



# TORBAY HOSPITAL *League of Friends* *Helping to care...*



## *We're Back*

**After a long wait due to the pandemic, we were invited to have a stall at the Torbay Holiday Helpers Network Fun Day.**

So on the overcast Saturday morning members of the management and helpers set up their Tombola stall. There were a great many people who were pleased to see us.

The first group included Chairman Roy Tuttle and Hon Secretary Philip White while the afternoon group included President Patricia Roberts and Vice Chairman Kathryn Westaway. The weather held off until the very end which meant we had a very successful day networking, meeting old friends, and best of all **raising £318.40**



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## With Special Thanks

We would like to thank all of you who have contributed to making the Torbay Hospital League of Friends such a success, and we hope you will enjoy reading about how we continue to raise funds to carry on the good work.

There are over 140 volunteers working in the Hospital, under the umbrella of the League.

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*www.frankman.co.uk* *& Kathryn Westaway*



When you have read this newsletter please pass it to a friend or neighbour to help publicise the work of  
**Torbay Hospital League of Friends.**  
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# Junior League



***The Junior League of friends served refreshments at various school events. (e.g., PE awards evening) as we have previously done throughout the summer term last year!***

We will supply teas, coffees and snacks to parents and any other visitors at these events - hoping to raise lots of money for the League. We are also working on some other fundraising ideas such as a car wash for sixth formers and teachers which are in the organisation process right now!

***- Estelle, Katie and Lucy***



# £2.1m to Torbay Hospital

from the League of Friends



***The League of Friends is about to pay a total of £2.1m to Torbay Hospital on new equipment including £566,000 for vital clinical and medical items for the Acute Medical Unit shortly to open on Level 2, as well as providing £1.3m for two new Scanners for Radiology, a further £89,751.00 for Computers for use in Wards throughout the hospital, a Ventilator for the Emergency Department, Dementia equipment for the Care of the Elderly wards, various equipment for the Post Anaesthesia Care Unit and a host of other items which will enhance Medical and Patient care.***

When the National Health Service started in July 1948 all previous voluntary help for Torbay hospital disappeared and so the Torbay Hospital League of Friends was formed. Over the last 68 years the League has raised a staggering total of over £21m. Since 2016 it is especially proud to have been able to supply £1.6m on equipment for the brand-new ICU which did so much to help during the height of the pandemic. More recently, in 2019, the League was able to donate £1.3m to provide 34 new high-definition endoscopes and 3 video processing units to re-equip the busy Endoscopy Department which undertakes some 11,000 procedures each year.

The Chairman of the League, Roy Tuttle said "Our motto is "Helping to Care" so I am delighted to announce that during the course of the last 12 months we have been able to promise further funding to Torbay Hospital to the extent of just over £2.1m. This huge amount of money is down to the incredible generosity of the people living in Torbay who have continued to support us wholeheartedly in spite of Covid-19 and lockdowns."

It is more than likely that anyone who has had anything to do with our hospital either personally or through a relative or friend, has benefited from something the League has provided. Because they are all volunteers, The League of Friends is proud to be able to say that on average for every £1 donated 95p is spent on the hospital – a fantastic achievement.

Roy Tuttle went on to say "We are continuing to fund raise and hope to be out and about much more in the future than in the last two years so if you see us rattling a tin or see one of our collecting boxes please give generously."



# Chairmans Message



## Message from the Chairman

We continue to operate in Challenging times but I'm very positive for the future of Torbay Hospital and It's League of Friends As you are probably aware the charity is 68 years old and has donated over £21.8 million to our hospital.

We have recently approved bids for hospital equipment totalling £2 million.

The new equipment includes a radiotherapy scanner, a CT diagnostic scanner, equipment for the Acute Medical Unit, a Hamilton T1 ventilator, 3 TVs for trauma orthopaedic ward, mobile diagnostic monitors, trolley's, printers, and keyboards. Brest screening equipment - including an ultrasound machine, imaging workstation, bariatric couch, and a Xion Endoflex System.

Our events team attended the Festival of Fun at Babbacombe Downs in September.

We raised over £300 and met some of our members, supporters and hospital staff.

We are planning a skittles evening in November.

Thank you for your support this year.

