Having raised over £15m for Torbay Hospital over the last 60 years the League has agreed, as part of its Diamond Anniversary, to try and raise £1.6m to equip a brand new Intensive Care Unit for our Hospital.

The current ICU, built in 1967 and also funded by the League, is over 40 years old, too small and unable to cope with a modern care regime. The requirement now is for a new unit to be “state of the art” and as far as possible, future proof for at least the next 25/30 years; to have 14 beds providing quality care in the correct environment and to be completed by 2016. It is essential for a District General Hospital to have such a unit.

Having identified the need for such a Unit the problem was that it had to be positioned within the Hospital so that it could easily link with the wards, theatres and the emergency department.

After detailed consideration of all options available a decision was taken by the Trust for a new build on level 5. This decision ticked all the boxes for both clinical advantage and cost. The scheme was approved in March of this year.

The plans revealed so far show how the new unit might look and exactly how it would fit within the Hospital generally relating with both wards and theatres. A new plant room will be constructed over the unit which would also be capable of having two more wards above it at some time in the future if

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60 years since The League of Friends was formed and during that time over £15 million has been given to Torbay Hospital. This is quite an achievement which everyone who has given time and money must be proud.

Now, in our 60th Year, our aim is to raise £1.6 million to equip a brand new Critical Care Unit. The building will be funded by the hospital. This is a major undertaking and if, or when we are successful, the new unit will maintain and increase the standard of our hospital.

We have already held a number of enjoyable fund raising events and there are more to come. These are all listed on our Website and in this Newsletter.

I am always quoting that 97% of money raised goes straight to the Hospital. This is truly a Local Charity. Apart from events this year we had input into the rejuvenated Memorial Garden which is really lovely and available for anyone to visit.

There have also been big changes to Level 2 Outpatients, where the League has a new Office and Café and where the volunteers meet and greet patients visiting as Outpatients. Both these additions have been very well received.

Please continue to support us – your interest and donations are very much appreciated.
required.

Additionally the new unit would enable the main entrance to the Hospital to be significantly improved although in the short term it would have to be closed in favour of the current Outpatients entrance at Level 4.

The cost of the new unit is £14m which includes specialised ICU equipment in the sum of £1.6m.

The League was first approached with details of this proposal at the end of 2013 and immediately we felt that this was something we could get excited about and that if we were in a position to help on a substantial basis it would be a marvellous legacy to leave the Hospital in our Diamond Anniversary year. Therefore, when a formal request came to us to provide the sum of £1.6m to equip the new Unit we had no hesitation in saying we would do our best even though it will be a tremendous challenge for us to raise such an enormous sum.

Currently steps are being taken to finalise the design, appoint a Contractor and apply for Planning Permission. There will then be an implementation plan followed by enabling works resulting in a final business case being presented to the Board by December with a view to work commencing in early 2015. If all goes well final fitting out and equipment installation will take place in early 2016 with the new unit then opening in August 2016.

The League has taken on challenges before but this is probably our greatest yet. Everything we do from now to 2016 is aimed at raising as much money as we can to enable us to provide the sum required. The League is well up for this challenge and we feel sure that, with generous help from everyone in Torbay, we shall be able to achieve our aim. So whenever you see Torbay Hospital League of Friends volunteer collecting money please give generously — the probability is that sooner or later someone you know will benefit from the new Unit.

97% of money raised spent on the hospital. That’s an amazing 97p in every pound!
A volunteer, who has worked for 45 years and served an estimated MILLION cups of tea, was given the honour of cutting the ribbon for the newly enlarged and refurbished League of Friends Cafe at Torbay Hospital.

Maureen Bowles, who is the League’s longest-serving volunteer, started with a tea trolley and has watched as facilities have improved year after year.

She said today: ‘I am delighted and honoured to be asked to cut the ribbon. This new cafe is absolutely wonderful and a great improvement on the old one’.

The name for the new cafe, which is adjacent to the Outpatients Department, is Butterflies – which reflects the League’s logo. It was dreamed up by volunteer Sandra Basnett.

League Treasurer and one of the cafe directors, Christine Piper said: ‘Before the League was around, a part-time canteen assistant used to sell tea and coffee only in the morning.

‘We took over afternoons in 1964 and in 1970 we opened our first canteen facilities. We have been open ever since’.

Miss E Walker was the first ‘organiser’ and she was succeeded by Shirley Weir in 1984. Shirley was one of the honoured guests at the grand opening.

Philip White, the League Secretary said: ‘It’s taken a year to complete the project and there have been a few hiccups on the way, but I think that everyone is thrilled with the results.

‘We are celebrating our own Diamond Anniversary this year and have raised more than £15 million during this time.

‘The new Butterflies Cafe represents a fitting reminder to everyone of the work our volunteers have put in’.
Mr White thanked everyone involved in the building, refurbishment and catering – particularly Justin Bidmead from local shop fitters Nebrak, who he described as ‘particularly helpful throughout’. Cafe managers June Barnbrook, Pat Pope and Maureen Bowles each received bouquets from Christine Piper.

The project cost in the region of £100,000. As well as our brand new Butterflies Café the whole of the out patients entrance on level 2 has been totally refurbished. There is now a Pharmacy as well as a new Out Patients reception desk and our own office has moved to a position opposite Reception where we can be more prominent for Patients.

