

# Strictly Dance

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# Welcome

This issue's welcome is from Susan Briscall, who has been a Trustee for almost eight years. As a retired nurse, working in healthcare and management for 37 years, Susan has brought with her a wealth of experience in clinical governance, and has been involved in the growth and development of the Hospice to transform it into what it is today...

As this is our first newsletter of 2022, I would like to start by wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year, and I hope you had an enjoyable festive period!

2021 brought many challenges for the Hospice as we were and are still trying to overcome the financial deficit brought about by Covid, it was however, also a very positive year. We opened our fantastic new In-Patient Unit and revamped our reception area. Our Hospice gardens will also shortly be complete to enable patients and their families to spend precious time together in a tranquil space. We were thrilled to launch our brand new furniture store – The Furniture Hub, a fantastic facility for the community to purchase pre-loved furniture to further support our Hospice to raise funds for our patients.

Our team was shortlisted for three prestigious awards and although we weren't successful, we are so proud of their achievement of being shortlisted against such tough competition.

Moving into 2022, tickets are now on sale for our Strictly Dance event in March, where you can watch our ten dancers compete against Willow Wood Hospice at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. If you haven't already we'd love you to sign up to be a Gin & Jammies fundraiser, where you can enjoy the ultimate girls' night in whilst fundraising for your local Hospice, and for those who missed out on our last Will Month we are offering another chance to sign up to write a Will to support our Hospice, this April.

**Thank you to everyone who has supported Dr Kershaw's over the last 12 months, you are at the heart of everything we do!**

**Susan Briscall - Trustee**

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# Hospice Gardens Now Complete!

We are thrilled to announce that phase 1 of our new gardens is now complete, made possible thanks to a Legacy donation from Hospice supporter, Alice Barrass. By early Spring, our new tranquil outdoor space will be open for patients and their families to spend precious time together in, with access to floral walkways and peaceful seating areas.

Phase 2 of the project will be completed towards the end of Summer and will include the replanting of our woodland, assisted by the donation from GM Lieutenancy of 88 trees in memory of His Royal Highness The Prince

Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A woodland walk will also be completed in Spring 2023.

Watch this space for details of our official garden opening...



# Dr Kershaw's Took Away the Fear of Keith Dying

When Keith Marsden, 55, became poorly in October 2020, he was diagnosed with terminal kidney cancer, and just four months later he and his wife Beverley were told that he only had three months to live. Keith was determined that he would die at home, but Beverley's biggest fear was that he would die alone at home in pain. With the support from Dr Kershaw's Hospice at Home and Caring Hands teams, Keith got his final wish to remain at home and Beverley's fears were never realised...



Keith, Beverley's husband

"Keith and I met 20 years ago at my next door neighbour's party and were later married. Keith's passion was fishing and he loved to go fishing with friends or on his own, I sometimes even joined him. He liked the simple things in life, he always said he didn't need a new car, it worked just fine, as long as he had enough money in his pocket he was happy. Keith had two children from a previous marriage and three step-children along

with three grandchildren, most of our time was spent at home with family or neighbours, he was always the happiest when he was at home.

Before Keith became poorly he worked as a Warehouse Manager and was a real handy man trying his hand over the years at a number of things from painting to gardening and landscaping.

I was so scared that he would pass away at night in pain, but Dr Kershaw's were just amazing.

When Keith first started to feel unwell and increasingly tired, I encouraged him to go to the doctors. When we got the diagnosis of terminal kidney cancer we couldn't believe it, and straight away Keith started chemotherapy, but just four months later we were told the heart-breaking news that he only had three months to live.

Keith was adamant he would pass away at home, as we had family who had passed away in hospital over the past two years and their experiences were not good ones. With the support of Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Keith was cared for at home before he died. I was so scared that he would pass away at night in pain, but Dr Kershaw's were just

Dr Kershaw's took away the fear of being left with Keith's body because of their care and support and the way they managed the situation.



**Stanley, Beverley's puppy who she bought after Keith passed away**



**Keith's favourite pastime of fishing**

amazing. They gave me a contact number to call whenever I needed, and whenever I called nothing was too much trouble. On the morning that Keith died I was so grateful that they arrived just ten minutes later, they washed, shaved and dressed him and made him look like he should have done. They helped me to complete the paperwork I needed to and took away the fear of being left with Keith's body until the undertakers arrived because of their care and support and the way they managed the situation.

Without Dr Kershaw's I wouldn't have been able to fulfil Keith's wish to die at home and I feel that I would have lost my mind when he passed away.

We both had plans for when we retired, we always spoke about getting a dog, and I now have a little cavapoochon puppy, Stanley, who has given me love and a reason to get up each day and most importantly someone to share life with now that Keith has gone."

