



THE FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL AT RYE

Summer 2023 Newsletter

A busy summer so far with more to come!

We were delighted to sponsor two categories at the recent Trust Awards ceremony organised by ESHT: the Apprentice of the Year award won by Daniel Shelton



Daniel Shelton accepting his award

and the Health and Wellbeing award won by Jennifer Newbury.

The ceremony was held at the De La Warr Pavilion with the Charity being represented by our Chairman, Barry Nealon, and Company Secretary, Francesca Clent.

Richard Adams has once again been most generous in his support of the Charity by agreeing to let us use five of his prints in a pack of five greetings cards. The packs, priced at £4.99, will be available soon, either directly from the

Charity or by visiting Adams of Rye on the High Street.

We are joining forces with the Festival of the Sea and Land this September to bring an event full of favourites but with a new twist. There will be a tombola, so do please contact Fran Clent before the end of August if you have anything to donate. For more details of our events please visit <https://ryehospital.org.uk/event/> or contact Fran Clent on 01797 228842 or at fundraising@ryehospital.org.uk.

Message from our Chair

Our recent Open Morning provided an ideal opportunity to show our Friends equipment bought through fundraising. The staff were extremely helpful, providing a demonstration of the HoverJack (described by matron overleaf) and answering our questions.

The quiz at the Rugby Club was great fun and made more than £700, the Cheese & Wine evening at The Hub made a similar



Teams enjoying our Quiz Night on 17th March

amount and we are grateful to Rye Fine Wines and Alsop & Walker for their support. Jempson's Boot Fair was very successful and by the end of May we had raised more than £2,000.

We had two delightful events in June, the first being Winchelsea Open Gardens which made more than £1,000, even though it rained. We really appreciate the support that the residents of Winchelsea give to the Hospital. We hope to buy garden related items with the money raised. The second event, on what must have been the hottest day of the year, was very special: An Afternoon in Wonderland at Peasmarsh Place. It was a magical family

afternoon. We were made very welcome and our thanks go to Lord and Lady Devonport and the staff of Peasmarsh Place. The Rye Players, who provided the entertainment, were true professionals wearing costumes quite unsuitable for the high temperature.

The Rotary Club of Senlac held its Classic Car Show and Fayre in June and we will be accepting a donation at a presentation evening in early August.

By the time you read this we will hopefully have enjoyed the outdoor cinema and we look forward to returning to Winchelsea for its fête.

Paula Riley

If you would like to join our volunteer team or help at one of our fundraising events, please contact fundraising@ryehospital.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 12th August
Winchelsea Fête

Sunday 10th September
Festival of the Sea and Land at
Rye Rugby Football Club

Friday 13th October
Quiz Night at Rye Rugby Football
Club - please note new venue!

Monday 13th November
Charity Bridge & Afternoon Tea at
the Hub on Rye Hill

Saturday 16th December
Cameo Christmas Capers at
the Hub on Rye Hill

Bringing services closer to home

Message from the Chairman of the Board

We are delighted to announce that we received our Certificate of Completion on 15th June for our Capital Works programme. All the mechanical equipment has been upgraded to provide a 20 year lifespan and we are more than 90% carbon neutral, having put photo-voltaic cells on the roof and removed gas from the building.

We were also very pleased to host a visit from members of the Q Community Team and the Community Hospitals

Association, represented by Helen Tucker, Richard Hallett, Julia Fairhall and Jo Posnette on Wednesday 28th June.



Our Q Community and Community Hospital Association guests

The hot topic of conversation was how we, as a Charity, can take our

outreach capabilities to the next level. Our visitors' experience around the country gave us great insight into the future potential to deliver significant benefit to the community.

The closure of the Rye swimming pool has had a huge community impact and the Charity has been pleased to provide assistance to Rye Town Council in its efforts to secure its reopening.

Barry Nealon

Hospital News

We celebrated Volunteers' Week in early June when our volunteers were invited to a get-together with cake and treats. Carlie Jackson, one of our volunteers, was lucky enough to win a raffle prize supplied by the Voluntary Services Team based at The Conquest.



Carlie Jackson receiving her raffle prize

We were delighted to welcome a number of the Friends to our Open Morning on Thursday 6th July. The Friends were given a tour by the Chair of Friends, the Vice Chair of the Charity's Board and the Company Secretary. Chris Stern, our Physiotherapist, explained the use and benefits of our gym equipment before leading a demonstration of the HoverJack (which was recently purchased through the generosity of the Friends). The HoverJack is a vital piece of equipment which allows a patient who has fallen to be safely moved from the floor to their bed without

causing injury to them or the staff. There are a number of other pieces of gym equipment which we hope the Friends will be able to buy through the fundraising efforts of the Charity's committee. Do please come along to one of the events as your donations really make a difference to both our patients and staff.

The Charity arranged an afternoon of complimentary treatments for NHS staff offered by Jayne from Nineteen Beauty. Some enjoyed a massage, facial or mini manicure/pedicure and these proved so popular that another series of appointments will be available at the end of August.



Antoinette (right) helping patients to garden

Our Activities Coordinator, Iris Leung, and volunteer Antoinette Johnston have been doing some light gardening with our patients, which means they are able to enjoy the sunshine in our patio areas. They are growing both vegetables and flowers from seed – often supplied by Iris' allotment! We are

very grateful to Hands of Hope, who kindly donated some plants, seeds and pots.



Gill Page and Janet French (President) of the Landgate WI

We are also very glad to have received a number of hand-knitted blankets supplied by the lovely ladies of the Landgate WI.

We are now working on getting teams together for the Festival of the Sea and Land Race on 10th September. We all enjoyed taking part in "It's a Knockout" last year to raise money for the Hospital, so are eager to get involved again!

The week commencing 11th September will see us hosting a Quality Week. This is a chance for our staff to showcase what we do and also participate in learning opportunities related to CQC expectations. There will also be a Bake Off event, because - let's face it - everything is made better by cake!

**Jenni Jeffery
Matron**