Yours sincerely, *Roy Tuttle.*

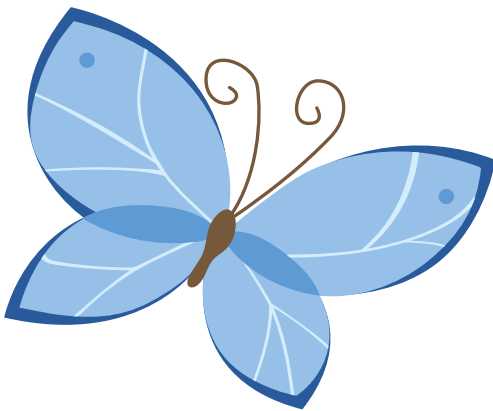


## Message from the President

Although we are still in limbo as far as having a presence in the hospital, it is very important that we continue to have the support of the public. We are receiving generous donations, all of which is used to provide much needed hospital equipment which would not be available from any other source, this then in turn enhances the care of patients.

Hopefully a stand for us on Level 4 will soon happen.

*Pat Roberts.*





# MESSAGE

From Mr P White, Secretary



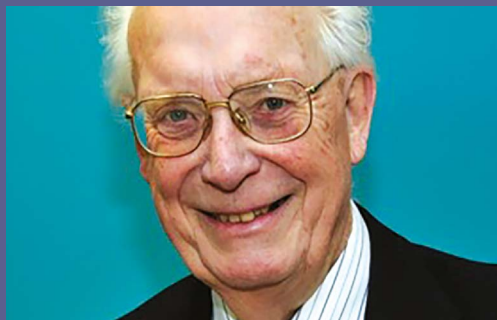
## **"THANK YOU**

***From time to time I get donations for the League, both large and small, all through the post and of course they are most welcome.***

I always send our thanks provided of course that I have the name and address of the sender. Sometimes however I receive a donation from an anonymous source which I cannot acknowledge. I would therefore like to take the opportunity to thank anyone reading this who has ever sent a donation anonymously and assure them that their donation is both welcome and appreciated."

## *Meet the team*

***Mike Evens, Vice President***



My wife Peggy and I have been wanderers during our 65 years ending in Wellswood for the last 30 years. I was brought up in Bowdon near Altrincham in Cheshire, my life started in 1932 and educated at a Boarding School in North Staffordshire.

My world of work started when I was Articled to a firm of Management Consultants which was an introduction to any future career.

A National Service Commission in the Cheshire Regiment which I then joined in Berlin in 1956 Suez Year. The City at that time was controlled and divided between the Russians, French,

Americans and British, after a year the Regiment was posted to Barnard Castle from where I was Demobilised.

An Assurance Career followed which led to my joining the Standard Life Assurance Company in 1959 in Manchester, Five years later a company move to Newcastle upon Tyne and after a further five years to Head Office in Edinburgh. Three years later to Bristol for my last Twenty years.

We lived in Clevedon, our introduction to Torquay was when we brought a Holiday Home overlooking the Harbour in 1976, we moved to Wellswood when I retired in 1992.

My outside interests over the years have included administrative roles for the Scouts & Guides and supporting the various organisations in which our three children were then involved, they have since produced seven grand children for us.

I have been a Rotarian for 34 years and a member of Torquay Probus Club for 27 years

Our superb Hon Secretary Philip White brought me into the League over 25 years ago, I have been Chairman and am privileged to be a Vice-President. It has been fun over the years!

*Mike Evens.*

# Supporting us to deliver better health and care for all



***I am delighted to have been invited to provide a short update for your newsletter and would like to start by thanking you all for the tremendous support you have given us in the 68 years since the Torbay Hospital League of Friends was founded and that you continue to provide. Over the years you have become one of the most successful Leagues in the country raising millions of pounds and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.***

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated, supportive and enthusiastic group of people who all want to help us make a difference whether that is to the care we can provide to people who use our services, the experience of receiving or delivering care or to the physical environment in which people work or receive care.



It was only the other day that I was privileged to join in discussions where you agreed to fund £1.8million of equipment, including two CT scanners as well as items for our new Acute Medical Unit which is due to open this winter. This is an amazing contribution that will make a significant difference and we are truly thankful.

As you know, our vision for better health and care for all has never been more important. We have extremely high levels of deprivation in both our coastal and inland communities and the continuing pandemic has further increased the gap in health inequalities. The current cost of living crisis will make this a very difficult winter for many of our most vulnerable people and will have a further negative impact on their health and wellbeing.

