



# Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

## Newsletter

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It is so good to be able to report that we are able to start actively fundraising again, after two years of having been able to do very little and in spite of the huge increase in Covid 19 cases locally, we are planning ahead and have a full list of activities coming up, but to start with:

### Queen's Green Canopy

At the end of March our Chairman, Susie Gore, planted an Oak tree at Berryfields Park in Bodmin for the Queen's Green Canopy, part of a nation wide tree planting campaign to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Bodmin Town Council very kindly invited Bodmin Hospital League of Friends to be part of this and pictured here is Susie, with a helping hand from Jenna Wheten of Bodmin Town Council.



### Open Garden, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Tony Ryde has very kindly invited the BHLF to supply the cream teas for an open garden event he is holding for the NGS. This is at his beautiful garden at Fletchers Bridge, just outside of Bodmin – do come along and enjoy a stunning garden and a delicious cream tea and, no doubt, with several lovely cakes too – it will be in the afternoon of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### Royal Cornwall Show 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June

June is going to be a busy month – we have a stand booked for the three days of the Royal Cornwall Show – on which we will be hoping to publicise what we do and will be selling bags of delicious home made cookies.

### Bodmin Hospital Fete 25<sup>th</sup> June

Also in June we have the fete, our biggest fundraiser of the year, after two years of being unable to hold it. We are delighted to say that Explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison will open the fete at 2pm and we will have most of the usual attractions: Firebird, Tina Roberts will be our MC, and her young son Bobby will play his keyboard, Bodmin Town Youth Band will play, Adie Dove and her young dancers will perform and there will be all the usual stalls and fun, including the family Dog Show.

As many of you will know, all our previous sites for the fete have now been built on, so this year Cornwall Council have very kindly agreed to allow us to use the piece of land adjacent to the Chy Trevail Council Offices on the Beacon Technology Park. Our new fete organiser, Jessica Finnemore, is currently trying to arrange some rolling of the site to ensure it will be perfect on the day – and, we think, it will be a lovely site.

### Last Night of the Proms – 10<sup>th</sup> September, Wadebridge Town Hall

In September we are holding a Last Night of the Proms concert at Wadebridge Town Hall, soloist Karen Hurn will bewitch us with her beautiful voice, the massed bands of St Minver Silver Band, St Breward Silver Band, Wadebridge Town Band and Bugle Band will play and the Shipwrecks and Wadebridge Male Voice Choir will be singing. Full details and tickets on sale will be available shortly.

**If anyone can help at any of these events do, please, let us know – we need as much help as we can get!**

As we do every year, a wreath was laid at the Bodmin War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Also, as always, we contributed to Christmas presents for the patients who had to remain in hospital over Christmas – BHLF allocates a sum of money for each patient and the staff at the hospital purchase appropriate presents.

Also, once again, we are deeply indebted to Trelawney Garden Centre for donating a beautiful artificial Christmas tree with lights for the Foyer of the hospital – real ones are not allowed.

**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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From February, after almost two years of only 'virtual' meetings we started to hold our monthly meetings face to face again, now at the One For All Lanivet Community Hall which is a most amazing venue and perfect for our meetings and it was so good to be able to get together again.

We continue to have some wonderful donations from members of the public, including more from a former patient who makes cards for sale in order to raise funds for the hospital in recognition of the amazing treatment received whilst a patient there. We are very grateful to those businesses who hold collecting tins for us and also to those who donate via the 'Milk Churns' in the hospital.

And again we have had several donations to mark the wonderful care a loved one has received whilst being a patient in the hospital and a very kind annual donation from one particular couple.

## Committee News

In March, our President, Iona, Lady Molesworth St - Aubyn, very kindly invited us to hold a Tea Party in her lovely home of Pencarrow House to say farewell to committee member Maureen (Mor) Tetley OBE who had announced her retirement from the committee at last year's AGM. Mor had been a valued committee member for many years, previously having served as Chairman of the St Lawrences Hospital League of Friends. Every year for the past several years she and her friend Jane Scott have organised the Family Dog Show at the Annual fete. It was a very happy afternoon, seeing, in some cases, friends we hadn't seen for the past two years. A lovely tea was provided by Lady Iona and other committee members and Pencarrow looked absolutely beautiful with so many magnolias, camelias, rhododendrons and daffodils in flower on a perfect spring day.



*Mor Tetley cuts her 'celebration' cake which is held by Chairman of BHLF trustees, Peter Old and Will Gore.*

## Purchases made for the hospital

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

**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.

**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.

**In November 21 we agreed to funding of £6000** to go towards the cost of three Rempods (Reminiscence Pods) for Harbour Ward, that is a train, a potting shed and a Vintage Tea Room. Sister Julie Mackinnon had previously invited members of the committee to visit the ward to make it easier to envisage what she had in mind.

**In January 2022 we agreed to funding of £264** for 12 Food Safety and Hygiene level 2 courses for patients on Bowman Ward

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!** Finally 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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