



TORBAY HOSPITAL
League of Friends
Helping to care...



Intensive Care Unit...

The official opening.

The official opening of the ***Intensive Care Unit*** on Wednesday 22nd February was performed by the Trust Chairman Vice Admiral Sir Richard Ibbotson KBE CB DSC.

It was a momentous occasion for all league members.

Read more inside about our new facility and our future fund raising.



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With Special Thanks

We would like to thank all of you who have contributed to making the 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. These include: the trolley service; manning the Butterflies Café; meeting and greeting people in the main entrance and showing them to different parts of the hospital; delivering documents for the consultants and much much more.

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Welcome

My first year as Chairman is coming to its end and I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed and what the League has achieved during this time.

A major milestone was reached with the official opening of the Intensive Care Unit on 22nd February. Many tours were conducted to show the new unit to the hospital staff and volunteers with state of the art equipment provided by the League, ready to be used for the benefit of the community.

As you may be aware the League achieved the funding of this equipment through fund raising events organised by our volunteers, from generous donations from the public and organisations throughout the bay together with legacies etc.

I would like to extend a large personal thank you to everyone who helped us reach this ambitious target.

Our efforts never end and we are now targeting the provision of a host of much needed items for the hospital which will undoubtedly help us and the hospital staff to provide an even better service for us all in the future.

I look forward to the coming year in the hope that we can continue to be as successful, or even better, than last year in providing funding for equipment and services to Torbay Hospital.

Peter Welch



One of the new 14 bed spaces



The Advice Point with private rooms for consultation



Some of the guests on the day, including Kevin Foster MP and the chairman of the League



The new reception area and desk with some of the wonderful artwork



Funding Priorities for Spring and Summer 2017...

The pressures on the hospital are immense and we will continue to do what we can to improve patient care for the benefit of the people of South Devon.

Defibrillators

We hope to purchase top of the range models with additional features such as digital recordings so that in the case of a cardiac arrest, medical staff have the benefit of a full record of what happened, enabling them to fully review an incident in a way that supports future care. These new high-tech defibrillators therefore help to diagnose problems and quickly point towards the best possible treatment.

Camera equipment for Laparoscopic (keyhole) Surgery

The enhanced quality camera equipment is used to widen opportunities for keyhole operations, with the enormous benefit to the patients of no big scars meaning that they are more likely to receive day surgery and can be **up and about more quickly.**

Portable Fibroscan

This high-tech scanner detects scarring on the liver and can be used to speedily assess patients referred with abnormal liver blood tests and identify those that may need more detailed investigations. The rotary club of Torquay has also raised money for this item.



Meet the Team

Each issue we invite you to get know one of our many volunteers

Elizabeth Welch is our new treasurer, having volunteered to step in to help the League after the previous treasurer was unable to continue. She has wide experience in financial accounting in this country, Eastern Europe, Russia and as a Financial Director of a group of companies operating world-wide and hopes that this experience will be of benefit to the League.

Over the last three years she has benefited greatly from treatment at Torbay Hospital and now wishes to help to repay, in some way, for the excellent care she received. She now lives in St Marychurch with her husband, Peter, the current chairman, after moving from Maidencombe two and a half years ago.

"Although a relatively new member of the League I hope to help it to continue to be one of the most successful in the country and if possible assist it to achieve even more".

Elizabeth Welch

Junior League

**£1100
Raised**

We are a group of year 12 students from Torquay Girls Grammar who aim to help increase awareness and raise funds for the Torbay Hospital League of Friends.

In the last six months, we have hosted a very successful Christmas Bazaar, sold refreshments to parents at various parents evenings, organised a valentines-themed bake sale and sold pancakes to fellow students on pancake day. These various events have raised a total of around £1100 so far.

In the near future, we will be organising a raffle and some more bake sales, and hopefully a summer fete of a similar size to the Christmas bazaar."



And this is how we did it...

Here are just a few of the many, many events and donations that have helped the League to reach their amazing target.



Bowled Over

Various donations from local societies: Babbacombe Bowling club and Totnes Show.

£1500
Raised



Chish & Fips Evening

Courtesy of Hanburys Fish and Chips.

