



Chairman- David Fox joined the Trustees in 2012 following his retirement from the NHS in 2011, after 37 years service. Most of his career was spent in Leeds and from 1999 until 2011 he was the senior manager for Haematology, Oncology and Palliative Care services in the Leeds hospitals .He played a key part in securing and managing the new facilities at St James's. He now undertakes a variety of voluntary work in the countryside.



Treasurer - Matthew Baker is a Solicitor and a Partner at Pinsent Masons LLP specialising in Commercial Property Dispute Resolution. He has been involved with the Friends for over 10 years since his father John Baker was treated on the ward in 1998. Matthew's Mother (Angela Knowles aka Miss February) and his Mother-in-Law (Lynda Logan aka Miss July) are two of the original *Calendar Girls*.



Carol has been Hon. Sec. since 2005. She has worked with haematology patients since 1977 when she was Outpatients Sister at the LGI. She was appointed Chemotherapy sister in 1988 and then Clinical Nurse Specialist IV therapy, Haematology from 1990 to 1997 when she retired. She returned as a part time research nurse until May 2011.



Derek Norfolk, was a Consultant Clinical Haematologist at the LGI from 1986 to 2006. From 2006 until retiring from clinical practice in 2011 he was Consultant in Haematology and Transfusion Medicine at Leeds Teaching Hospitals (LTH) NHS Trust and NHS Blood and Transplant. He continues to work as Associate Research and Development Director for LTH. Dr. Norfolk has been a Trustee of the FLCLLM since 1986.



Bryon Roberts was appointed Consultant Haematologist to the Leeds General Infirmary in 1970, the first such appointment in West Yorkshire. He introduced the newly developed chemotherapy regimes in acute Leukaemia and lymphoma in both adults and children. Dr Roberts was a founder member and Trustee of the Friends.



Graeme Smith was appointed Consultant Haematologist at the LGI in 1993 and was responsible for producing Regional Guidelines for the management of CML in Yorkshire. He was latterly Clinical Director of Oncology and has been a Trustee since 1993.



Consultant Haematologist, Roger Owen has particular interest in the diagnosis, treatment and disease monitoring in patients with Myeloma, MGUS, Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia and marginal zone lymphoma. Roger has been a Trustee since 2007.



Jean has lived and worked as a Careers Advisor in Leeds all her adult life. Now retired she continues a committed blood donor, volunteering with the Anthony Nolan 'R&Be' campaign giving talks in schools to encourage young people to register as bone marrow, blood and organ donors. Her husband Roger was treated for Leukaemia over many years at the LGI and they were grateful for the support given by the Friends to patients and their carers. She is delighted to be appointed as a Trustee to help continue their valuable work'

Friends of the Leeds Centre

for Leukaemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma

Newsletter – December 2017

Once again it has been a good year for 'The Friends' and we can look forward to 2018 with confidence. Patients, the wards, ambulatory care, day care, outpatients and HMDS have all benefited from the kindness of our generous donors and the hard work and commitment of our fund raisers. Thank you very much to all our supporters.

Congratulations and a big thank you to the following fund raisers:-

The year got off to a good start with a concert in February at the Grove Methodist Church in Horsforth by the classical guitarist Craig Ogden. It was well attended and a huge success raising over £2000 for the 'Friends'. Felicity Hickman and Martin Binks organised the event and many volunteers from the church helped on the day.

The staff and members of the Armley Leisure Centre raised £402 plus £400 from the GMB Yorkshire Trade Fund in memory of Ben Hawkins.

May welcomed in the Leeds Half Marathon and we were fortunate to have Jamie Barugh and Andi Heald running for us and raising over £3,000 between them. Anna Clack completed the Great North Swim Run in June adding a further £475 to our funds and Jane McGowan walked the Yorkshire 3 peaks raising a further £350.

Mr Peter Shackell and family hosted an Open Garden event in June. It was a fantastic day showcasing their beautiful garden and thanks to the very hard work of all the family and support of their friends raised an amazing £2,700.

Over £5,000 was raised by our fantastic competitors in the Great North Run. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Jennifer Clay, Dr. Graeme Smith, Sean Monaghan, Carol Harrison, Lauren Pinney and Amy Wigglesworth.

