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Welcome

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from our Chairman

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to the 5th edition of the Broomfield Hospital League of Friends magazine.

We are a fundraising body whose aim is to raise funds to benefit hospital patients. We have for many years run the Broomfield Hospital Shop, newspaper trolley service and library. Every penny of the profit we make is given to the hospital for the purchase of equipment requested by doctors and other medical staff. Our aim is to help provide the very best patient care possible and this is our priority when deciding just where the money goes!

I became Chairman of the League when Miss Millie Day (our previous Chairman) had an accident and decided that unfortunately she could not continue in the role. I was asked to take over the position, initially for a period of one year and I have been Chairman ever since. My role means I am responsible for organising committee meetings and also meeting with hospital officials. As well as my duties with the League, I am also a member of the Broomfield Parish Council.

As an organisation, I cannot speak highly enough of the League and if you are considering joining us, please contact either Barbara Coupe or Jenny Gillingham on 01245 443285 who will be only too pleased to hear from you.

Finally, I really must take this opportunity of thanking all the advertisers in this publication for their support, you really help to make a difference.

Best wishes,

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Our Treasurer Eric



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Eric started volunteering over ten years ago with The League of Friends, his dear wife who was working on the trolley service at the time got him involved.

Eric turned up at a committee meeting and was soon invited to join the committee which he duly did and it was not very long before he took on a more serious role as the Treasurer for the League.

The Treasurers role involves keeping the books, paying the invoices, providing yearly returns to the Charity Commission and of course keeping the cheque book.

"Now that we are a little short of staff in the shop, I have been asked to get involved with helping out there and I am very pleased to do so." So why does Eric volunteer? "Well, it's a chance for me to put a bit back. I have had a good life and I am pleased to be able to continue volunteering on a regular basis."





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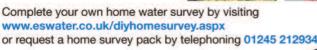




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Jenny Gillingham

Shop Manager

Jenny is the overall manager of the shop on a day to day basis. Her duties include organising the volunteer rotas, both weekday



and weekend, ordering the stock and overseeing the smooth running of the shop. She is also responsible for the day to day 'happiness' of all her volunteers.

Barbara Coupe

Manager, League of Friends

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The aims of our branch

- + To help people to meet other like-minded people.
- + To provide support to people with Parkinson's, their carers and families in a very informal and friendly atmosphere.

Branch meetings

Meetings are varied, with social events and talks on various topics including those related to Parkinson's Disease. The meetings are also an opportunity to discuss any problems with friendly people in comfortable surroundings. Anyone with Parkinson's Disease, their carers, family and friends are very welcome to attend.

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Stephen Hatch

Stephen is semi retired and having had three stays in hospital he began volunteering in February 2007.

He takes the trolley loaded with newspapers, magazines and drinks around the hospital wards. He enjoys meeting the patients and they in turn look forward to his visits

Outside of the hospital Stephen enjoys cycling and swimming.



Emily Marshall

Emily was introduced to volunteering through her grandmother who worked in the League of Friends Shop and Emily would sometimes accompany her. She began a regular shift in March 2004 after her grandmother passed away.

At present she is volunteering while on a holiday break from University where she works Friday mornings and any other shifts when there is a need.

Emily loves volunteering she feels the time spent is very useful and rewarding. She enjoys meeting new people and being involved in the busy atmosphere of the hospital exciting.

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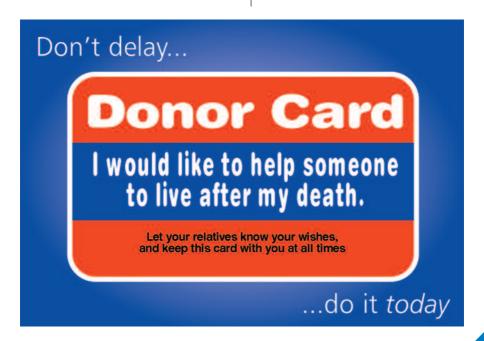
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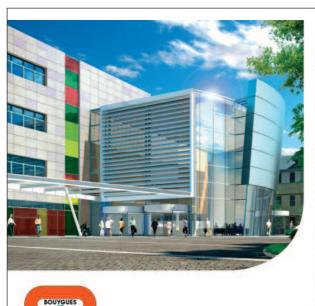
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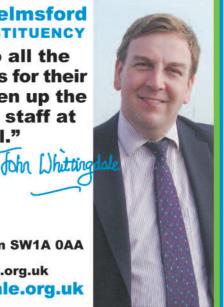
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Doreen Williams

Now retired after many years in local business, Doreen works between 8-12 hours a week as a sales assistant in the patients shop.

