

Fundraising and events

On-line purchasing

This is a great way to support the League when shopping on-line. Just register with easyfundraising.org.uk and then when you make a purchase through one of the thousands of participating stores, click on the League of Friends of Tunbridge Wells Hospital as your chosen charity. It costs you nothing and the League gets a donation. We are now also enrolled on the Amazon Smile campaign. Just ask your friends and family to click on to smile.amazon.co.uk, pick the League of Friends from the drop-down menu and carry on buying as usual. It's Amazon as we know it, but 0.5 percent of the net purchase price of the item goes to the League. What could be easier?

Wine and Cheese Evening

In the absence of a requirement for an AGM, the League hosted a Wine and Cheese evening at the hospital's Education Centre in June. This was very well attended by hospital staff, management and League council members and as well as being an excellent way for everyone to meet on a relaxed occasion, it gave Chief Executive Officer Miles Scott an opportunity to present our chairman Gary Purdy with a Certificate of Thanks for his twenty years of service.

During Gary's stewardship we are pleased to say that £1,173,866 has been donated to the Hospital by the League.



Chairman Gary Purdy, shown here with vice-president Diana Barber, proudly displays his Certificate of Thanks.

How you can support us

- On-line purchasing through Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile, as above
- Join the Tunbridge Wells Hospital League of Friends - £25 for life membership
- Become a member of our Council
- Leave a legacy to the League

What else we do

- This year our president, Lady Mills, once again opened her garden to our members and supporters. It was held on a warm June evening, that raised £1,500 and provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and mingle in glorious surroundings. Our grateful thanks to Lady Mills for making everyone so welcome.
- Our table sales prove a great attraction on the last Friday of the month. Patients, visitors and staff all enjoy the selection of home made cakes, jams and marmalades and there are plenty of books, cards and toiletries on sale as well.
- The raffle continues to be a great fundraiser (over £3,800 in 2018) and tickets are sold from the middle of November, with the winning tickets drawn by Lady Mills in December. A list of the winning ticket numbers is posted on the website.
- Everyone loves a steam train, and as the photo on our frontpage shows, they are popular with all ages. Tonbridge Model Engineering Society continues to support the League on the August Bank holiday weekend and offers passengers a choice of electric, diesel and steam trains for their ride.
- Diana Barber's coffee morning in November is always a huge attraction and a great fundraiser (making over £4,500). As well as home-made produce, there is bric a brac, Christmas decorations, gifts, cards, and much more to choose from.
- The League always remembers those patients who are not able to go home for Christmas. Every year a sum of money is given to each ward for the ward sisters to spend as they wish. This is always greatly appreciated, with letters of thanks received from both patients and staff.



The lavender was in full bloom for the open evening



THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER 2019/2020



Enthusiastic passengers enjoying their ride on a model steam train

Welcome to our 2019/2020 newsletter

2019 has been a full and interesting year for the League of Friends. Our 1954 governance document needed updating and as a result our legal structure has changed; the League is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission. This means that we can modernise and simplify our decision-making processes. We are, for example, no longer required to hold an AGM.

Our treasurer of 12 years, Thelma Huggett has decided to step down and we are most grateful to Thelma for her commitment and dedication, especially during the period when the old Pembury and Kent & Sussex hospitals combined into the modern, leading hospital we are proud to have today. We wish Thelma a happy retirement and are delighted to welcome Sandy Crouch instead. Sandy who comes to us with a background in IT business analysis is also an experienced fundraiser and we look forward to working with her.

Fundraising continues and elsewhere in this newsletter you can read of additional ways you can help raise money for the League through on-line purchasing. Full details are also on our website which is being re-designed. Do take a look at www.friendsoftwhospital.org

As ever a big thank-you to all our members for their support and generous donations over the year.

With all best wishes — Gary Purdy, Chairman

What we do

The League works closely with the hospital which approaches us with a variety of requests during the year. In 2019 we are pleased to have provided, amongst others, the following items

- Reclining chairs for the discharge lounge
- Patient tables and waiting room chairs for the Short Stay Surgical Unit
- Four dispensing label printers for Pharmacology
- A recliner chair for respiratory patients on Ward 21
- An ultrasound machine for the Intensive Care Unit (see opposite)
- An ultra low temperature freezer for Haematology

What you can do for us

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please complete this form clearly in block Capitals and return to: **The Hon. Treasurer, The League of Friends, Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Tonbridge Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4QJ.**

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email address _____

I wish to be a life member of The League of Friends of Tunbridge Wells Hospital. I enclose the sum of £25 membership and/or £ _____ donation. Please make cheques payable to LOFTWH.

Please tick box for gift aid

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April-5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Your generosity can benefit others

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS

You can help us by remembering The League of Friends in your will. You can also support us by completing the bankers order below.

BANKERS ORDER TO YOUR BANK

Please complete this form clearly in block capitals and return to your bank:

To _____ Bank

Address _____

Sort code _____

Account number _____

Account name _____

Please pay to the League of Friends of Tunbridge Wells Hospital sort code 40:52:40 account no. 00010942 the amount of £ _____ on date ____ / ____ / ____ and thereafter, *monthly/*quarterly/*annually (*delete where applicable) until further notice.

From Mr/Mrs/Miss _____

Address _____

Signed _____

Date _____



The League's largest donation in 2019 has been an ultrasound machine for the Intensive Care Unit at a cost of £36,000. The request was initiated by intensive care consultant, Dr Nikhail Balani; the machine which was installed in May enables staff to carry out high resolution bedside scans on patients to assess and ultimately diagnose more rapidly.

Pictured opposite with the new equipment are (from left) Daniel Gaughan, general manager for critical care, chairman Gary Purdy, Dr Balani and Lindsey Reynolds, head matron for critical care.