



Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

Newsletter

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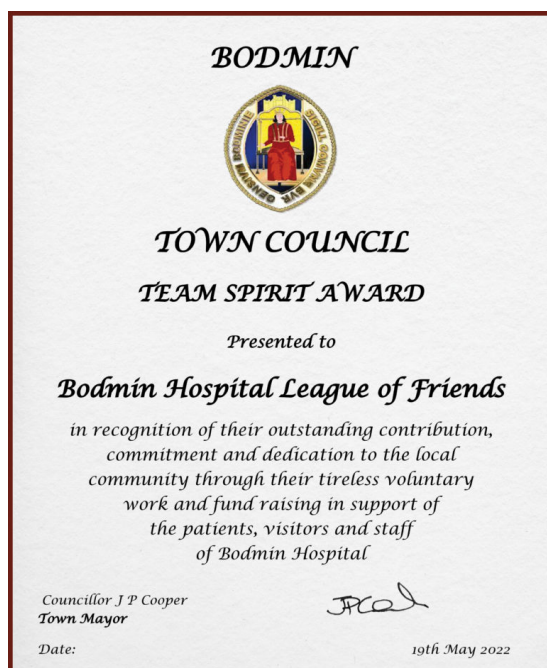
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This is how I started the last newsletter: 'It is so good to be able to report that we are able to start actively fundraising again!' – and, wow, have we started with a flourish! At the end of April Tony Ryde opened his lovely garden for the NGS and asked BHLF if we would like to do the catering, which, of course we did. The Lodge at Fletchers Bridge is such a beautiful garden, created by Tony, and it is always a pleasure to do the catering for his events, this time raising, £457 – this included a very generous donation from Tony.

In May we were honoured and humbled to be presented with the Team Spirit Award by Bodmin Town Council.



Chairman, Susie Gore accepting the Team Spirit Award from Bodmin Town Mayor Jeremy Cooper



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Royal Cornwall Show

Then in June, for the first time, we had a stand at the Royal Cornwall Show. It was a very enjoyable three days, but, phew, quite hard work. It also gave us the opportunity to arrange a 'photoshoot' with the Lostwithiel Young Farmers presenting the Woodfield Stroke Rehabilitation Unit with their fantastic donation of £2000. The Show was, we felt, a chance to give BHLF some publicity. We were able to sell some draw tickets for the fete and some delicious home made cookies, mostly made by Monica and Kay and meet lots of old friends.

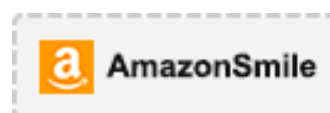
The Fete

Also in late June was the fete. The brilliant Jessica Finnemore has offered to take over the fete organisation so this was the hand over year – and what a year it was, having our proposed site cancelled with less than a week to go, another site had to be found in a hurry. Very many thanks to Bodmin Town Council who were so helpful and allowed us to use Fair Park which proved to be a perfect site for the fete. They also loaned us 15 gazebos. It was a great success and people flocked in, raising over £4000. Explorer Robin Hanbury Tenison opened the fete, Tina Roberts was, as always, our MC, and what a fantastic job she does every year, giving up her time and talent, along with her team and her brave young son Bobby, to entertain us; Adie Dove bought her young dancers to entertain, a lovely Dog Show, Hugs Foundation with their beautiful ponies and so many others including all the friends came to help, all these amazing people do this voluntarily with no charge. Great thanks is due to all involved and to the many local businesses who offered help with sponsorship. You can see many pictures taken at the fete on our website, skillfully and expertly put together by our amazing Web Master, Brian Crank.

Last Night of the Proms Revisited

And then on to our Last Night of the Proms concert, scheduled to be held on 10th September, this had to be postponed at the last minute in deference to the loss of our wonderful Queen, so this is the next item on our agenda – to be held on Saturday 22nd October in Wadebridge Town Hall with popular soloist Karen Hurn, the massed bands of St Breward, St Minver and Wadebridge led by talented Musical Director Tom Howard, Wadebridge Male Voice Choir and Neil Caddy of Pirate FM as our compere – it promises to be a fab night.

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



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Donations



A donation of £656 was made by Lester Bale - pictured is Lester at the fete with Chairman Susie and the incoming fete organiser, Jessica and outgoing organiser Ann.

We continue to have some fantastic donations - an amazing £1000 from Wadebridge Rotary Club as a result of their WHEELS event held in July. We also received a wonderful donation of £656 from Lester Bale, owner of the Welcome Stranger in Lanivet, this money was raised from Bingo sessions. Lester himself has been a patient on the Stroke Unit and this was in recognition of the excellent treatment he received whilst a patient in Bodmin Hospital. Our wonderful former patient has continued to send regular donations, she makes greeting cards for sale in order to raise funds for the hospital, in recognition of the amazing treatment received whilst a patient there - she also had a stall at the fete from which she donated her takings of £51 - amazing dedication and generosity.

We are always so 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 - thank you so much everyone!

Our meetings

From February, after almost two years of only 'virtual' meetings, we started to hold our monthly meetings face to face again on the first Thursday of the month, now at the One For All Lanivet Community Hall which is a most amazing venue and perfect for our meetings and where we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th November 2022 commencing at 12 noon**

Committee News

We are very sorry that Monica Hitchings has decided to retire. She had served on the committee for more than twelve years. She was a very valued member of the

committee, always with sound common sense and a gentle sense of humour and willing to help at all events - also the producer of the most wonderful cakes and cookies for the fete and other events - she will be sorely missed

Purchases made for the hospital

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

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

In September 2022 we agreed to funding of £8,574 for a Magic Table for Garner Ward and we are looking forward to being invited for a demonstration once it is in situ. This month, **October 2022** we have agreed to funding of £353.38 to purchase various items to create two self sooth boxes for the East Home Treatment Team. Also this month, **October 22**, we released £1,438 of the funds donated by Lostwithiel Young Farmers for the Woodfield Stroke Rehabilitation Unit to purchase two iPads which are an invaluable aid with speech therapy following a stroke

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

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