The year was rounded off beautifully with a Carol Concert in St. James' Hospital Chapel by the Inspiration Choir organised by Lynne Hegarty (Blood Sweat and Cheers). It was a truly inspiring performance, greatly appreciated by the audience and raising over £816. As you will see from the chairman's report the Blood Sweat and Cheers team have continued giving us their fantastic support.

Best wishes, Carol Bilbrough (Hon. Secretary)

Chairman's Update December 2017

2017 has again proved to be a busy and successful year for 'The Friends' in which we have received many gifts and donations to enable the work we do to enhance the working of the Haematology Department. The group of supporters, Blood Sweat and Cheers have now raised over £16,000 for us over the past 2 years-a magnificent achievement through organising concerts, a Ball and sponsored activities. The challenge of the Great North Run was met by our group of runners with each raising funds for us. We have already purchased and allocated the 5 places to supporters for 2018. The Trustees have been pleased to fund all of the requests made by staff and patients including fans for patients, rise and recline chairs, additional CADD pumps for treatments, new equipment for finding veins, cost for 2 medical students to present at a national conference, twelve observation machines for the wards and improvements to a patients home in total £34,000.

We continue to collaborate with the Chevin Socialites but their work to provide Hug on a Tray is now self financing. I mentioned last year about the Patient Hotel and we met with the Hospital but they have not requested any assistance from us to improve the Hotel.

With considerable assistance from Lynne Hegarty of Blood Sweat and Cheers, 'The Friends' now have a page on www.facebook.com/@LeedsCentreforLeukaemiaLymphomaandMyeloma please have a look.

During 2017 Dr Graeme Smith retired from the Hospital. Over many years as a Trustee he has acted as the link between the Trustees and the Department and we are pleased that he has agreed to continue as a Trustee, but we have also welcomed Dr Rod Johnson, Consultant Haematologist as a Trustee and to fulfil the link role.

Best wishes, David Fox (Chairman)



Rod Johnson has been a consultant in Leeds since 2002. His main clinical and research interests are in the treatment of Lymphomas. He is currently the Lead Clinician for Haematology in Leeds and was appointed as a new Trustee in October 2017

Medical Update December 2017

Firstly I would like to say what a pleasure it was to be asked to join 'The Friends' as a Trustee this year to help advise from the perspective of the clinical department. The Department has continued to change and grow in a very positive way this year and despite increasing demands it has achieved much, thanks to the work of many and the valuable help of 'The Friends'. There has been a significant increase in our clinical trials work and through that the availability of many new and exciting therapies as research expands in all areas of blood cancer. The support of 'The Friends' has allowed us to further increase the number of patients treated through our day care and ambulatory facilities by funding both medical and patient comfort equipment without which patients would have to spend more time in the wards rather than at home. In recognition of their success, our day unit (J87) was awarded 'team of the year' in June at a hospital celebration event at the University of Leeds. It is striking how much we do in the outpatient setting these days that once needed admission and 'The Friends' support has been a key driver for that. As well as practical help, 'The Friends' have supported training opportunities for medical students and nursing staff to improve their ability to develop our services.

There has been many comings and goings this year. Most notably amongst them was the retirement of Dr Graeme Smith- a Trustee of the 'Friends' of course and a consultant whose contribution to our Department and to Haematology in the UK cannot easily be overstated. There was a number of send offs for him, allowing us all the opportunity to thank him for his enormous efforts, support and friendship over the years and we are glad he maintains his links to us through the 'Friends'. Prof David Bowen partly retired but thankfully remains with us part time so we retain his expertise and Andrew Jack retired from our HMDS laboratory, which he had built into a nationally recognised centre of excellence for the diagnosis of blood cancers. Joining us to offset these losses have been 4 new consultants, Gill Gidley, Pedro Martin-Cabrera, Anjum Khan and Manish Jain and we are lucky to have attracted these experts to our team and look forward to the energy they will bring. We have also been joined by 2 trainees from Sri Lanka and our first 'Physician Associate'- a new breed of clinical staff in the UK.

Although we all know that times are hard in the NHS at present and the hospital is busier than ever, there is always an energetic and optimistic response from the team and it is the support and encouragement of those around us; patients, colleagues and 'The Friends' which keeps us all going and for which we remain, as ever very grateful.

Best wishes to you all for 2018, Rod Johnson (Trustee)

Leeds marathon and Great North Run

Blood, Sweat and Cheers Team



Inspiration

Choir



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