



LET'S BE FRIENDS

Friends Festive Fundraising Success

The League of Friends annual Christmas Bazaar took place in the main entrance of the hospital at the beginning of December.

The popular event which was held on Thursday 5th December saw over 1000 people attend and was a tremendous success, raising £5000 to help fund projects around the hospital supporting patients.

Visitors were able to browse more than 30 stalls consisting of goodies, games and gifts.

Fabulous festive entertainment was also provided by hand bell ringers and an array of local choirs; Gobowen Primary School, Our Lady & St Oswald's, Moreton Hall School and the Ladies Orthopaedic Choir.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club brought along Father Christmas and his sleigh, providing some festive magic for the Bazaar's younger attendees.

Victoria Sugden, League of Friends Charity Director, said: "This year's Christmas Bazaar was a fantastic collaboration between volunteers, Friends staff and hospital departments. We are particularly grateful to the Estates, Facilities and Catering teams who pulled out all the stops to make the event successful.

We were especially pleased that patients and their relatives came to the Bazaar including those that were in beds, thanks to the staff who went to the effort to make this possible.

Victoria added: "I'd also like to thank our fundraising branches, stall holders and all of our wonderful volunteers for all their hard work."



Volunteer of the Year

The fourth annual Celebration of Achievement Awards for the hospital took place at the end of November. There are 17 different categories including 'Volunteer of the Year'. The 'Volunteer of the Year' award is in recognition of a voluntary member of staff for their hard work and dedication. The winner of the Trust award is selected by The League of Friends Executive Committee.

This year's deserving winner is Gwyndaf Lloyd! Gwyndaf dedicates so much time to our hospital that he has practically become a full-time member of staff. He is friendly, warm and always ready to help. His welcoming manner is often remarked upon by patients and visitors. Congratulations Gwyn!



Volunteer Christmas Get Togethers

With Christmas coming up and the year drawing to a close what better time for our voluntary groups to gather together for a festive lunch. Pictured left are our amazing Patient Library volunteers enjoying lunch at the Queens Head. Throughout the year they take books, DVDs, CDs and players out to all the wards to cheer up our patients. They also raise funds selling second hand books from the library.

Pictured below are the fabulous Helpdesk volunteers who opted to have their Christmas lunch in the hospital's restaurant, Denbigh's. Our Helpdesk volunteers provide directions, advice and support to patients and visitors on a daily basis.

Congratulations must go to all of our amazing volunteers, our 300 strong army who are amazing ambassadors for the League. We are so thankful for the contribution made both in terms of the fundraising achieved in our retail outlets but also in the wonderful service, kindness and care that volunteers provide to patients, visitors and staff. They are often unaware of the depth of the contribution they are making to enhance the experience of patients at RJA.

Think Pink!



We're delighted to have the new League of Friends volunteer shirts out in force and we would love to make a montage of all of our lovely volunteers wearing their fabulous pink polo shirts.

If you are currently volunteering with us we challenge you to take some photographs wearing your shirts while you're out and about over the coming weeks.

Email photos to: rjah.leagueoffriends@nhs.net



Items Funded in 2019....

Thank you for supporting The League of Friends. Funds raised within the hospital and by our fundraising branches help us support the hospital by purchasing equipment and services. The League also funds Samaritan Grants and supports a range of voluntary services around the hospital.



Veterans Appeal - **£100,000**
 Titan Pagers - **£1,266**
 Hire of Shropshire Lady from Lyneal Trust - **£2,500**
 Oculus Glasses - **£1,500**
 Allen Positioning Table - **£72,750**
 Critical Care Trolley - **£11,383**
 Shower Chairs - **£2,288**
 Patio Doors - **£3,121**
 Window Blinds - **£2,994**
 Paediatric Parents Bathroom - **£30,000**
 Upgrade to Cottages - **£14,541**
 POD Sessions - **£600**
 Holiday Club - **£1,814**
 Spinal Board for Disabled Swimming Club - **£882**
 LiteGait Device Physiotherapy - **£28,000**
 Human Factors - **£5,000**
 Paediatric Mural Theatres - **£1,000**

TOTAL £279,646

How you can help...



Volunteering

There are numerous opportunities & roles to get involved with at The RJA Hospital.

If you fancy supporting the hospital and joining our award winning team contact us on: 01691 404401 or E-mail: rjah.leagueoffriends@nhs.net. Better still pop in for a friendly, informal chat at Location 20, RJA.

It is fun, rewarding, and a wonderful place to find friendship and fellowship!

Make a Donation

If you would like to support the work of our Charity a donation can be sent to our central office: The League of Friends, Location 20, The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, Shropshire, SY10 7AG.

If your donation can be 'gift aided' this will significantly increase the value to the Charity. Please contact us if you would like a Gift Aid form.

Or just have a coffee!

The League of Friends Coffee Shop is located in the main entrance of the RJA Hospital and is open 7 days a week!

All profits from the Coffee Shop go to supporting our causes. So grab a cuppa and a slice of cake in a lovely relaxed atmosphere.

Opening hours:
 Monday-Friday 7am-5pm
 Saturday 9am-2.30pm
 Sunday 12pm-5.30pm

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