



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

In the EDUCATION CENTRE on the 1st floor of the hospital

Refreshments will be served in the Coffee Shop at 7.00pm.

There will be a short meeting to show how our income has been used to provide facilities to be followed by an open forum when questions may be asked about our activities and suggestions about the future of the League can be put to the Trustees.

Frances Martin, Director of Hospitals, will address the meeting

Nominations are open for new Trustees. A return slip is provided below.

**Any nominations must be sent to the L.O.F. Office not later than
25th October 2011**

Please cut off & return

I wish to nominate Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

As a member of the League of Friends Management Trustees

Signed.....

I consent to my nomination

Signed.....

Note; Nominator and Nominee must both be members of the League of Friends

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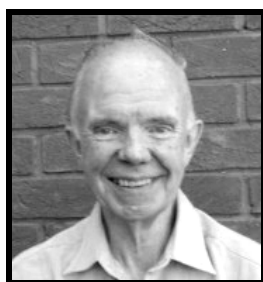
From the Editor



In the last newsletter I wished both Maurice and Pat Howell a long and happy retirement from the League.

Sadly this was not to be and it is now my sad duty to have to report that Maurice passed away recently whilst on holiday in Eastbourne. Although retired from the League Maurice was still to be seen around the hospital and he will be sadly missed.

Our sympathies go out to Pat at this very sad time.



Maurice Powell

CLOSING DATE

To have your news included in the next issue please contact the editor on
01527 522887
OR VIA
THE LEAGUE of FRIENDS OFFICE.

Material for the November edition to be received by

22nd October 2011

PLEASE NOTE

Material received after this date WILL NOT be included in the November issue

From the Chairman

Where has the year gone—I hope you all have had a lovely holiday. We are celebrating 25 years of the League of Friends at the Alexandra Hospital this year—since we first opened the coffee shop with a loaf of bread, a pint of milk, a few slices of ham and some cheese.

Now we order 12 loaves a day, a supply of milk, not to mention a supply of sandwiches, pasties and cakes etc. and we still serve the best cup of coffee in town!

All this is due to the loyalty of our volunteers who give their time to us—some of whom have been with us from the beginning.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for everything they do for us.

I would also like to thank all our members for their continued support over the years.

Our AGM is being held this year on Tuesday 8th November in the Education Centre and I would like to invite you all to come along and hear what we have been doing over the past year. Mrs Frances Martin, Hospital Director, is coming along to give us a talk on all aspects of the Hospital and I am sure she will be only too willing to answer any questions you may have. It promises to be a good evening and I do hope that you will come along and join us.

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre in December, at a date to be arranged, and it will be held in the Coffee Shop with the usual tables—cakes, tombola, crafts, etc. If you can support any of these please bring items into the office in the coffee shop.

Many thanks once again to you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Pat Hadley Chairman

Stamp Appeal



To date (August 2011) the amount raised by stamp donations to the League of Friends has totalled the grand amount of £1792.00.

This is due mainly to a new member, Pat Howlett, who has volunteered to take over the time consuming task of sorting the stamps from Norman Wiley and the late Bill Grinnell.

Pat spends many hours each week diligently sorting through thousands of stamps donated to the League each week giving up more time than most of us do working in other areas.

So on behalf of the League of Friends I thank her and long may she continue to do so.

By comparison my job of selling them is comparatively easy May I also thank all the people that donate stamps to the Alex.

Lyel Swingler



Please visit & support us on the web site at

www.lof-alex.co.uk

for information about what we do how we do it when we do it and who does it

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Feedback on the web site to Leagueof.Friends@worcsacute.nhs.uk



Mr S Gibbs

Basil Griffith

Eleanor Harbor

Molly James

Joseph Mantle

Gladys Maynford

Sheila Racenhill

Irene Richardson

Michael Simmonds

Robert C Smith

Gillian Wilson

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all the ladies who so very kindly knit all manner of jackets, hats, blankets, etc. for me to sell at the hospital.

The sale of these items continues to go extremely well and raises much needed funds for the League of Friends.

Keep up the good work.

Pauline Beard

CSI Redditch

Anyone arriving at the Alexandra early one morning recently could have been forgiven for thinking that they had inadvertently wandered into a Crime Scene Investigation. The hospital entrance had been taped off and there were police everywhere.

The trouble had started when a member of staff arriving for work had spotted a suitcase left unattended by the front entrance. Hospital security were contacted and they in turn contacted the police.

After securing the area the suitcase was inspected and found to rattle—not what you would expect from a case full of clothes! The police then had to decide if they should call in bomb disposal and effect a controlled explosion.

Fortunately, before the call was made, the owner of the suitcase, in the form of Di “the jam” Driscoll, arrived to retrieve her suitcase.

When questioned by the police Di explained that she had left the heavy suitcase by the door while she went off to park her car. Asked what the case contained she told the police that it was full of jars of jam that she had made to sell and raise funds for the Macmillan Nurses.

Breathing a huge sigh of relief the police officer in charge said that he was glad he had made the call as a controlled explosion would have created a very sticky situation.

Looking at the broader picture it could also have caused a bit of a jam when patients began to arrive for appointments.

But at the end of the day the police had a duty to preserve the public's safety.

League Celebrates 25 Years at the Alexandra



It is amazing to think that the League of Friends at the Alexandra Hospital have now been operating for twenty five years.

The story of the League is without doubt one of “*from tiny acorns mighty oaks will grow*”.

It started from almost nothing but look at it now!

Of course this success is due in no small measure to the hard work of all the many volunteers who give up their time to run the Coffee Shop.

While saying that we must not forget all the other volunteers who work equally as hard in the background arranging flowers, manning the ward trolley, etc.

In recognition of their loyal service and hard work, and to show their gratitude, the Trustees are inviting all the volunteers to join them in a celebratory lunch to be held at the Barley Mow, Studley in October.

Heres to the next 25!



The League urgently needs more volunteers for the Coffee Shop.

At the present time we are having to close this valuable service through lack of volunteers

CAN YOU HELP?

If you can spare just a few hours a week please contact **Angela** or **Caroline** at the Leagues office

OR

Telephone 01527 512009

FREE SANDWICH & DRINKS WHEN ON DUTY