at Home, Bestsellers, Part On, Calver Craft, Yankee Candles, Singhs, Damart, Glamour-4-U, Ella Rosinkrans, Jacksons Greetings Cards.

Robin Goodliffe (Raffle Organizer)

(The committee thanks Robin, Muriel and Beryl for all their hard work)

HOSPITAL FRIENDS SHOP

The shop is situated in the main entrance of the hospital. It is run and staffed entirely by volunteers and all profits help to support children in the Children's Hospital Trust. The present shop is expected to close in June due to the refurbishment of the area. We will be allocated an area for a shop in the new outpatients and this is expected to be ready in November 2016. In the interim period the Friends will have a small table in the canteen on Floor B.

The shop provides a service for children and parents, stocking many necessary items for patients staying in the Hospital and is the main source of income for the Charity.

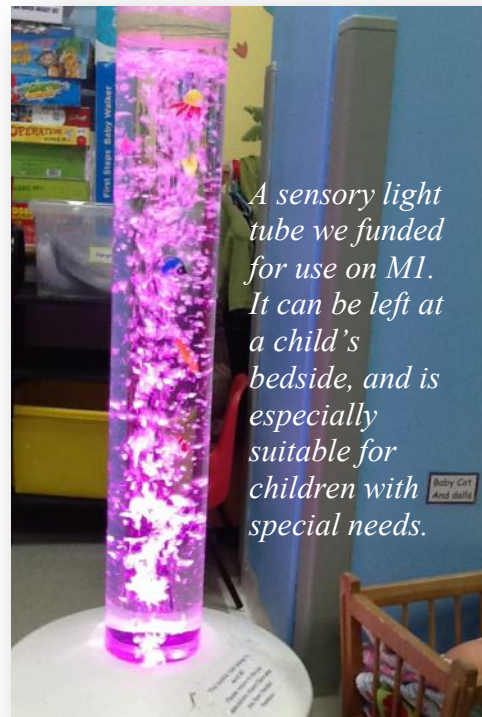
We would like to thank our many supporters who donate items for the shop and fairs, especially all the knitters who supply us with wonderful hand knitted garments, which help us to raise a huge amount of money.

We would also like to thank our 30+ shop volunteers for their continued loyalty and support.

Lynne Hebblethwaite (Shop Coordinator)



Plaque placed in Treetops House this year



Membership of the Friends

Currently the Friends have 174 members. The membership subscription is £2 per year, members receive an annual Newsletter and have the opportunity to attend the AGM. Members are always welcome to help with fund raising events. We encourage members to join the committee and we welcome any applications.

Margaret Lindley (Membership Secretary)

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is on at 12 noon, Thursday the 19th May in the boardroom of the Sheffield Children's Hospital. There will be a speaker from the Hospital and refreshments will be provided