Since opening on 10th April 2014 we have sold:
9125 cups of Tea (all types)
1014 Hot Chocolate.
13701 Coffee’s

**SHOP/CAFÉ (Outpatients Entrance - Level 2)**
OPEN 9.30am to 4.30pm
Tea, Coffee, Chocolate; Cool Drinks, Hot Food, Pasties, Sausage Rolls, Cheese/Bacon Wraps.
Assorted Sandwiches & Rolls, Fresh Cakes and Buns. Toasted Teacakes, Toast.
Seasonal Specials: Mince Pies, Hot Cross Buns, etc.
OPEN Monday & Thursday 9.30 to 4pm & Fri (am)

**First in the Queue for New Café !**

*Ian and Christine Ryder were the first customers to be served in our new Butterflies Café*

Mr and Mrs Ryder from Bigbury stopped to admire the new Café when arriving early on Monday 14th April. Whilst chatting to our volunteers they realised that the opening was imminent - our ladies behind the counter were preparing to serve the very first customers. We asked whether they would be willing to be featured as our first customers which they were happy to do, inviting a Patient...
Transport driver to join them.

Mr and Mrs Ryder went on to tell our volunteers how impressed they have been with the care and treatment received at Torbay Hospital.

After serving the first Café customers business was brisk and has continued to be so – thank you to all our customers for your support!

Since opening the new Café we have been pleased to receive many compliments from patients and staff, and we look forward to many years of service in this bright new environment!

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND BALL

Torbay Hospital League of Friends was extremely grateful to the Wellswood District of the League for undertaking one of the major projects to commemorate our Diamond Anniversary. As the name suggests 60 years has to be celebrated with Diamonds and they were well to the fore at this magnificent occasion.

For several weeks before the event, which took place at the Grand Hotel Torquay on Saturday 7th June, Lynne Hookings and her team from Wellswood had been planning the evening so that when it took place it ran like clockwork to the immense satisfaction of all concerned.

Wellswood were able to draw upon some very high powered and extremely generous sponsors namely Michael Spiers Jewellery and Torbay and District Funeral Service as well as a host of others who helped to make the evening glitter like the diamonds displayed by Michael Spiers.

As always for events such as this there was a moment when the organisers wondered if they would capture the public’s attention to sell enough tickets but any doubts were soon dispelled and Lynne was delighted to be able to sell around 200 tickets. This alone was a remarkable effort and a considerable triumph for Wellswood District. Guests
came from all over Torbay including the Chairwoman of the Council Jane Barnby, a number of Councillors as well as numerous Doctors, members of Torbay Hospital staff and Governors of the Trust.

The evening started with a Sparkling (obviously) Reception with Champagne.

After satiating themselves on diamonds Guests then enjoyed a splendid dinner in the Hotel Dining room seated at beautifully decorated tables where the main embellishment strewn over the table cloth was (you guessed it!) diamonds. Those who had not bought heavily beforehand were seen furtively gathering these up pretending they would be nice for the grandchildren to play with later.

At the conclusion of the Dinner Paul Cooper the Finance Director of South Devon Healthcare Trust proposed the toast to the League of Friends and in so doing emphasised the valuable support provided to the Hospital over the last 60 years. Lynne Hookings, responded on behalf of Wellswood District and the League, going back briefly over the history of the last sixty years and drawing attention to the current fund raising enterprise namely the raising of £1.6m

Guests, glass in hand, were then free to browse along a dazzling avenue of the most spectacular jewellery displayed by Michael Spiers. There were a profusion of Rolex watches and a glittering array of Diamonds of all shapes and sizes – and prices. The total cost of jewellery on display was a staggering £2m and was simply stunning. Rumour has it that that at least one husband succumbed and purchased diamonds for his wife thereby earning a substantial number of brownie points.
needed by 2016 to equip the new Critical Care unit to be built at the Hospital. She also gave a heartfelt thanks to her District Committee and all other supporters as well as the sponsors and all who had worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

The evening then continued with a lively and humorous Charity Auction conducted by no less a person than former First Mayor of Torbay Nick Bye who seemed determined to try and raise the required £1.6m then and there. He had a wide variety of items to auction all of which had been supplied by the sponsors and included Jewellery vouchers from Michael Spiers, Hotel accommodation from Richardson Hotels and Shearing’s Group, a delightful original painting from local artist Louise Bouguard, “something for the weekend” in the shape of a BMW car from Ocean BMW, a Dyson Vacuum cleaner and ended with an electrically powered working scaled down model of a BMW Mini also donated by Ocean BMW. Nick worked his socks off to galvanise the guests in parting with their money and at one point in the course of auctioning the Dyson offered to do the vacuuming of the winners house himself and, when that failed to gain much enthusiasm, he said he would do it topless as well. A veil shall be drawn whether this threat (or promise) had the desired effect and certainly as to the identity of the winner. Nick very skilfully managed to extract £1750 from the assembly which all went to the profits for the evening.

There was also a Raffle with a whole variety of prizes donated by supporters and well-wishers which raised another £800.

After Dinner the guests retired to the Ballroom to continue the evening with the fabulous Maggie Reeday Band who had everyone dancing away until the end of the evening.

Total profits for this very special evening in the life of the League amounted to £6458 which was very gratifying to Lynne and her Committee who had worked so hard to make it so successful.

Our new and improved website is up and running, take a look to find out about the latest events and information on the League @ www.thlof.co.uk
Replacing the Chapel Crosses

The Chapel at Torbay Hospital was constructed 1928 and is part of the original hospital. It became a Grade II listed building on the 3rd May 1974.

On or about the 23 November 2012 one of the crosses on the Chapel roof became detached. Fortunately, it lodged against the parapet rather than falling all the way to the ground and was safely removed by Torquay Fire Service. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the supports for both this cross and the one at the other end of the roof had rotted and were unsafe. Both had to be removed for the safety of pedestrians and to allow remedial work to be carried out.

The Hospital then had to consider the best way forward having regard to the importance of the Chapel to the Hospital and also how to pay for whatever needed to be done bearing in mind that the NHS budget was not available and the Estates Department at the Hospital had no Capital Funds to cover such work.

