

Friends of the Sheffield Children's Hospital

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome to the Friends' annual Spring Newsletter. The good news is that the extension to the Children's Hospital is almost finished, the outpatients are working and the new Friends' shop in the atrium of the outpatients is about to be fitted out. The new shop and the volunteers are coming out of the obscurity of an upstairs corridor to emerge in full sight of all coming into the hospital. This is the last time I have to thank our volunteers for keeping the shop open under the recent difficult circumstances.

We have once again responded rapidly and positively to all suitable requests. Under our rules requests must benefit the physical and emotional wellbeing of the child. Treatment of the disease we leave for the NHS to deal with. If there are queries we ask applicants to explain their request at our next committee meeting and make a decision there and then.



Our Christmas raffle, a very cheerful event for staff and friends, was drawn by our Chief Executive, John Somers. Ken Bramall and Carolyn West had organised the volunteers to "rattle tins" in outpatients and on the Crystal Peaks concourse during November and December. They and Beryl Owen found the prizes and also delivered them. No mean task as the catchment area of the Children's Hospital extends to the East coast. We thank all the volunteers involved. They made £2600.

We were very sorry to lose Muriel Bates from the committee. She was a very active member in all our ventures but finally old age has caught up with her. We have to thank Margaret Lindley for her many years as membership secretary. Her place is being taken by Eileen Hills.

Our AGM is at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th May in the Boardroom of the Children's Hospital. Sally Shearer will give a talk and answer questions on the development of the hospital. All are welcome.

I wish you all a prosperous 2018

Dr Martin Steiner (Chairman)

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.

We have made over 40 donations this year and we continue to fund a wide range of projects and activities for the benefit of patients.

Here are some examples of thanks we received for donations made during the year:

Dear League of Friends Colleagues

I have attached a picture of all the things we here in the Child Assessment Unit have been able to buy with your very kind donation.



Some of the children who attend here are extremely traumatised and after a lengthy consultation and examination a lovely hot shower helps to restore a little of their self esteem. The bubbles are always a great hit with every child and young person and the 'funny silver items' near the front of the table are multi coloured flashing torches, which help to distract the child whilst being examined.

Your donation will greatly improve our patients' experience of hospital attendances and hopefully make their trip to hospital a little less worrying.

Many thanks

Linda Bostock,
Support Worker,
The Child Assessment Team

We were lucky enough to receive some funds from the Friends of SCH Charity, which we used to buy books and resources for the Young People and Parents accessing the Sheffield Children's Hospital Child Assessment Unit Psychology Service.



Kat and Charlotte with some of the resources we provided

We are very grateful for these resources, which are intended to support Children and Families who have experienced sexual assault. The books and regulation tools are already being put to good use in therapy sessions and as part of our lending library.

Dr Katharine Tidswell
Principal Clinical Psychologist

I am writing to you on behalf of the hospital school teaching team to say a big thank you for funding the purchase of a sewing machine to use with the children we work with. It is used regularly in the classroom with both boys and girls of varying ages. They love using it! So far it has been used to make little summer dresses, fancy dress costumes, headscarves and bags. It really has opened up a whole new, exciting area of the curriculum that we can now develop.

Thanks again for your generosity.
Kind regards

Becton Hospital School Teaching Team

Our charity is entirely run by volunteers and most of our income is generated by the shop and raffle.

We are very fortunate to also receive funds from wide a range of sources, including the following organisations:

Bents Green Church, Brightholmlee Methodist Church, Park Gardeners Ladies Section, St Peter's Conisburgh, Sheffield Folk Corale

We have also received many generous donations from individuals, including Autumn Hague who organised a ladies evening which raised over £750.

Maggie Little continues to donate all the profits from the sale of the bunting that she makes. She writes:



I make strings of 10 flags and sell them for £10 and I also make mini strings of 5 flags for £4. I only use new material and all of the proceeds go to the hospital.

My bunting has been sent to countries all over the world, as it is very light and easy to post as a gift. I am always available to sell bunting at church events, coffee mornings etc and I also undertake small commissions, for example to put a child's name on a string.

I can be contacted at maggielit@sky.com

RAFFLE

This years Christmas Raffle was administered by Ken Bramall, a Trustee and ex Treasurer who as been a Friends committee member for 17 years. He took over the Raffle from Robin Goodlife who left Sheffield and the committee for a life in London. We miss him and wish him well in his new surroundings and life.

The Raffle this year raised over £2600 and could not have been done without the hard work of Ken and support of so many Committee members who put in hours selling tickets in many locations. Some took tickets home to sell while others sold in Crystal Peaks shopping Mall and The Childrens Hospital Outpatients.

The committee members also did great work in canvassing for Raffle prizes. Beryl Owen produced some great prizes again this year as did Caroline Hague and Lynne Hebblethwaite.

All 36 prizes were delivered or collected well before Christmas and special thanks to the following businesses who donated prizes this year:

Mr Ian Bramall donated the £100 John Lewis Voucher ,PA Jewellery, Napoleons, Motor Point Arena, Kirklees Light Railway Sheffield Shop, SWFC, SUFC, Patoo Thai Restaurant , Asda, Tescos, Lavang Rest, Waitrose ,Aldi , The Beauty Clinic Fulwood Rd, Meadow Head Flowers, The Entertainment Shop T K Maxx, Flydsa Arena, Bestsellers, Broomhill Tavern, Nibbles Pizza, La Vara, Itchy Pig, Williamsons, Lok Anta, Frillys, Damart, Stringers, Pets @ Home, `Calver Craft, Morrisons, Boots, Sainsburys



Ken with our secretary, Carolyn West and helper Jean Massey – selling tickets at Crystal Peaks



Martin and one of our main fundraisers, Beryl Owen, receiving a donation of £1000 from the managers of TK Maxx, Sheffield

Kay White and friends raising funds by carol singing

Hospital Friends Shop

At the time of writing we are still located in our temporary shop. The new shop is built but needs fitting out; we hope that we will be moving in the next month or two.

Thanks to all our volunteers who continue to staff the shop and support the charity and also to all the knitters who have helped to raise well over £2,000 this year.

Lynne Hebblethwaite (Shop Coordinator)

Membership of the Friends

Currently the Friends have 140 members. The minimum 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.

Eileen Hills (Membership Secretary)



Staff with some of the Christmas toys for the Wards donated by the Friends

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