



The RWT Charity Newsletter

Making a real difference to the lives of our patients, their families and staff.

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

Spring 2022

Charity scores hole in one to top the list

We were delighted to hear that we have been chosen as charity of the year by South Staffordshire Golf Club.

New Captain, Mark Brennan chose the Deanesly Centre as the area the club wanted to support within The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

Mark's late wife Catherine was treated at the Deanesly Centre before passing away on May 1st, 2006. He said: "Despite the sad outcome I only have praise for the treatment she received and over the years whenever I can I have raised money for the Deanesly Centre. So I am delighted we can now support the staff and patients there as a club."

Catherine was an acclaimed English water colour artist and, from 1991, a prominent member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours. During her career she completed more than 900 works predominantly paintings of buildings in Britain, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Spain and the USA.

On June 18th, Mark's official Captain's Day, Mark is planning to raffle one of Catherine's original watercolours.

Two collection tins will also remain in the bar for donations and he has other plans for fundraising as the year progresses.

Dean Gritton, Group Manager for Oncology, Haematology, Radiotherapy and Palliative Care, said: "Firstly a huge thank you to Mark for nominating the Deanesly Centre as this year's Captain's Charity.



"All of the team are extremely appreciative and we look forward to hearing about Mark and the South Staffordshire Golf Club's events this year."

We are very grateful to Mark for his support of the Deanesly Centre at the Trust.

Swimmers make a splash to raise the cash



From left to right, Councillor Phil Page, Councillor Greg Brackenridge, the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Andy Baker, President of the Bilston Rotary Club and Amie Rogers, RWT Charity Community and Events Fundraiser. This photograph was taken in the Mayor's Parlour, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton.

Swimmers made a splash to raise £1,500 for us to coincide with Bowel Cancer Awareness Month.

Six people of all ages swam 20 lengths of the pool at Bert Williams Leisure Centre in Wednesfield to raise the money for Bilston Rotary Club, which donated the money to the Trust's Charity.

All six have some connection to Bilston, whether they live in the town or are part of the Bilston Rotary Club.

Andy Baker, club president, said: "One of the reasons the Bilston Rotary chose to raise money for bowel cancer within the Deanesly Centre was because a wife of one of the members was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2020.

"Her care and treatment by the department, throughout the whole procedure was excellent. This

prompted our club to show our grateful thanks. She is now clear of this terrible disease."

Phil Page, Bilston Councillor, whose 11-year-old grandson Alex Solomon took part and raised £200, added: "We all thought it was a great idea to raise money so nominated The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity on this occasion, along with Good Shepherd Relief in Need."

Councillor Greg Brackenridge, Mayor of Wolverhampton, said: "It's been an absolute pleasure to be present when the cheques were presented by the Bilston Rotarians to the Trust for bowel cancer treatment in the sum of £1,500 and also £4,000 to the Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton.

"I'm very proud that the Rotarians in Bilston do so much for all local charities, including my

own, the Mayor's charities of Wolverhampton.

"So I'd like to thank everyone involved and wish them the very best in their fundraising efforts in the way they support the vulnerable people in our community."

Rachel Robinson, Digital Engagement Fundraising Officer for the RWT Charity, said: "We're delighted Bilston Rotary Club chose to donate this money to our charity and are pleased the care the member's wife received has resulted in her getting the all clear. The money will go towards continuing to enhance the care patients receive".

"We are also very thankful to the swimmers for their efforts – well done everyone!"

Will you join our Platinum Jubilee celebrations?



In June 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, after an incredible 70 years of service.

This very special occasion is being celebrated with a special extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5.

And we would like to invite you to attend our Jubilee Fair, taking place at New Cross Hospital on Wednesday, June 1.

The event will take place inside the large marquee outside the Emergency Department. Local businesses will be in attendance with stalls selling items such as clothing, accessories, wax melts and plants.

There will also be performances from The RWT Singers outside the marquee entrance between 12.15pm – 1.30pm.

Amie Rogers, Community and Events Fundraiser said: "With the long-standing history that The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust holds, the RWT Charity was thrilled to plan these celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

"As something that is being celebrated nationwide, with people being encouraged to share friendship, food and fun, we thought what better way than a fair. We look forward to bringing together staff, volunteers, our local community and businesses for the first time at the Trust since the COVID-19 pandemic."

The RWT Charity Fashion Show

In less than a month we will be hosting our first fashion show in aid of children's services at the Trust.

Thanks to our exciting partnership with Fashion SOS, we will have rails of ladies' high street clothing, in sizes six to 30, available to purchase at up to 75 per cent off normal retail price!

The event will be held on Thursday, June 9 2022 at Fordhouses Cricket Club, Wobaston Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, WV9 5HH. It will run between 7pm and 10pm, with the catwalk starting at 7.30pm.

Some of the brands on sale include Topshop, Wallis, Next, Evans and Warehouse.

Due to the pandemic, the fashion show was postponed from 2020. Tickets purchased for the original date will still be honoured. Early Bird tickets are now on sale for £5 each. They can also be bought on the door for £7 each.

All the funds raised from the ticket and raffle ticket sales will help the charity to fund additional resources, equipment and projects which will benefit children's

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity
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9th June 2022
Doors open at 7.00pm
Fordhouses Cricket Club
Wobaston Road, Fordhouses
Wolverhampton WV9 5HH

Save the date

SOS Charity Fashion Shows

services.

Snap up some tickets online at <https://www.vegottickets.com/event/538743/>. Please note there is a 50p booking fee for online sales via We Got Tickets who will donate a percentage of this back to the charity.

Farewell...

A message from Leanne

After eight very happy years, I am moving on to pastures new at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust as a project manager within the Black Country Provider Collaborative.

I am sad to go and feel that it has been both an honour and a privilege to work alongside a variety of different supporters and RWT colleagues to ensure that the charity continually makes a real difference to the lives of patients, their families and our dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

There are too many of you to thank individually, but please know that I sincerely appreciate everything you have all done to support me and the fundraising team.

I must give a special thank you to colleagues in finance, estates, communications, catering, portering, finance, security and transport teams – the team and I would not have been able to deliver the projects we have. We could not have done this without your support.

Thank you to Sue Rawlings, Chair of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity for your supportive direction and expert chairing of the charity, through some very interesting times. I am extremely proud of what the charity and fundraising team have achieved



to date. We could not have done this, however, without the guidance, passion, and dedication you have demonstrated. I feel truly honoured to have served a Chair who has such compassion, integrity and knowledge and have learned a lot from you throughout my time at the Trust.

Introducing...

Amie Rogers, our new Community & Events Fundraiser



What is your job role?

I have joined the RWT Charity Team as the new Community and Events Fundraiser and will be working closely with the charity, fundraising and communications team.

I will be assisting with the co-ordination and proactively developing community fundraising activities with a variety of staff and stakeholders.

What is your favourite thing about your job so far?

I have already met so many amazing people who have chosen to raise funds or donate to the Trust. My first week was spent receiving Easter eggs from corporate supporters which have been gratefully received by the Children's Ward. Everyone has

been so welcoming and friendly, and I look forward to getting to know and working alongside everyone.

When you are not at work, how do you like to spend your time?

I am a keen football fan who supports my local team Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, so Saturdays are usually spent at the Molineux or shopping! I also have two cocker spaniels who like to keep us on our toes so we're always out and about walking.

How do we contact you?

Please feel free to pop in and say hello. We are based in Outpatients 1, Location A27 or drop us an email at rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net and we would love to hear from you and listen to your ideas for fundraising.

For further information about the charity or how to support it, please contact our team on 01902 694473 or email rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net