Whilst the position was being assessed for the crosses it soon became clear that any replacement would involve releasing the fixings on the main rafters and the fitting of additional structural timbers to the roof truss framework to provide anchor points for the central core posts which were needed to support the new crosses. Additionally it was found that when the Cross fell it caused damage to a number of natural roofing slates and this revealed the full extent of the rot to the timbers although thankfully this was limited to the support post of the Crosses.

Approximately 300 replacement natural roofing slates were required. Lesley Darke, Director of Estates, was able, through diligent searching, to source an almost exact match at a local reclamation yard.

After a thorough assessment of the position it was decided that the ideal was to replace the crosses and maintain the original appearance of the building. However, it is not possible to re-install the original crosses due to their composition (timber clad with lead) and the
deterioration of the timber. The decision was made therefore to have the replacement crosses formed in fibre glass compound and fixed on new IROKO posts in exactly the same sizes as the old ones and then finished with a coating of atomized lead.

Permission has been obtained from the Diocesan Advisory Committee which deals with listed places of worship to replace them with such identical-looking crosses manufactured from fibre glass which would be safer and more durable.

Although the required expertise was able to be provided “in house” it was felt best if Structural Engineers were appointed and Sarah Buck of BSW Consulting Engineers was chosen to act for the Hospital. Sarah was extremely well suited to the task having been the first ever woman to be appointed as President of the Institute of Structural Engineers and additionally had considerable experience in conservation work and buildings of historical interest.

Work started in September 2013 and was completed in November that year. It included essential repairs to other aspects of the roof including new lead work flashings to the apex points around the base of the crosses and part of the ridge. The whole job involved negotiating access at height in all weathers, even working out-of-hours to deal with temporary weatherproofing and re-fixing tarpaulins which came adrift in the winter storms.

A request for funds towards the total cost of £17,368 for the refitting and replacement of the crosses on each end of the Hospital Chapel together with associated roof repairs was made to the League. Although this was an unusual request for the League to consider, the Management Committee felt that as the Chapel was so well used by patients and their relatives as a haven of peace in a busy and often stressful environment the funds should be made available as otherwise the Chapel would have lost the crosses which, after all, were part of the history of the Chapel since it was first built.

Both the Hospital and the League
are extremely grateful to many people from a whole variety of disciplines for the work carried out with such care to restore the crosses to this well-loved Chapel but particularly to Stanley Bath, Clerk of Works at Torbay Hospital who had the overall responsibility to carry out and oversee the work to such a successful completion.

The League was invited to view the finished work in all its glory on the 12th May 2014 when several Trustees met Stanley Bath, Lesley Darke and Martin Manley from the Hospital Chaplaincy. Martin thanked the League for their support and also expressed grateful thanks to Stanley for his work throughout the project. He said that the Chaplaincy was absolutely delighted to have had the crosses restored to the roof. Lesley Darke for the Hospital said she was also pleased at such a successful outcome and stressed that the Chapel was of significant importance to the wellbeing of the Hospital.

R enowned Newton Abbot watercolour and mixed media artist Louise Bouguard kindly donated one of her paintings to Torbay Hospital League of Friends. The painting was auctioned at the Diamond Anniversary Banquet and Ball held on Sat 7th June at the Grand Hotel Torquay.

Her paintings are atmospheric and intuitive and she is also an inspirational local teacher. Louise said: ‘I am delighted to be able to support
the League of Friends in this way and hope that my painting will raise a lot of money for the Intensive Care Fund.’

Lynne Hookings, Chairman of the League’s Wellswood District said: ‘We are extremely grateful to Louise for helping us in our fund raising - a mammoth task as the League is hoping to raise an additional £1.6m to equip a brand new Intensive Care Unit for Torbay Hospital.

Memory Garden

After the AGM on the 1st May many members of the League took the opportunity of attending the opening by the Hospital of the Memory Garden situated on the first floor of the old Hospital building just behind the entrance to the Boardroom. Members joined senior members of the Trust, Lesley Darke (Director of Estates) Peter Schofield (Environmental Services Manager) Martin Manley from the Chaplaincy as well as many members of the Hospital Staff who had been directly involved in this innovative project including the Garden Designer, Colette Charsley.

At Lesley’s request Peter Schofield gave a short account of the history of the garden. He said that when the Hospital had been built in 1928 the area had been designed as an internal courtyard garden on the first floor and had been originally planted with roses – hence it has always been known as the Rose Garden. When he had first started work at the Hospital some 20 years ago it had been a simple matter to keep it in order but over years various problems had developed with the structure of the foundations so that it had been closed for many years and had consequently become somewhat unkempt. When the need arose to carry out repairs the opportunity was taken to regenerate the garden as a whole so that it could be used again by patients and staff as it had originally been intended. He said the work started in the early part of 2013.
when various Garden Designers had been asked to present plans for the garden. This process had resulted in the appointment of a local Designer, Colette Charsley, whose imaginative design had been unanimously chosen by a committee of Hospital and League of Friends. The requirement was that the garden should be fully accessible to all attending the Hospital and he made the point that there was a proven link between the environment surrounding a hospital and patient recovery to the real benefit of both.

He said that the work to the garden had started in January 2014 but had been somewhat delayed by the awful winter weather to the extent that for some weeks it had resembled a bog or the Somme. However the weather had more or less cleared by March and his gardening department had been at full steam ever since to complete the planting and the hard landscaping now in place and he paid a generous tribute to all the work done by members of his staff.

Lesley Darke added her thanks on behalf of the Hospital Trust explaining that originally the work had only consisted of that which was necessary to sort the drains out to prevent water penetration to the floors below. However this work had caused damage and trampling to the garden above requiring a whole new approach to how this space could be used. It was decided that it should be changed into a quiet place of inspiration for all attending the Hospital to remember people who had given service of any kind to the Hospital and this would include League of Friends as well as members of the Hospital Staff and their families. The garden would be the one place in the Hospital where people could remember their friends and colleagues in peaceful tranquillity.

