

The Trustees have appointed Anthony Midgley as a new Trustee. Tony was a former Chairman and long-standing committee member of the Friends, he replaces Brian James who sadly passed away last year.

We would also like to welcome Brian Pearman onto our Committee whose knowledge of the local community will be a great asset.

We were sad to say goodbye to Marie Fraser Griffiths who has moved away to live nearer her daughter. Marie was our Press Officer and a great ambassador for the Friends. Whenever she was present there was always a smile, and she will be sadly missed.

We would also like to send our best wishes to Jeremy Williams, another Trustee who has recently suffered ill health and had a long stay in hospital.

The Friends would like to wish all the staff and the many supporters of Lydney Hospital

Happy Christmas and Good Health for 2022

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

We continue to support Lydney Hospital with its excellent work in serving the local community. It has been a difficult year for the NHS but Lydney MIU has continued to cover the whole of the forest area from 8:00AM to 7:30PM seven days a week.



Lydney MIU

The inpatient wards remain very busy with mainly transfers from the acute trust hospitals and Outpatient appointments are gradually getting back to normal.

We continue to press for some clarity on the replacement of services in the South Forest and during the covid period have held many meetings. Most of these have been online but after major pressure from us, an externally facilitated event was held virtually in July to consult with the local community – unfortunately the recordings of this meeting were mislaid by the facilitator and we still have not heard the conclusions!

We are increasingly hopeful that there will be a new comprehensive **Medical Hub** in the Lydney area which will be managed by G DOC, who support GP practices.

G DOC LTD is the GP Provider Company for Gloucestershire. Formed in 2012. G DOC is a membership organisation and all GP practices in Gloucestershire are shareholders. Its aim is to strengthen general practice by delivering safe, high quality and innovative primary care.

G DOC works with GPs across the county to ensure general practice is sustainable and responsive to local needs.

The Friends have recently purchased several new pieces of equipment:-

Hi Lo Bed with side rails costing around £2,000

This bed helps with the increased number of patients who are a high falls risk to maintain safety and prevent staff from continuously having to move patients onto another bed.



Boston Waterfall Reclining Chair - £1,500



The Boston Waterfall Chair is fully reclining, comfortable, and helps with standing and sitting.

The Friends have also given small amounts of monies to benefit the nurses and together with a donation from Friends of Scarr Bandstand contributed towards an evening of entertainment for the nursing staff held at Beechenhurst in September.



They also presented long serving members of staff with retirement gifts:



*Penny Wood
Health Care Assistant*



*Elaine Nelmes
Facilities Housekeeper*