



Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

Newsletter

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At this year's fete, the 'Opening' line up L-R: BHLF Secretary, Ann Gregan, Fete Organiser, Jessica Finnemore, Bodmin Town Crier Terry Williams, the one and only Johnny Cowling, Mayoress and Mayor of Bodmin, Caroline and Phil Cooper, BHLF Chairman, Susie Gore and the Mayor's cadet. **Photo by Adrian Jasper**

As this Newsletter is being penned we are busy preparing for and very much looking forward to the next performance of the Last Night of the Proms Revisited on 21st October in Wadebridge Town Hall and once again, we are so grateful to everyone involved, especially the wonderful 'cast': Soprano Karen Hurn, the Massed Bands of St Breward, St Minver and Wadebridge under the direction of Tom Howard, Wadebridge Male Voice Choir led by Gareth Stubberfield and with Compere, Pirate FM's Neil Caddy – it was such a brilliant evening last year and we are hoping for a repeat performance.

The Fete

This year the fete was opened by the wonderful Johnny Cowling and organised by our new committee member, Jessica Finnemore. It was a great success, held again in Fair Park, Bodmin (just across the road from the hospital) by kind permission of Bodmin Town Council, the weather was perfect, but hot!

Our grateful thanks, as always, goes to everyone who helped and/or contributed in any way and to the wonderful crowds of people who attended, helping to make the financial results one of the best for several years. Pictured here is Tina Roberts who, every year for many years, has compered the fete in her inimitable style – and she never charges us!



Committee News

As in the last newsletter, normally Committee news comes towards the end of the Newsletter, but we have had two further great sadnesses in the loss of long time previous Chairman and committee member Mor Tetley OBE who died on 15th August and then of our wonderful President, Iona, Lady Molesworth-St Aubyn DL who died on 19th September. Both will be deeply mourned and sadly missed.

Open Garden

Once again Tony Ryde opened his beautiful garden - The Lodge at Fletchers Bridge in late March and asked BHLF to do the catering over the two days. This was, again, a wonderful way to raise valuable funds and over £500 was raised. Many thanks to Tony and to all the wonderful bakers who supplied us with cakes



BHLF Committee member Lyn Bendix serving a chocolate brownie to Tony Ryde

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Grateful thanks

A surprise cheque for £2000 was received from Peter Bray representing the Western Power Distribution Benevolent Fund.

And a donation of £500 was received from Wadebridge Rotary Club as a result of their WHEELS event held in the summer.

We continue to receive cheques from a grateful patient as the result of her selling the beautiful greetings cards which she makes – which is WONDERFUL!

And we continue to receive donations in memory of loved ones who have been cared for in Bodmin Hospital. We are so very grateful to them all.

Forthcoming Events

We will be laying a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial in Bodmin, and taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival in St Petrocs Church and will, once again, be singing Carols around the wards during the week before Christmas.

In February we are thrilled that we have been invited to be one of the charities for Snowdrop Sunday at Pencarrow – our day is Saturday 10th February 2024 And, again, Tony Ryde has asked us to do the refreshments for his Open Garden for the NGS on the weekend of April 13th and 14th.

And the fete is to be held on Saturday 22nd June 2024, again in Fair Park.

Bodmin Carnival Queen Cup

A silver cup was found stored with other similar items with the inscription: *East Cornwall Hospital Charity Cup, presented May 1956 by P H Polkinghorne Esq, Chairman of the East Cornwall Hospital Physiotherapy Appeal.* (East Cornwall League of Friends combined with St Lawrences League of Friends in 2002 to become BHLLF)

Bodmin Carnival Committee were looking for a suitable cup for their Carnival Queen and this was donated to them with the following inscription: *August 2023 - given to the Bodmin Carnival Committee by Bodmin Hospital League of Friends to be presented annually to the Bodmin Carnival Queen*



Bodmin Carnival Queen Gracie-Mai Woof holding the cup, with attendant Ivy Bowers

Photo by Paul Hockaday, Bodmin & District Camera Club.

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

In **October 2022**: we agreed to funding of £353.38 to purchase various items to create two self sooth boxes for the East Home Treatment Team.

Also in **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

In **February 2023**: £2880 for Bowman Ward to replace the greenhouse which had originally been installed when the Healing Garden was created in 2008.

In **May 2023**: £494 for Harvest Ward for a television and a Karaoke Machine

In **July 2023**: £200 for MIU to purchase child friendly items to furnish their new premises

In **September 2023**: £117.15 to purchase for the Woodfield Stroke Rehabilitation Unit a Biozoom Air Flavoured device which creates a froth of various flavours, coffee for example, to enable a sense of taste for those who have lost the ability to swallow

In **October 2023**: £4550 for purchase of airwave mattresses for Anchor and Harbour CATU (Community Assessment and Treatment Unit)

Also in October 23: £228.65 for Out Patients Dept to purchase a Wall Activity Centre and Wall stickers to make the Children's waiting area more child friendly.

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.

We still have need of new committee members 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.

With very best wishes

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