She then acknowledged the hard work of many people who had contributed to the final garden including Peter Hildrew, Past Chairman of the Governors who had enthusiastically supported the project, Peter Schofield and his Trust gardening team for doing the gardening work and Colette Charsley for her design. She also had a special mention for the bricklayer Vic Danbury who had so painstakingly undertaken the intricate brick work which could now been fully appreciated.

She was pleased that the League of Friends had supported the project and she then invited Patricia Roberts, President of the League of Friends, to unveil a plaque to the entrance to the Garden.
which had inscribed the names of the Past Presidents to the League of Friends who had given so much to the Hospital over the years.

After the formal unveiling of the plaque John Lowes as acting Chief Executive of the Trust thanked Lesley for all that she had done in her capacity as Director of Estates to bring this project to such a successful conclusion.

Martin Manley from the Hospital Chaplaincy then read a poem to dedicate the garden as a sanctuary and to the memory of all who worked in the Hospital. He expressed the hope that it would be used by many and be a place of peace and comfort to all.

Those attending were then able to wander around the garden and admire the pathways and the planting before enjoying a cream tea in the Boardroom kindly provided by Gaynor Raisey from the Bay View Restaurant in the Hospital.

Mary Delve Bereavement Suite

Way back in December 2011 Heather Parker Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery together with Anna Stewart, Delivery Suite Coordinator, attended one of our meetings to make a bid for the refurbishment of the Mary Delve Bereavement Suite. Anna explained that losing a baby at the time of birth was a traumatic experience but by providing sensitive, expert care and a comfortable environment, for the whole family, distress can be eased.

The current room for bereaved families was designed for this purpose but unfortunately had become worn and is in serious need of refurbishment. The Hospital had agreed to fund the main part of the refurbishment relating to the structure of the room and her request was to ask the League to provide some extras. She explained that they wished to provide an up to date modern safe relaxing environment for the whole family as well as a room which incorporates clinical features required to ensure that a birth is as safe as possible and that infection control standards are maintained.

The bid was for various items of comfortable furniture, television, fridge, crockery, curtains, blinds, bedding etc. and we had great pleasure in approving the bid even though it was to be hoped that such a Suite would become one of the least used rooms in the Hospital.

It was therefore with pleasure we learned recently that the new Suite had
been finished and was ready for a formal opening on the 30th June. Our President Patricia Roberts along with Chairman David Rogers and several Trustees were pleased to accept an invitation to attend the opening and to meet several other charities who had all contributed to make this Suite as comfortable as possible bearing in mind the sad need for having such a room in the first place.

The room itself is immediately adjacent to the Maternity Delivery Suite but completely self-contained and overlooks the Hearts Ease Garden. It has been lovingly finished to a very high standard with all mod cons including sofa, flat screen TV and its own bathroom.

Marie Mortimer Matron of In Patients Service introduced her colleagues including Rachel Glasson, Matron Out Patient Service and also Anna Stewart and Claire Jackson from the Department. She thanked all who had contributed to this fine new room and in particular she thanked the League of Friends who had contributed just over £8000 to enable the room to be equipped with the extras which go to make it so much more friendly and secure for parents who have experienced the tragedy of losing a baby at birth. She said the journey to complete the room in its final state had taken a long time but, as could now be seen, the wait had been worthwhile. She was also pleased to be able to acknowledge the work that members of her Department, especially Claire, had put in on an entirely voluntary basis in their own time to make the room just that little bit more special.

Chairman of the Trust, Sir Richard Ibbotson, said that they were delighted this project had now come to completion and gave his thanks to all those who had had a hand in enabling the Suite to be completed. He said it was particularly pleasing for him to thank the broader community for all the help it had provided for the Maternity Department in particular and the Hospital in general.

After the formalities everyone was very pleased to enjoy the excellent refreshments that had kindly been supplied by the Hospital by way of thanks to everyone concerned.

The League is very pleased indeed to have been able to help and to see that the funds provided have been spent in such a worthwhile manner - our thoughts will go out to each family who has the misfortune to use the room.
Our major League event for the summer was once again the Garden Party at the Palace. The Party took place on Sunday 30\textsuperscript{th} June when we really should be entitled to expect some decent weather. Unfortunately the day before it poured with rain so after discussion with the Palace Hotel management, the sensible decision was made that we could not hold it on the putting green as before but would have to have it indoors in the Tennis Arena.

In the event this was a very good decision as although Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny the rain fell down around lunch time so that had we been outside it would have put a very wet blanket over everything. The Tennis Arena at the Palace Hotel is almost made for an event such as this having easy access for both visitors and suppliers, a huge area to house the stalls and still have masses of space available for the various events that took place throughout a busy day and enabled many people to sit and watch or just have a cup of tea or a burger.

Indeed by 8.30am on Sunday the Arena was positively humming with activity whilst everything was being set up. In overall charge was our Chairman Dave Rogers who patrolled the arena like a well practised Generalissimo barking out orders left right and centre to make sure that everyone was in the correct position and dispensing drawing pins whenever required. In short order some 25 stalls were positioned and fully “dressed” and the stage up and wired for sound. There were an amazing variety of stalls ranging from Bric-a Brac, Floral Creations, Jewellery, Books, Elegant Nails, Tombola, Toys/Sweets, Face painting and Ceramics. The Hospital was represented by Louisa Cary Ward and the League itself provided a Tombola stall run by Wellswood District, Splat the Rat (run by Gerald Arnold) and of course the Junior League were present. The Linen League was out in force as was Babbacombe and St. Marychurch District as well as a table run by our President Patricia Roberts.
In addition we were grateful to St. John Ambulance who attended to make sure that anyone not feeling well was properly looked after and also the Rotary Club of Torquay who provided a host of very efficient Parking attendants as well as their own Tombola stall.

