



Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

Newsletter

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Nearing the end of October and, at last, we have been able to participate in some fundraising events in this half of the year, unlike last.

In June the wonderful Tony Ryde called us to suggest that he hold a Musical Afternoon in his beautiful garden, the Lodge at Fletchers Bridge. The Music was to be provided by the Five of Herts Wind Quintet and we were to do the teas. Entry was to be by donation with all profits going to Bodmin Hospital League of Friends – what a wonderful gesture; unfortunately, as the designated day drew close - 3rd July - the skies darkened and thunder storms were predicted. However, Tony and the musicians were able to arrange for the Church of St Protus and St Hyacinth in Blisland as an alternative venue and we were so grateful to Rev David Seymour and the PCC for allowing us the use of this beautiful church. The musicians played divinely – and what a wonderful afternoon it was, raising in excess of £500 – so many thanks to Tony, the lovely musicians, the church and all the people who came and donated so generously.

Following that, we had a 'pitch' booked over the weekend of 3rd and 4th September in Bodmin to mark the first leg of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race finishing in Bodmin. We had a gazebo, selling strawberries and cream and cup cakes. The cream was very kindly donated by Roddas and beautiful cup cakes donated by Barnecutts Bakery. The weather was perfect and it was a lovely two days where we felt almost back to normal.

We have had some wonderful donations from members of the public, including more from a former patient who makes 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 a marvellous £434.05 from the Iceland Charitable Foundation as a result of the local Bodmin Store staff nominating BHLF as their 'Charity of the Year' in July – we are so very grateful to them.

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



Members of the committee: Monica, Hilary, Chris C and Chris K preparing to serve strawberries and cream and cup cakes over the two days of the Tour of Britain Weekend in Bodmin.

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Committee News

Much valued committee member, Maureen (Mor) Tetley, O.B.E. has retired from the committee after many, many years of dedicated service to Bodmin Hospital and its predecessor hospital, St Lawrence's. Mor was the first chairman of Bodmin Hospital League of Friends, when it was founded in 2002, with the opening of the new hospital, and prior to that was Chairman of St Lawrence's Hospital League of Friends.

Other news

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Jill Murphy at the age of 72 after a long battle with cancer. Jill, the very well known author and illustrator of the Worst Witch series of books and many others, did us the honour of opening our last fete in 2019. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

Forthcoming events

We had planned to have a stand at this year's Royal Cornwall Show which was scheduled for 9th – 11th September. Due to Covid, this was cancelled, so our booking carries over to next year – 9th, 10th and 11th June 2022 – so we will be looking for volunteers to man (or woman) the stand!

Fete 2022

This is planned for 25th June – June is going to be a busy month! And we are delighted that explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison has agreed to be our opener!

Purchases made for the hospital

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

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

In May 2021 we agreed to **£1236** for the purchase of benches to be placed outside MIU for patients to wait, these are still in the process of being sourced.

In June 2021 we agreed to the funding of **£272** for the purchase of art materials and games for Fettle Rehabilitation Services.

In September 2021 we agreed to funding of £150 for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner and various cleaning materials for Bowman Ward for rehabilitation use.

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! We plan to return to face to face meetings next month following our AGM on 18th November 2021

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 choose our charity and 0.5% of your purchase price will go to BHLF



If you would like to be involved and/or help at any of our events, 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, so if you have a bit of free time or if you are newly retired - **we need you!**

To end 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

Ann

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