



LET'S BE FRIENDS

The League of Friends to RJAH
Celebrating our Fundraisers & Volunteers



Receiving Partnership Award at RJAH Celebration of Achievement Awards 2017

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Chairman Peter David

SPRINGING INTO ACTION

by Chairman Peter David

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter with sincere thanks for your ongoing hard work and generosity.

We are so very proud to receive the Partnership Award at RJAH Celebration of Achievement Awards 2017 in recognition of excellence and dedication to patient care and quality provided by stakeholders and collaborators of The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Trust. This accolade is yours and pays tribute to the unending support we receive from you as fundraisers and volunteers and we extend a huge thank you for your generous service.

In 2018 we are looking forward to reaping the fruits of our labours on some projects as well as launching new schemes and ideas to improve patient comfort and support staff.

We owe huge thanks to our supporters who have given their time and in some cases their homes to successfully fundraise for us. Inspired by your regional event successes, this year we are encouraging branches to run their own summer fetes, fairs and barbeques to replace the Fete which has traditionally been held here in June. Instead we shall come together for a new fundraising initiative in the form of a spectacular Bazaar. We welcome branch ideas, preparation and participation for innovative stalls and entertainment to launch our first Christmas Bazaar on Thursday 29th November 2018.

Fundraising for Horatio's Garden has been highly successful and we are anticipating work to start in the autumn. Horatio's Garden is providing extensive new facilities for our spinal injuries patients and their families as well as rewarding volunteering opportunities.



Martin and Brenda Coggan, Corwen branch



Horatio's Garden fundraising

ROASTING SUCCESS

Summer events in Llangollen raise funds for Horatio's Garden

Llangollen branch members proudly presented a total of £2,273.55 is to be dedicated to The Horatio's Garden Oswestry appeal and was raised through Llangollen branch events and donations. The grand sum included just half the monies raised at a highly successful Hog Roast event held at Llandyn Hall Farm in Llangollen by kind permission of Mrs Janet Johnson.



Llangollen branch representatives

MILES FOR MONEY

Staunch supporters Annie Curran and Carol Aldridge have walked 200 miles to raise over £1,000 for The League of Friends to RJAH. Great friends, Annie and Carol trod with purpose on their weekly walks together, as well as with friends and family to notch up 200 miles. Whilst enjoying keeping fit they have raised a total tipping over £1,000 in aid of The League of Friends to The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry



Annie and Carol

VOLUNTEERING ADVOCATES

Volunteers Elaine Leek & Brenda Amos

The beverage service trolley is run by volunteers twice a day for seven days a week and is especially valuable to patients and staff. The second hand book stall is open Monday to Friday. Please contact The League of Friends to RJAH if you have some time and would like to join the rota.



Elaine and Brenda

Elaine Leek shares a regular weekly round with Brenda Amos. The two volunteers serve hot drinks to patients on Wrekin and Gladstone wards, making a difference as they go. Circulating the wards with a service trolley, they offer a welcome cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and are always happy to take a few minutes to stop and chat. Elaine and Brenda sensitively dodge around the busy, yet quiet spaces where patients are recuperating from spinal injuries and operations, encountering ward staff who appreciate their visit and the help they give as much as the patients. They are often needed to support some of the immobilised patients with the once-simple task of drinking a cuppa.

"We are privileged to have contact with patients on the wards; I find the patients and staff inspirational," says Elaine, "It's lovely to watch their progress over the months they work towards going home, I'm so glad to be able to volunteer here. It's good to give something back, it puts life into perspective."

Elaine has helped develop the second-hand book stall, run by The League of Friends Staff & Patient Library. The stall, which also sells, donated CDs, DVDs and magazines, is in the hospital entrance opposite the coffee shop.

JILL'S PM POINTS



Jill Cripps

Disabled swimming Club Volunteer, Jill Cripps has been nominated for a Point of Light Award. Jill has already received a letter from The Prime Minister thanking her for her hard work and dedication.