Doreen has had brief stays in hospital herself over the years but her Mothers cancer treatment in 1999 really motivated her to become involved in volunteering as she will forever be indebted to the doctors and nurses for the kindness and attention shown to her Mother. Doreen says,

"I started by volunteering on the Help Desk escorting patients around the Hospital, I then worked on the Shop Trolley before moving in to my current role. It's my way of saying thank you to this hospital and its staff, I find it incredibly satisfying just doing a tiny bit to help raise funds".

During leisure time Doreen enjoys her garden, walking, reading and visiting friends in Norfolk.



Barbara Coupe

For Barbara, it all started 20 years ago when her friends husband was Chairman and the League needed volunteers at weekends to man a trolley in the foyer.

Barbara says, "All those years ago the shop was a shed on the square but the Hospital eventually gave us a room in the entrance and we doubled the shop size."

In those days Barbara ran her own hairdressing business and with two young children, led a very busy life but as an admirer of the NHS she felt that it was an honour to give something back. Today Barbara is a committee member who really enjoys the buzz of business and making money for the League. She helps out in the shop twice a week wherever required whether that is banking, bill paying or book-keeping.

9 years ago Jenny Gillingham came to work with the League and 4 years ago took over responsibility for volunteers and running the shop, Jenny and Barbara get along famously, thoroughly enjoying their working time together, "it's lovely that the shop is in good hands and that I get much more time on the aolf course", says Barbara.

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Rene Hopkins

Rene was involved with "Meals on Wheels" and was always very touched with how greatfully received her help was. When the opportunity arose to get involved with the League of Friends at Broomfield, she was truly delighted.

Rene is part of the team of volunteers who work on the hospital library trolley. Two volunteers work together on consecutive weeks taking the trolley around the wards, helping the patients choose the books they would like to read. Rene really enjoys helping people and likes to think that she is doing something worthwhile.

Enjoying a busy social life, Rene meets up with four of her neighbours every Wednesday evening to share a bottle of wine and have a jolly good chat!

Jenny Gillingham

Jenny is Manageress of the Shop and her role requires that she oversees the general smooth running of the shop on a day to day basis as well as ordering stock and selecting and training all new valunteers

Jenny's Mother has been a volunteer for the League for about 15 years which is how Jenny herself came to join. The more time she spent working with the League, the more she enjoyed it and consequently became more and more involved, Jenny is now a Committee Member which she finds very rewarding.

For most of her life Jenny has been in and out of various Hospitals as a patient and she feels that her work for the League is a perfect way to give something back and finds it very satisfying to know that all profits made go directly back to the hospital. Jenny is a member of "Changing Faces" which is a charity helping people with facial disfigurements.

In her spare time Jenny enjoys food, music and fashion - her biggest weakness being shoes!



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Pauline Trodd

Following a successful career as a dental practice manageress for 30 years, Pauline decided to take voluntary retirement aged 69. She always knew she would miss the buzz of the workplace and when in July 2007 her thoughts turned to voluntary work, she decided to join the League of Friends and has been volunteering in the hospital shop ever since.

Pauline enjoys working with no pressure and thoroughly appreciates being told by customers what a good job the League do as it really does make it all worthwhile!



Iris Budd

Iris works one afternoon a fortnight and one Saturday a month for the League as well as covering other times as required.

Iris used to work in the local Post Office and one of her customers who worked in the League shop kept suggesting that it may be something she would like to do. Iris finally gave in and her and a friend joined the League. Her motivation is to give something back as she feels that herself and her family have received such a lot over the years, she enjoys giving assurance to worried people who come into the shop.

Iris is also involved in the local branch of the RBL Woman's section being Group Secretary and Treasurer and in her spare time is kept busy with her garden and 4 grandchildren.

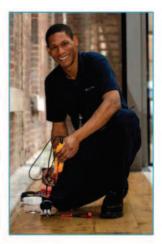


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Jaya Shree

Ramanathan

Jaya has been working in the Shop since 2005 having been introduced to volunteering through a friend.

Working on Wednesday mornings Jaya's work involves serving customers and stocking up shelves, organising the magazines and books and returning the old ones to suppliers.