£1278
Raised



Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning at The Headland Hotel

£540
Raised



£2546
Raised

The Christmas Draw

Tickets were sold for the Christmas Draw and raised a fantastic £2546.29

Christmas Card Sales
1256 packets were sold raising £2590



£5634
Raised

Celebration Ball

Including a donation given by Councillor Hill from his charity

A Special Mention

We would like to give a special mention to the couple who donated over 400 jigsaws, which have been sold for £3 each, raising over £1,200

Thank you for the donation and to the purchasers

£1200
Raised



The CCU “This is critical” campaign reached its target in October 2016 and our fundraising has continued.

We all know that the health service is under considerable stress, and here is some news of equipment we have been able to donate to the trust during the winter months with kind donations received.

Two Hoverjack lifting devices capable of lifting a person up to 85 stone!



***Hoverjack lifting device
Shown in up / elevated position***



***Hoverjack lifting device
Shown in bottom / down position***

This clever piece of kit makes it possible for staff to safely lift patients that may have slipped and fallen, avoiding strains and injuries, it is also portable so can be used in all departments.

Images show the Hoverjack lifting devices being demonstrated by our Chairman, Peter Welch.

Did you know...?

“We have a linen league who meet each week to make items for the hospital; including theatre gowns, syringe, bags, trolley covers, ice bag covers and much much more”

What an eye opener!

Our Chairman, Peter Welch and President, Pat Roberts try out the Virtual Eye Simulator, apparatus which will help to train our future consultants.



News from the Hospital...

- *Enhanced community support*
- *Well-being co-ordinators*
- *Changes to local provision*
- *Enhanced specialist care*

Our aim is to support more and more people to remain at home, or, if they do need a hospital stay, to return there quicker. To achieve this we need to focus more of our resource on community services.

We have taken big steps towards achieving this in recent months, with a part-year investment of £3.9m in new and enhanced community support such as extended intermediate care, the appointment of Wellbeing Coordinators and additional support for the voluntary sector.

Now we have these extra support services in place and expertise where patients need it, we can take forward our plans to reduce the number of beds in our community hospitals and Torbay Hospital.

In line with the agreement reached with South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), we have started to plan for the safe closure of Dartmouth, Ashburton and Bovey Tracey community hospitals.

Before any changes will be made, we are required to demonstrate we have met the criteria agreed by the CCG. We will commence planning for Paignton community hospital in April.

Alongside the community changes, we are working with staff to implement the changes which allow for the reduction of 32 beds at Torbay Hospital, which we will achieve whilst maintaining our current hospital based services.

Our acute hospital continues to have an important role in the delivery of our care model and we are working to enhance the specialist care available.



The new entrance and Matron and Consultant of ICU

In this respect, we have just received a tremendous boost to our facilities at Torbay Hospital: Wednesday 22nd February marked a proud and exciting moment for Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust when we held the official opening ceremony for Torbay Hospital's long awaited new £15m intensive care unit and main entrance.

Torbay Hospital League of Friends supported the project from the start and raised a staggering £1.6m to equip the new Intensive Care Unit with the latest high-tech equipment.

With the support of our community hospital Leagues, you have once again risen to the challenge, and thanks to your support, we are now better able to provide the very specialist support that our sickest patients need.

On behalf of the Trust Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous ongoing support. We owe you a huge debt of gratitude.

Liz Davenport

Chief Operating Officer

How you can help...

Become a Friend of the League or an active member and join one of our district teams and receive a twice-yearly newsletter and other mail shots. Email us on **info@thlof.co.uk** if you are interested.

Thank You Donations...

Donations can be sent to our secretary **Phillip 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. Contact the League of Friends office at the Hospital on **01803 654520**

If you would like to become a more active member of the League please consider whether you would like to join one of our District Committees and thereafter help with fund raising or organising League Events.

Please contact the Hon Secretary Phillip 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 your generosity to last beyond your own lifetime.

Please ask if you would like to receive our legacy information leaflet.

Or just have a coffee

The Butterflies Café on Level 2 is run by the League and all profits go to supporting our causes. It has a lovely relaxed atmosphere and every cuppa is helping to support the care of the people of Torbay and South Devon.

The Café is open from 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Visit our website www.thlof.co.uk

Events

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**.

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.

We hold regular Coffee Mornings with a range of interesting speakers throughout Spring and Autumn.

26th
APR

Meal at Amici Restaurant

23rd
JULY

Cream Tea & Summer Draw

The Headland Hotel from 2.30pm

28th
AUG

Annual Bed Push

Join in the fun on Torquay Seafont

7th
OCT

Skittles

Brixham Cricket Club from 7.00pm



95p in every £1

Donated goes directly to supporting our charitable causes.

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