We are already planning for winter in our hospitals and our community and adult social care services. While we currently have very low numbers of people with COVID-19 in our hospitals we are expecting further waves as we move into autumn and winter. The early indications are that the impact of flu will be significant this year and we will be doing everything we can to encourage those who are eligible for the flu jab and the COVID-19 booster (including our own staff) to get vaccinated.

We want to keep as many of our planned care services, including diagnostics and surgery, running as possible over the winter. We will continue to offer local people treatment and care at the Nightingale Hospital in Exeter where this is appropriate for their needs while maintaining our day surgery in Torbay.

I am pleased to share with you that a mobile endoscopy unit has just been installed on the Torbay Hospital site which will help us tackle our waiting lists in this key area while building work starts in the new year on a fourth endoscopy room (and training facilities).



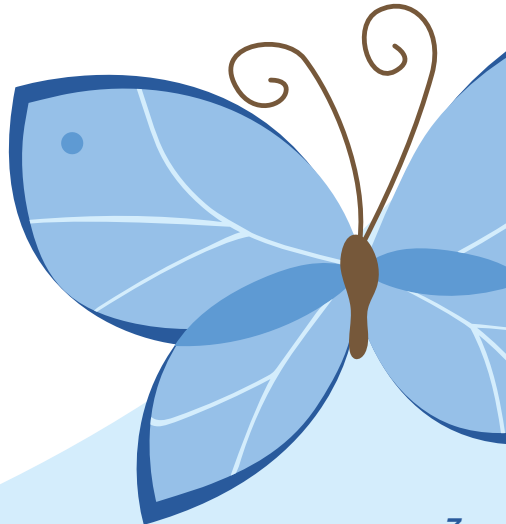
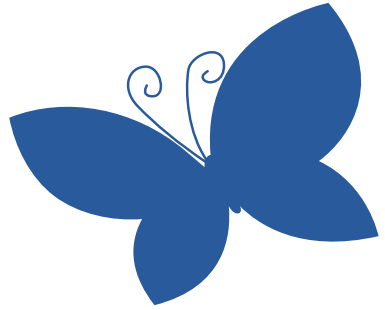
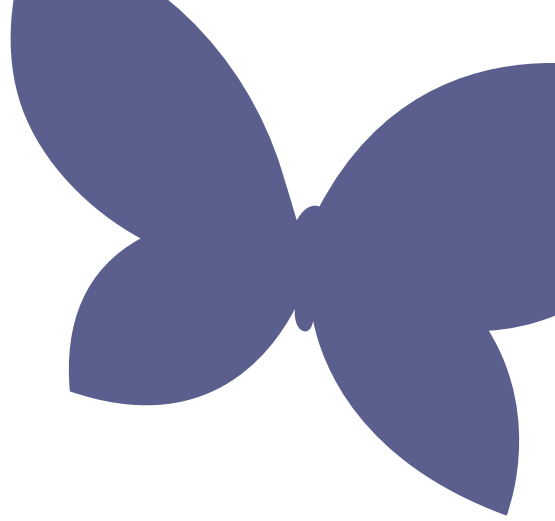
We know that we cannot solve the challenges facing our people and communities alone and by working together with individuals, groups and organisations, such as yourselves, we can do more to help people to live well. Over the past year, your donations have made a huge difference, providing equipment that has helped delivered better care and improved patient experience. By funding training equipment, you have helped our dedicated staff develop and learn, practice new techniques and provide better care.

I also want to give a special mention to the cook and eat sessions you have funded for children and young people living with diabetes – this is a wonderful way to support them to learn key life skills that will help them live well with this challenging long-term condition.

We hope you feel that through your work with the League of Friends you are actively contributing to our vision of better health and care for all and we look forward to continuing to work together with you to support everyone to live as well as possible.