Jaya finds helping a good cause very rewarding and enjoys meeting people



Liz Foster

Liz began volunteering last March following her retirement from the Bradford & Bingley at the end of 2008. She does a trolley round with her life long friend Kathy on a Wednesday morning and also helps out in the League of Friends Shop.

Liz knew that when she retired she wanted to continue to be involved with dealing with people. She loves going into the wards, meeting patients and staff and bringing 'a little cheer.'

Liz finds volunteering her way of being able to give something back to Broomfield Hospital for the care given to her husband and nephew who have both been treated at Broomfield. Sadly she has lost her nephew to cancer at the very young age of 24.

Away from her volunteering work Liz enjoys swimming, gardening and meeting friends.

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June Jackson

Following her retirement at the end of 1996 June enquired about volunteering for the League. Since this time she has worked in the Shop one afternoon a week. June also attends all social functions supporting the League whenever she can. June finds her time in the shop stimulating, rewarding and she has also made some great friendships. June likes giving her time to the League and is also a member of the W.I.

In her spare time June likes reading, meeting friends and helping out her family who live in Surrey.

Audrey Parry

Audrey has been a League committee member for a number of years and used to help out at the car boot sales



before starting to work in the shop which unfortunately is something she is unable to do any more.

Audrey truly believes that everyone should feel able to give some regular time to volunteering and is known as "The Raffle Lady" at many League functions, raising funds for the hospital.

As well as her work with the League, Audrey is on the Committee of Chelmsford Westside Townswomens Guild and is the Vice Chair and organiser, arranging monthly speakers.

As if that's not enough, Audrey is also a member of the Broomfield Branch of The Royal British Legion and has been a poppy seller for a great many years.

Audrey's hobbies include flower arranging and quite recently she has started making greetings cards which she finds very therapeutic.

Mid Essex Hospital Services



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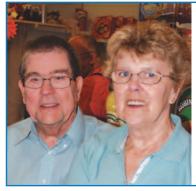




Brenda Chester

Brenda decided to volunteer following her recovery from illness and she worked in the Marie Curie Cancer Care shop for 5 years until it closed in December 2003. She now works in the League of Friends Shop serving and stocking up shelves.

Brenda thoroughly enjoys meeting people and making new friends and enjoys "giving something back". In her spare time Brenda enjoys making cards, scrapbooking and gardening as well as researching her family history which she has been doing since 1989, in fact on one side of the family she has managed to trace back to 1634!



John & Sue Moore

When in October 2005 John and Sue heard Jenny Gillingham make an appeal for volunteers on BBC Essex Radio, they thought that volunteering could be just perfect for them.

They had both retired and were keen to help others while they were still young enough to do so and very much enjoy meeting new people. John and Sue travel from their home in Southminster to Broomfield, they work the late shift fortnightly and one Sunday a month when they bring along their grand-daughter Hannah who is a really helpful and polite teenager.

Prior to their retirement John worked in Engineering and now enjoys his computer, gardening and reading and Sue was a sailmakers machinist who now loves making greeting cards, carpet bowls and sudoku. Together they go marshalling at grass track meetings, which is how they first met.

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Margaret Borr

On behalf of my friend Rene Hopkins and myself I would like to say that for over the past 10 years we have enjoyed our experiences as members of the League. I joined as a result of a stay in Broomfield where I was very well looked after and wanted to give something back, Rene was only too pleased to help me with the library.

During this time we have taken a trolley of books around the wards, in the old part of the hospital at first and now in the new. It was Arnold Clegg who introduced us to the library and showed us the ropes as it were. He was very patient with us and although his directions were spot on we continued to get lost on several occasions when we first started, and we enjoyed every minute of it. The patients used to tell us if we were going round the same ward for a second time!

The members of the League that we have met are a great bunch and have always made us feel welcome. Raising money for such a good cause as our local hospital seems almost easy because of their dedication and wonderful team spirit. Rene and myself are pleased and proud to be a part of that and hope it carries on for a long time to come.

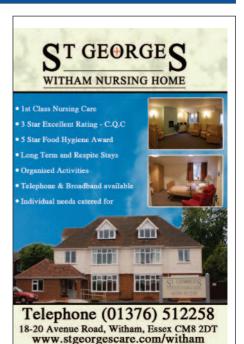


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Diana Plowman

Diana is a shop volunteer and committee member. Her role is varied and involves ordering stock when Jenny (the shop manager) is on holiday, serving customers, filling shelves and fridges, returning magazines and papers and even sweeping the floor!