Your Correspondent arrived at about 9.00 (ish) hoping everything would have been set up but unfortunately was immediately pounced on by the Generalissimo and told to inflate 200 balloons with helium. He was very soon in trouble as clearly either the balloons or the helium was defective as approximately every third balloon exploded with the sound of a rifle shot causing the whole arena to take cover. However the Manager of the Palace Paul Uphill was soon on hand, no doubt thinking there was a massacre going on, and with his rather fumbling help as well as two rather more capable hands, the discipline of inserting the nozzle into the balloon and inflating it to a correct level was soon accomplished with the minimum of further explosions. Indeed by the opening time at 11.00am the entrance doorway to the arena was covered in happy helium balloons all blowing about and looking very colourful as well as two iconic balloons on the stage - one being a 6 and the other an 0 to depict our 60th Anniversary.

This year we were delighted that the Krankies - Janette and Ian Tough – agreed to open the proceedings which they did in their own inimitable style at 12 noon. Your correspondent was impressed and not a little amazed by the number of attempts by the Krankies and our photographer Paul Levi to get a picture of the Krankies with the “60” balloons. You would think this would not be a problem. There are only two balloons, and they go side by side to depict “60”. The operation took about 8 minutes whilst various combinations were tried and discarded. There was “06”, “90” “09” all put forward before the correct version was triumphantly achieved and each time it was wrong Janette dissolved into...
laughter whilst the balloons danced about haphazardly. Anyway all was well in the end as the photograph shows.

When eventually order was restored the day’s events kicked off and what a day it was! We had already been serenaded by Sandy Sparkle, Torbay’s own professional singer and tribute artist, who started her act accompanied by Air Raid sirens and also Peter Dell (Mac) who performed a medley of jazz, swing and easy listening songs throughout the whole afternoon. After the official opening The Krankies spent a great deal of time in the Arena meeting many of the Party goers and having “selfies” taken.

There were more old favourites from Sandy and Mac who were followed by performances from the Abbotskerswell Hand Bell Rings; songs by Terri Kate who, although only aged 11, has an incredibly powerful voice and greatly impressed the audience with her two performances; the Smooth Operators Jazz Band; and the Marisa Burgoyne Dance Centre who performed brilliantly.

Between these very talented presentations Sandy and Mac continued to entertain the crowds in their own individual styles and were hugely appreciated by the crowd who loved every minute. Indeed one review for Sandy after the event said she was “awesome” and that was a word that many would agree with.

Just after 3.30pm there was a flurry of draw ticket buying in readiness for the draw. We were especially delighted that the new Chairman of the South Devon Healthcare Trust, Vice Admiral (Retired) Sir Richard Ibbotson KBE CB DSC was able to come along to make the draw on behalf of the League.

The total profit raised for the League was £5723 and this will be a much needed kick start to our raising the £1.6m needed for the equipment in the new ICU unit to be opened in 2016.

All in all it was a very good day for the League and we very much hope was enjoyed by all who attended.
The Junior League of Friends was created in recent years to engage young people in fundraising for the hospital. We have had an incredibly fun year, with a forty-five strong team of AS Level students at Torquay Girls Grammar School contributing to raise over £2800 this academic year!

Collectively, we have organised two main events, and have been responsible for raising a profit of £1,300; a Winter Ball, held at Hennessy Cocktail Bar in late December last year and attended by 200 Grammar School students, and an Easter Fête, during which we provided fifteen unique stalls and a raffle. We also sold Nestle chocolate bars throughout the year to Girl’s Grammar students, which provided us with a profit of £230, much better than expected!

Various members of the Junior League also volunteered to help with numerous collections and events which the Senior League of Friends’s had organised, such as a Bed Push and a collection at Torquay’s Christmas Light Switch-on. On the seventh of June, at the Diamond Anniversary Banquet and Ball, the Junior League also helped with the raffle, which itself raised over £900, a figure which we were very proud of! A recent Bed Push along Torquay’s sea front raised £1005, £145 of which we ourselves collected. We feel that all these events have been extremely successful, and also a lot of fun!

It truly was a privilege to work with such a motivated, hardworking and passionate team of forty-five girls, but sadly my year as Chairman has come to an end. I cannot wait to conduct interviews for potential chairmen and vice-chairmen, to see what positive and influential ideas that they could bring to the Junior League. Lastly, I would like to thank Torquay Girls Grammar School and the whole of the Torbay Hospital’s Senior League of Friends for their continuous support throughout this memorable year.

Ellen Fleming – Chairman.
Back in 2010 when I was Chairman, I realised that the Junior League had been 'lost' to the THLOF for many years. I felt that it was important to encourage younger support of our worthwhile charity and to engage once more with a new group of interesting and imaginative young people.

I set about contacting the Torquay Girls Grammar School and after many meetings set up once more a Junior League for the League.

The Junior League Chairmen sit on the management committee of the League and have full voting rights. They report their ideas and activity to the senior committee, but run their own very successful events on behalf of the League, as well as helping the full committee.

Not only is their energy and enthusiasm a tonic to the League but they have grown in strength and stature and are a vital and welcome support to us 'older ones' !!!

Their Chairman change each year and I have would very much like to thank Ellen and her team for the wonderful job that they have carried out over the last year - a hugely successful one for the Junior League. WELL DONE to all of you.

Thank you so much Tony and Churston Golf Club!

