



# Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

## Newsletter

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Well – our last newsletter was in October 2020 – who would have thought then that we would still be in lockdown – but, hopefully, with all the amazing work the NHS has done and with nearly half the population of Cornwall now having been vaccinated against Covid 19, we can begin to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Our big disappointment has been that we have been unable to raise funds in the normal way and, as last year, have had to cancel the fete.

But we are so very grateful to those people who have sent in donations, including one from a former patient who is constantly making cards and creative pieces for sale in order to raise funds for the hospital in recognition of the amazing treatment received whilst a patient there. Also from local businesses including KL Travel, North Coast Electrics and No 4 Honey Street.

In addition we have had several donations to mark the wonderful care a loved one has received whilst being a patient in the hospital.

An amazing £2000 was raised and donated by the Lostwithiel Young Farmers Club, specifically to be used by the Woodfield Stroke Rehabilitation Unit, in recognition of the amazing treatment one of the local farmers had received there – they raised this from the sale of pumpkins, manure and various activities.

We and, more importantly, the staff of the hospital, are so very grateful to all these kind and generous people.

Obviously, we were unable to participate in any of the usual activities around Christmas time, but, instead of singing carols around the wards, Lead Hospital Chaplain, Kathy Brooke, organised an on line "Carolaire" in which wards and members of staff contributed, singing carols and reading poetry and prose – BHLF were asked to submit a video which we did, introduced by Annabelle Cowling beautifully singing White Christmas - Annabelle is usually our soloist when we sing carols around the

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sincerely thank

**Lostwithiel Young  
Farmers**

**for the amazing donation of £2000**

for the Woodfield Stroke Rehabilitation Unit  
at Bodmin Hospital

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wards. Our Chairman, Susie, read the poem 'A visit from St Nicholas', several committee members dressed in Christmas hats waved and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and it ended with Louise Kitto singing Silent Night – also beautifully. All in all, it was a very moving video and, in no small way, compensated for not being able to do all these things in person.

Talking of Christmas, Trelawney Garden Centre donated a beautiful Christmas tree for reception which met all the requirements for 'covid safe'; and Harbour Ward Sister, Julie Mackinnon, sent us some delightful photographs of smiling patients with their Christmas gifts, purchased by the staff with each individual patient in mind with funds supplied by Bodmin Hospital League of Friends.

### Committee News

Sadly, last month, we learned of the passing of Mr Peter Jewel, MBE. Peter was a founder member of Bodmin Hospital League of Friends, having served for many years on East Cornwall Hospital's League of Friends, one of the two predecessor leagues to BHLF. Said our Chairman, Susie "I extend to his wife Di and family our deepest sympathy and love at this time" as do we all.

### Forthcoming events

So far as we are aware the Tour of Britain will be taking place, passing through Bodmin on 4<sup>th</sup> September, postponed from last year, where we hope have a presence.

**We plan to have a stand at this year's Royal Cornwall Show on 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September and will be looking for volunteers to help 'man' (or woman) this!**

### Purchases made for the hospital

Over the past year we agreed to the following funding for the hospital:

**In January 2020** we approved £1716 for an Oxford Journey Stand to aid mobility for Harbour Ward.

**In February '20: £1059.60** for slings to use with various hoists used on the Woodfield Stroke Unit and Anchor Ward.

**Please remember - if you can't shop locally, Amazon Smile have added Bodmin Hospital league of Friends to their charities, so, when buying anything on Amazon, go to this link: [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) choose our charity and 0.5% of your purchase price will go to BHLF**



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*This is to remind us of what will hopefully be to come – this was a sponsored walk, led by the wonderful Vic Luke – from Lerryn to St Winnow in October 2016 – pictured are BHLF committee members, friends and dogs on the banks of the beautiful river Fowey in Lerryn.*

Additional Slings for the Oxford Journey Stand for Harbour Ward **£900**

**In March '20** we agreed to **£150** to purchase two large canvases from Whistlefish for the Pink Room on Fletcher Ward

**In April '20** at our arms length meeting we agreed to **£400** to purchase computer equipment to enable patients to develop computer skills.

**In May '20** we agreed to **£100** to supply a Food Hygiene Certificate Course for ten people on Bowman Ward which would be a great boost to the patients and something they could take with them on discharge.

**In July '20** we agreed to funding of **£2922.57** to convert a shower room into a store room on Anchor Ward

**In December 2020** we agreed **£508.99** for a Nintendo Switch and Games for Fletcher Ward

**In January 2021** we agreed **£883.99** for a Bariatric Wheelchair for Podiatric Out Patients Department

**In March 2021** we agreed **£192** for a self propelled wheelchair of Minor Injuries Unit

Since April last year all these have been agreed through 'arms length' meetings via email, correspondence and telephone calls – we haven't yet aspired to Zoom meetings!

If you would like to be involved and/or help at any of our events, once we are able to hold them again, we would be hugely grateful. Just drop me an email, phone or complete the form below – we're a very friendly bunch and, we feel, fill an important role –

raising money to buy services and equipment not supplied by the NHS for OUR LOCAL hospital. It would be wonderful to be able to recruit some 'younger blood' to the committee.

And - most importantly - a huge thank you to everyone, both private individuals and all the local businesses and clubs who help and/or contribute in any way – without you we could not function.

Best wishes and stay safe

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