Diana likes to be useful and has a fair bit of time on her hands to devote to volunteering, she says, "since the death of my twin sister nearly 17 years ago, I have been involved with charity shop work. I worked in the Marie Curie Cancer Care shop until its closure and I saw an article in the local paper about the League of Friends needing volunteers so I decided to give it a go - I'm glad I did because I thoroughly enjoy it and have been here since February 2004".

In her spare time, Diana enjoys reading, is a keen Arsenal supporter, a member of the National Trust and likes visiting steam railways. She also loves looking after her granddaughter.



Frank Bowley

Frank initially got involved in volunteering when his wife who was already a member of the League, asked one Saturday morning if Frank would go and help her in the shop because the person who would normally help out was poorly and could not work that day. It really took off from there and for the next 3½ years Frank took a trolley around St Andrews wing 3 mornings a week until he had a hip replacement.

Frank now works in the shop 2 mornings a week and every 3rd Saturday of the month, keeping the drinks cabinet filled up and also keeping the shelves topped up with sweets, helping Jenny with the newpapers and magazines and serving.

Frank and his wife also raise funds for Farleigh Hospice and in his spare time loves all sports especially football, enjoys reading, helps out around the house and likes baking cakes.

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Peggy Cooke

When Barbara Coupe, for many years, a stalwart of the League of Friends told Peggy that the League were desperate to find a Secretary and asked if she would consider stepping into the breach, Peggy attended the next meeting to give her an idea as to how their committee worked.

Peggy Says, "obviously, I was thrown in at the deep end, as I had no idea how League meetings were conducted having had no previous experience of secretarial work involving a Charity. At first I found it very difficult, having always worked in the busy commercial world, not the relaxed way of a Charity and was accustomed to instructions being thrown at me when the boss was half-way out of a door. I also found it difficult as there was no handover from the previous Secretary.

At the second meeting, Millie Day told me I had not paid my £1 subscription, to enable me to become a member of the League. Frankly, I thought at the time it should be the other way round! At that meeting I was not asked if I would take on the job, it was just assumed I was there for keeps.

Obviously over the years I have found it extremely rewarding and have enjoyed it, so much so that I am now in my 12th year. When one hears the disagreements between members of some committees, we are very fortunate thanks to John Hughes, the Chairman, there is very little difficulty coming to a united decision."



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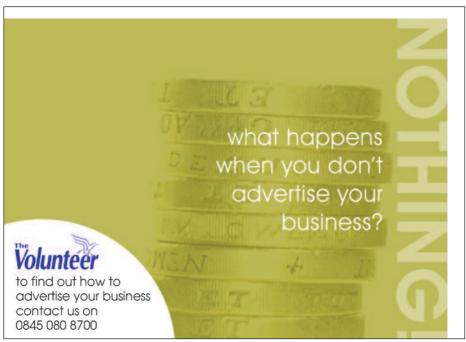




Doris Frewin

Doris has been volunteering the hospital shop for some three years.

Finding that she had some time on her hands, one of her Grand Daughters who is a nurse at Broomfield Hospital suggested that Doris consider volunteering with the League and she has not looked back since. Doris says, "being a volunteer gives me the chance to meet new people and to feel useful"



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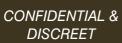
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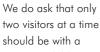
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We will usually be able to tell you at least the day before you are ready to leave hospital so you can tell your



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Today we have a team of 25 professionals who have expertise in psychology, education, employment, health and social care, media and campaigning.

Our work involves:

- Providing personal support for children, young people, adults and families.
- Working with schools, employers, health and social care professionals to ensure a culture of inclusion for people with disfigurements.
- Campaigning for social change by working with the media, government and opinion leaders

A "disfigurement" is the generic term for the aesthetic effect or visual impact of a scar burn, mark, asymmetric or unusually shaped feature or texture of the skin on the face hands or body.

Over one million people in the UK have a disfigurement to the face, hands or body from many different causes.

Through Changing Faces, people who have disfigurements and their families can find the information, support and advice they need to handle difficult situations in the street, feel accepted at school and be treated with fairness and respect in the workplace. Please support us; changing faces really does make a difference!

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Problems finding an NHS Dentist?

Finding an NHS dentist in mid Essex is not usually a problem; we are well served by dentists in our area. However, if you do experience any problems at all then NHS Mid Essex, your local PCT is here to help.

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