In the Spring Tony Green completed his term of office as Captain of Churston Golf Club and his nominated charity for the year was Torbay Hospital League of Friends. The photo shows Tony presenting a cheque for £2350 to David Rogers, the Chairman of Torbay Hospital League of Friends.

The League is always grateful for the generosity and support of the local people, clubs and businesses.
A s part of its Dia-
mond Anniver-
sary Celebrations on
Sunday 28th September
Torbay Hospital League
of Friends held a Service of Celebration
and Thanksgiving at Upton Vale Baptist
Church which, ten years ago, played host
to the League when it celebrated its
Golden Anniversary. The service was
attended by Nigel Wollen Deputy Lieu-
tenant of Devon, the Mayor, Adrian
Sanders MP as well members of the
South Devon Healthcare Trust lead by
their Chairman Sir Richard Ibbotson who
joined President Patricia Roberts and
other members of the League. The Revd
Graham McBain, Head of Adult Ministries
at Upton Vale warmly welcomed the con-
gregation to his Church and the Service
was then conducted by the Revd Martin
Manley the Co-Ordinating Chaplain of
Torbay Hospital with the assistance of
several other members of the Healthcare
Chaplaincy team and who, in his opening
remarks said he was delighted to cele-
brate something older than he was. The
Service included a Reading from Romans
12. 3-13 read by League Treasurer Chris-
tine Piper and a
moving account
of what an Inten-
sive Care Unit
does given by Dr.
Jonathan Ingham
Clinical Director
of Intensive Care at Torbay Hospital to
emphasise the Leagues’ Appeal to raise
£1.6m to equip the new IC Unit. The
main address was given by Dr Jeffery
Stephenson Medical Director at St.
Lukes’s Hospice Plymouth who took as
his theme the ethos of service and the
Grace of God which comes from such
service and sacrifice for others.

Such a notable anniversary was marked
on behalf of the Healthcare Trust by Sir
Richard Ibbotson who took the oppor-
tunity to present our President with a
picture of the stained glass window in
the Hospital Chapel as a token of the
Hospital’s appreciation of the League’s
effort and support over the last Sixty
years.

After the Service concluded all members
of the congregation gathered in the main
hall of the Church for a splendid after-
noon tea provided for us by Gaynor
Raisey and her team from Bayview Res-
aurant and our own Volunteers. Every-
one was able to mingle and chat over a
cup of tea and sandwiches and enjoyed
watching the ceremonial cutting of the
60th Anniversary Cake by a joint effort of
the Deputy Lieutenant of Devon Nigel
Wollen and our President.
On 18th June 2014 Babbacombe Rotary held their annual charity day known as Babbacombe Fayre. The event is held on Babbacombe Downs and is in a picturesque setting overlooking the sea. We were fortunate to have one of the best days of the summer during a settled spell of excellent weather. Our stall was a Fruit Basket Tombola and within a very short time we had our first lucky winner. Through the day we saw 21 winners take away a lovely basket of fruit, and nearing the end of the day a very lucky young lady won the star prize of an extra large basket of fruit.

In another area of the Fayre, ladies from our St Marychurch with Babbacombe Team were kept busy selling Bric-a-brac, books, hand-made cushions, home-made cakes and preserves.

A very enjoyable day was had by all who helped, which resulted in almost £700 being added to the League funds.

We are very grateful to Frank H Mann (Torquay) Ltd for donating all of the fruit for our Fruit Basket Tombola’s again this year.

From left to right: John Lowes, Sir Richard Ibbotson, Revd Sally White, Dr Jeffery Stephenson, Mrs Linda Hill, Gordon Oliver, Revd Martin Manley, Patricia Roberts, Nigel Wollen DL, Revd Sally White, Adrian Sanders, David Rogers, David Luce
Mark Maxwell, Physiotherapist at Torbay Hospital specialising in lower limbs, presented a bid to the Management Committee in June this year for funding to enable the Hospital to acquire a ground breaking piece of equipment which literally alters gravity.

The anti-gravity treadmill was first designed for NASA in the early 1990s to produce the opposite effect for astronauts in space — having their effective weight increase in zero gravity.

Robert Whalen, the American Inventor of the machine, and a former NASA research scientist built the first prototype of the anti-gravity treadmill but it was his son Sean, whilst undertaking a Master’s program in entrepreneurship at Stanford in 2004, who realised the commercial possibilities of the machine being used in a medical context.

The treadmill features a pressurized chamber that encloses the lower body and enables a user to walk or run at just 20 percent of his or her actual body weight. Sean “flipped the blower” on the original treadmill design and developed a prototype of the machine now used.

In 2008, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cleared the Anti-Gravity Treadmill
as a medical device applicable for uses in rehabilitation. Since then the Anti-Gravity Treadmill has been used for rehabilitating lower extremity injury or surgery, aerobic conditioning, weight control, gait training for neurological conditions, strengthening and conditioning the elderly.

Mark explained that the AlterG Anti-Gravity Treadmill would greatly enhance his Departments’ ability to help patients recover faster and allow patients to rehabilitate with less pain while reducing the risk of further injury thereby helping patients to heal faster. It also provides therapists a precise way to track patient progress, keeping patients engaged and motivated during rehab.

It works by reducing gravity’s impact by selecting any weight between 20% and 100% of a patients’ body weight by 1% increments with consequential advantages, namely enabling rehabilitation of lower extremity injuries with less pain and less impact, improving mobility, strength and safety for those with neurological conditions and providing a safe way to lose weight and exercise more intensively while unweighted.

The cost of the machine was £35,000 but the Committee were persuaded that the advantages for patient benefit were considerable and duly sanctioned its purchase.

On the 1st September Trustees attended the Physiotherapy Department at Torbay Hospital to handover the machine. Mark, with Out Patient Physiotherapists Emily Lovell, Sally Tompkins and Lynne Hunnable together with representatives of the manufacturers, proudly demonstrated the machine now installed and in full working order.