*Liz Davenport.*

Chief Executive



# New Equipment



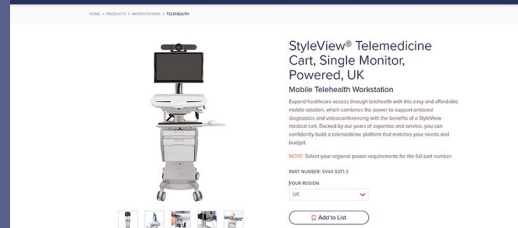
## Porters Department XC Cube Trolley

£7797.60



## Phlebotomy Department, 10 Carts, 10 Keyboards, 24 Screens, 10 Zebra Printers

£45,670.92



## Education Digital Horizons Team, Computer

£1329.00



## Parkinson's Team, Talking BP Monitors

£247.80



## George Earle Ward, Speech and Language, I Pads

£1090.48



## Children's Physiotherapy, Functional Electrical Stimulation

£6251.65



## Special Care Baby Unit, Videolaryngoscopes

£3436.00





*In the past few months the Hospital has asked us to provide several items of equipment.*

### **Multi patient bed falls monitor,**

including tilt and space chairs, wheelchair frames, dementia sticks, foot rests, touch screen table, bath steps and whiteboard and markers

**£26,540.48**



*At a recent management meeting several requests for equipment made, these were all agreed.*

### **Radiotherapy Department requested RT-CT scanner**

**£880,000**



### **Radiology Department requested Computed Tomography CT diagnostic**

**£421,695**



### **Acute Medical Unit**

requested medical and clinical equipment needed to run the new department including Hamilton T1 Ventilators

**£565,628**



### **Ward requested Ainslie 3 televisions**

**£741.00**



# How you can help...

If you wish to support the League by becoming a Friend, visit our website [www.thlof.co.uk](http://www.thlof.co.uk) for details on membership.

## Donations...

Donations can be sent to our secretary **Philip White, Highlyn, 6 Haldon Close, Torquay, TQ1 2NA**. If your donation can be 'gift aided' this will significantly increase the value to the Charity. Please contact the Secretary if you would like a Gift Aid form.

## Volunteer

Even a couple of hours a week can make a real difference. If you would like to become a more active member of the League such as helping with Fund raising or with League events, **please contact the Secretary Philip White**

## Leave a legacy

We hope our hospital plays a role in everyone living a long and happy life. Leaving a gift to charity is an amazing way for you to say thank you.

## Support us through Amazon

There is much more online shopping at the moment so if you shop on Amazon you can make a difference: Simply shop at **[smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/200905-0](http://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/200905-0)** or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to The Torbay Hospital League Of Friends.



Visit our website [www.thlof.co.uk](http://www.thlof.co.uk)

## Future Events

**We are starting to plan events these will be announced in e-news**

Although we publish a newsletter in Spring and Autumn we also send out a update monthly update by e-mail, to receive this e-news message us on **[info@thlof.co.uk](mailto:info@thlof.co.uk)**

Everyone is very welcome to join us at any of our fundraising or information events.

Information on any of these events can be obtained by emailing **[info@thlof.co.uk](mailto:info@thlof.co.uk)**.

Details will also be in the monthly e-news, nearer the time; so please make sure we have your e-mail address.

**We would love to see you.**

**95p in every £1**

*Donated goes directly to supporting our charitable causes.*

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# TORBAY HOSPITAL *League of Friends*

## *I Would Like To Donate and/or Become A Member\**

Title	First Name or Initial
Surname	
Full Home Address	
Email Address	

- ☐ I would like to make a donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ to Torbay Hospital League of Friends by cheque / postal order made payable to: **TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**
- ☐ I would like to become a member of **TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS** and have:  
*Either:* Enclosed my cheque/postal order for £\_\_\_\_\_  
*Or:* Completed the Bankers Order Form overleaf

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**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid  
for every £1 you donate**

*Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.  
Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.*

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

- ☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to **TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

*I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.*

**Please notify the charity if you:**

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

*\* See overleaf*

Please send completed form[s] to: Mrs J Hearne, Membership Secretary  
TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS  
10 Abbey Close, Teignmouth TQ14 8FB

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

- Entitles you to receive a twice yearly newsletter which contains a comprehensive list of forthcoming events and latest news.
- Entitles you to attend our AGM each year and take part in the election of new trustees.
- The amount of subscription is entirely up to you but we respectfully suggest a minimum of £15.00 per annum.

## Standing Order Mandate

To (*Your Bank Name*)

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### Please pay by banker's standing order

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Account Number: 05909295

Name of Account: TORBAY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Amount (Figures): £

Amount (Words):

Date of First Payment:

And thereafter

**ANNUALLY /  
MONTHLY every**

### Until further notice and debit my account:

Account to be debited:

Account number:

Sort Code:

**First Signature:**

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**PRINT NAME**

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