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ARE YOU A 'GIVING, CARING AND SHARING' PERSON?

If so, you could make a real impact in helping to improve conditions for everyone using the hospital by joining the **League of Friends of Bridgwater Hospital**.

Through the generosity of the public, the League raises money to support the hospital by providing equipment not funded by the NHS and improving welfare facilities for patients, visitors and staff.

We are now down to about eight active members and are urgently seeking more volunteers to join our friendly, giving, caring and sharing team.

You don't need any special skills or experience, just a few hours of your time per month and a willingness to help others. It's a great way to give back to the community and have fun at the same time. If you would like to be involved then please contact us via our website.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During the latter months of 2023 the League of Friends was hard at work fund-raising .



In August we were invited to set up stall at the Annual Classic and Vintage Car Rally held at the Morganians Rugby Club where we sold handicrafts and pre-loved items and ran a tombola.



For a number of years we organized a raffle at the Cossington Jazz Concerts raising many hundreds of pounds for our causes. The concerts relocated to the Bridgwater Arts Centre this year and we were very lucky to be invited to continue our fund-raising efforts by the center management.

Collection Boxes



Over 50 businesses in Bridgwater and the surrounding area have kindly sponsored one of our collection boxes. They make an important contribution towards the fundraising to purchase equipment and welfare facilities for the hospital.

Pictured here is the manager and staff of the Dunkery Road NISA Store being presented with a Certificate of Gratitude by our President, Judith Allen. Between 2011 and 2023 the customers of the store donated over £6300 to the League of Friends.

If you feel you could support us by having a collection box on your premises then please contact us through our website

Occasionally, individual organizations also make valuable one –off contributions to the League.

Here, the then President of Bridgwater Bowls Association Lynn Mead makes a presents a cheque for £1000 to our President Judith Allen.

We are extremely grateful for all donations however small. Every penny goes towards our efforts towards improving the hospital for everyone.



Hospital Stall



On the third Wednesday in every month, the League of Friends runs a very popular stall in the hospital reception. As well as selling handicrafts and running a tombola, our cakes are very popular and members of the League and hospital staff bake them at home to donate to the stall. At Christmas and Easter we also sell seasonal items. In 2024 we are hoping to increase the number of times we hold the stall each month however, this is very much dependent on the availability of our few members.

You could become involved!

Bookcases



The League maintains three bookcases in the hospital reception. In exchange for a small donation, patients, visitors and staff are welcome to take away any of the books we have on offer.

We are always looking for donations of reasonable quality paperback books to stock our bookcases.

If you have any you would like to donate then please either bring them in to reception or, if you have a lot, contact us through our website and we will try to arrange collection.

The League of Friends Trolley



For a number of years the League has provided a trolley service to the in-patients on the ward selling everyday essentials. The patients not only have the opportunity to purchase small items but get a free chat with our Trolley Dolly Carol!

Recent Purchases for the Hospital



The League has recently provided two treatment chairs for the Ambulatory Care Department to improve the comfort of patients undergoing out-patient treatment.