This machine is one of only 200 in the UK at the moment. Mark said he was delighted with the effect the machine has already had in allowing patients to exercise much quicker and become rehabilitated much earlier and thanked the League for enabling Torbay to be the first in the South West acquire such an innovative and effective machine.

**BED PUSH RAISES OVER £1000**

On Sunday 17th August The League of Friends held our first Bed Push on Torquay Seafront, making our way throughout the day between The Grand Hotel and the Inner Harbour.
Consultants Todd Guest and Ben Ivory from the Critical Care Unit joined League volunteers, friends and family to help push the decorated hospital bed complete with an ailing teddy bear patient.

President Pat Roberts said "The hospital loaned us some theatre scrubs to add a bit of colour and everyone had a brilliant time. In all we managed to raise over £1000 and we hope to repeat the event."

The money raised will go towards our latest project which is to provide equipment, at an estimated cost of £1.6 million, for use in a purpose built, state of the art Critical Care Unit which is planned for Torbay Hospital in 2016.

Chairman David Rogers added “We were caught twice in heavy showers, which were conveniently timed for us to take shelter and refreshment, and by early afternoon we were all pleased to enjoy some sunshine. We were also joined by retained firemen from Teignmouth and volunteers from our newly refurbished Butterflies Café making the event a real team effort."

We would like to thank everyone who dropped coins and notes in the collecting buckets, including the many visitors to Torquay. We hope we provided some entertainment and that they enjoyed the Bed Push as much as we did.
Paignton Lady Hoteliers & Friends Association held their end of year lunch at the Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton on Wednesday 16th April, 2014. The ladies raise money with a varied programme of events throughout the winter months in aid of local charities. Chairman Mrs Gail Burrows presented a cheque for £2000 to Miss Patricia Roberts, President and Mrs Julia Hearne, Vice President of Torbay Hospital League of Friends. A delicious lunch and good company was enjoyed by all. Patricia Roberts thanked Gail for the cheque and gave a brief talk to the ladies on the history and work of the League.

We are very grateful to the ladies for their efforts in raising this magnificent sum for the League.

PARACHUTE HEROINE GILL GOES THE EXTRA MILE FOR CHARITY.....STRAIGHT DOWN!

When Conservative Club entertainments officer Gill Rivers was given a voucher for a parachute jump for her birthday, she was determined to use it to raise money for Torbay Hospital League of Friends.

So daredevil Gill persuaded the pilot to take her not to the designated 7,500 feet on the voucher, but to double the distance to 15,000 feet! And that meant that the first 60 seconds of the tandem jump was actually a free fall – something usually attempted by only the most experienced parachutists.

‘It was the longest minute of my life’, said Gill. ‘And I was very relieved when the parachute actually opened’.

Friends and well-wishers from Preston Conservative Club clapped enthusiastically as Gill floated safely to the ground. But having doubled the drop, she then set about doubling the cash she raised.

‘Originally I had hoped to raise £300, but with a raffle or two and everyone’s generosity, I managed to raise £572’.
Dave Rogers, chairman of Torbay Hospital League of Friends, received the cheque at the club’s charity night and said: ‘Gill really is a remarkable lady. You’d never get me into a parachute, let alone freefalling nearly a mile before it opened’.

Picture shows: Parachute heroine Gill Rivers hands over a cheque for £572 to Trevor Brown (left) and Dave Rogers from Torbay Hospital League of Friends.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY PRESTON PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

For two days at the end of July the Preston Photographic Club put on an Exhibition of their work and very generously offered to use the Exhibition as a means of raising funds for our 60th Anniversary.

Alan Salvidge, Club President, with six other people formed the Club seven years ago and it has since flourished and grown now to its current membership of thirty eight. The Club gives the opportunity to local photographers of all abilities and varied experience to meet, develop their expertise and learn new skills.

Alan hopes the Exhibition, which is a newcomer to the Torbay diary, will become a popular annual event to be used not only to showcase the work of the members of the Photographic Club but also to benefit local Charities.

On learning that this year was our Sixtieth Anniversary Alan kindly agreed to use the Exhibition to raise money for the League and even went so far as to commission a limited edition of a Jubilee Butterfly to raise money for us.

Additionally the Club organised an evening Sherry Party when several members of
the League met Alan and other members of the Club over drinks and canapés on a beautiful warm evening in the garden at the Livermead House Hotel overlooking the sea.

The Exhibition itself over the two days of the 24th and 25th July at the Livermead House Hotel was free to everyone attending and had hundreds of photographs on show taken by members of the club including Alan himself, Steve Bowles Chairman and Barry Corner, Vice-Chairman.

The photographs were of a very high standard covering a diverse range of subjects including flowers, wild animals, landscapes of all descriptions, steam trains and aeroplanes both old and modern.

A very successful Draw again organised by the club for our benefit, took place on the last evening and raised a total of £133.10 for the League.

The League is very grateful to all the members of the Preston Photographic Club for support of the League in this our 60th Anniversary year and wishes them every success in the future.

St Marychurch Coffee Morning at Tudors Café

A Coffee Morning was held in April at Tudors Café, St Marychurch organised by Betty Walker.

A pleasant morning was enjoyed by all present with Shirley Weir manning a jewellery stall, and Rene Knight selling draw tickets.

Members from our Babbacombe Team attended and after chatting with Betty the ladies decided to merge their two groups – and make this the first in a series of Coffee Mornings.

Betty was pleased to welcome some new faces. We would like to thank Tudors Café for their hospitality and also donating a generous prize for the draw.

If you would like further information on St Marychurch and Babbacombe Coffee Mornings please ring Betty Walker 01803 314970 or Myra Wise 01803 327145.
Had a stroke?

Help us to understand stroke recovery...

The Institute of Neurology invites you to have an MRI brain scan for research in London.

Travel expenses are paid. Volunteers can request a picture of their brain.

Contact: PLORAS Research Team
Tel: 020 7813 1538
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Website: www.ucl.ac.uk/ploras

PLORAS – Predicting Language Outcome and Recovery After Stroke

Supported by Wellcome Trust

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£15,205,595
GOOD AS NEW FASHION
BRING AND BUY

THE HORIZON CENTRE, TORBAY HOSPITAL

Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.00 pm

£5.00 to include
a glass of wine and nibbles

Tickets available from:
The League Office-Outpatients Dept
Julia Hearne 01626 777658
Lynne Hearne 01626 776002

7.00 pm Arrive and leave your items with us to price
Sale rails will be £3, £5, £10 and £15+
You are welcome to take your unsold items home at the end
of the evening - any remaining will be donated to a charity shop

Enjoy a glass of wine/soft drink while clothes are being displayed
Additional drinks will be available to buy throughout the evening

7.30 pm Sale commences
Communal (female only!) changing rooms will be available

Draw tickets will be on sale

8.30 pm Draw

All proceeds to go to The League of Friends

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Once again we are pleased to offer a selection of Christmas cards which are available every weekday from the League of Friends in the Outpatients Department on Level 2 at the hospital.

This Year we have a wider choice of cards and a larger variety of wrapping paper.

We hope you enjoy choosing from our new improved selection.

Every pack purchased helps us to help the Hospital - all profits from the card sales go directly to the League of Friends, and then spent on the Hospital.

If you are holding a Coffee Morning or similar event before Christmas and would like to support the League, we would be very happy to come along with a selection of cards to sell.

Please ring Julia 01626 777658 or Lynne 01626 776002

Tickets for our Christmas Draw will be on sale alongside the Christmas Cards in the Outpatients Department on Level 2.

Please support us if you can - the generosity of the league members as well as the public is the root of our success!
It has been my privilege to be elected as chairman in our 60th year and within the first two months the League has been very busy not only with our regular events but organising new ones, it was daunting as I had to follow the superb Lynne Hookings and my friend for over forty years Georges Adroit who both have offered their help during my term of office.

From the start I wanted to do things my way and my motto is “if you want something done don’t be afraid to do it yourself”, so for the next two years I might pop up on level 2 as Santa or bed pushing in a nurses dress and a blonde wig, if it’s for the league I will do almost anything to raise the much needed funds.

My term of office started with the Blue Shield awards to which the League presents a Service Award then straight away it was attending a Diamond Anniversary Dinner and Dance organised by past chairperson Lynne Hookings and the Wellswood District.

Then at a monthly meeting we were given a detailed presentation of the new Critical Care Unit that is planned and as we had equipped the present unit thirty years previously we were asked to equip the new one so for the length of my term of office this will be our aim.

The League continues to work closely with the Management of the Hospital, in particular Sir Richard Ibbotson newly elected Chairman of Torbay Care Trust, as well as Dr John Lowes Interim Chief Executive and Lesley Darke Director of Estates and Commercial Development who continue to attend our monthly meeting as hospital representatives and I am glad to say we have a very good working relationship with them all.

The Garden Party our main event of the year was once again held at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, and for the first time due to the inclement British weather we had to move inside to the indoor tennis courts. Once again thanks goes to the hotel management who did a great job and to everyone involved who put heart and soul into the event to make it the success it was.

The entertainment lead by Peter “Mac” Dell, Sandy Sparkle and Terri-Kate Lee held the audience spellbound throughout and, with the Krankies in attendance, a great time was had by one and all.

Our profile as a charity has been greatly enhanced thanks to the support of the Trustees and the Members of the Events Committee who work tirelessly to make the League what it is today, and of course a big thank you to the Café Volunteers and Guides who do a superb job promoting the work we do.

We are in the process of organising other events so keep an eye on the notice boards or check out www.thlof.co.uk
Do you have any spare time?

Would you like to

VOLUNTEER

to help in Butterflies Café or as a Guide?

The services that the League of Friends offer to patients and staff at the Hospital are provided by volunteers and we are always pleased when new people come forward. Volunteers work a regular morning or afternoon, once or twice a week, and any time you are able to give will be much appreciated.

Butterflies Café

in the Outpatients Department is open Monday to Friday. We serve hot and cold drinks, hot and cold snacks, cakes etc.

Our newly extended and refurbished Café is now open!

Guides are based in the Outpatients Department. We provide a delivery service between hospital departments and are on hand to Meet and Greet patients who may need help to find their way.

For further information please contact:
June or Pat in the League of Friends Office, Outpatients Department, Level 2
Telephone 01803 654520 or email thlof@tiscali.co.uk

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SUBSCRIPTION FORM

☐ Please enrol me as a member of the League of Friends

☐ I would like the League of Friends to treat donations I make from the date of this Declaration until I notify otherwise as a GIFT AID DONATION

☐ By cheque payable to “The Torbay Hospital League of Friends”

☐ By completing the Bankers order for below.

Name: ___________________________

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I/WE enclose £ ___________________

☐ I am aware that I must pay an amount of Income/ Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the Charity claims on my donation in the tax year.

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Please pay National Westminster Bank, Torquay, 55-70-01 for the credit of TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (Registered Charity No: 209095). Account No. 05909295 the sum of:

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Commencing NOW and thereafter annually every ____________________________ (due date) until further notice from me/us in writing

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Dated: ________________________________

Please send completed form(s) to Mrs J Hearne, Membership Secretary, Torbay Hospital League of Friends, 2 Heathlands Court, Heathlands Rise, Teignmouth TQ14 9HH

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