► **Beverley with husband, Keith on their Wedding Day**



**To find out more about the services provided by Dr Kershaw's community teams visit [www.drkh.org.uk](http://www.drkh.org.uk) or call 0161 624 2727**

# Strictly Dance

Dr Kershaw's and Willow Wood Hospice have partnered up to bring you our very own version of Strictly Come Dancing and are thrilled to announce that we now have our five couples who will be working with our two dance schools (Angela's Dance Club, Trafford and Fierce Oldham) to learn how to each perform their very own dance at our Strictly Dance event. Meet our dancers below...



## GLENN HILL

**51, Operations Manager (D & G Utilities)**

"My company have supported the Hospice with fundraising in the past and we wanted to support this event, plus I've always had an interest in Cuban and Salsa dancing."

## TERRIANNE LORD

**25, Community Support Worker (Mio Care)**

"I'm dancing in memory of my great grandma, Annie, who was a volunteer at the Hospice and was cared for at Dr Kershaw's before she passed away. I'm looking forward to the challenge in the New Year!"



## DEBBIE CHEETHAM

**58, Avon Representative & Wax Melts Business**

"Dr Kershaw's looked after my dad, local country and western singer, Ben Lee Rivers, who raised money for the Hospice himself. I am dancing in honour of my dad and to give something back to Dr Kershaw's."

## PHIL RUSSELL

**46, Business Owner (Reas Oldham Ltd)**

"I signed up to give back to Dr Kershaw's after the Hospice at Home team cared for my mum. I'm looking forward to a new challenge and raising funds to support more patients at the Hospice."

**RACHEL MCLEAN****42, English Lecturer (University of Sheffield)**

"I wanted to raise money for the Hospice who cared for my brother, Nathan McLean, by doing something I love – dancing!"

**SHARON OAKLEY****47, Zumba Instructor / Events Coordinator (Hathershaw College)**

"I love dancing and learning new moves, even just dancing and singing in my bedroom! I've raised money for the Hospice before and loved it!"

**PETER WAKEFIELD****64, Freelance Charity Finance Consult / Dr Kershaw's Trustee**

"I've supported Dr Kershaw's since my mum was cared for there in 2005. I signed up to Strictly Dance to raise funds for the Hospice, whilst also having fun and getting fit!"

**DIANE ATKINS****63, Caring Hands Health Care Assistant (Dr Kershaw's)**

"My husband, Mark was cared for at the Hospice in 2016, before he passed away. I then started working at the Hospice to make a difference to others, and signed up to Strictly Dance to raise vital funds for those who need specialist care at the end of their lives."

**DAVID BROADBENT****41, Head of Sport (Play, Fund, Win)**

"My wife always tells me I can't dance, so I wanted to take part due to this coupled with wanting to learn a new skill along with raising money for a great local cause."

**LORRAINE ROBINSON****41, Director (Collective Travel)**

"I've always wanted to do something like this to support Dr Kershaw's, I've got a long history with the organisation as I was one of the Steptoe babies so was essentially conceived there!"

To sponsor our dancers visit: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/strictlydancedrkershaws](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/strictlydancedrkershaws)

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Join us for a night of glitz and glamour as our dancers go head to head with Willow Wood Hospice to raise funds for both of our Hospices!

**FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 2022, 7PM TIL LATE**

Venue: Queen Elizabeth Hall, West St, Oldham OL1 1UT Dress Code: Formal attire



**£35**

INCLUDES  
WELCOME DRINK &  
2 COURSE MEAL

Buy your tickets now, just visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/strictly](http://www.drkh.org.uk/strictly)

# THE FURNITURE HUB

Giving furniture a second chance – RE-CYCLE, RE-STORE, RE-SELL!



Now Open!

We are thrilled to announce that our brand new furniture store, The Furniture Hub is now open, launched officially by The Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Jenny Harrison on Thursday 4th November. Located just five minutes away from Dr Kershaw's, our new store will support the Hospice to raise vital funds for patients in Oldham...

## Visit our Store!

We have been thrilled by the support we have received from the local community who have visited our store to purchase items and make donations. The Furniture Hub offers high quality new and used furniture ranging from small coffee tables to three piece suites, all at affordable prices. Customers can come in and browse whilst treating themselves to a sit down with a hot drink and cake too in a new coffee area. There is also an option for furniture to be delivered at a small cost to local destinations.

The store will also play host to a Knitting Club for volunteers, enabling new skills to be learnt, as well as restoration classes to bring unloved items back to life. More activities for volunteers to sign up to at The Furniture Hub will be announced soon.

## Location

Neo House, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW

## Opening Times

Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm

## Donations

We are also collecting furniture to sell in our store so if you are thinking about buying new furniture for your house and want your old furniture to go to a good home then please do get in touch with our Retail Team, who can arrange collection and will sell the furniture to generate much needed funds to support patient care. You can also drop off your furniture direct to the store, and our staff and volunteers will be happy to help you unload your items.

To find out more or to arrange collection of your furniture please visit The Furniture Hub, or contact our new store via the details below:

Email: [furniture@drkh.org.uk](mailto:furniture@drkh.org.uk)

Tel: 0161 510 0102

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on the income that we bring into our Hospice, and The Furniture Hub is a fantastic opportunity for us! Every penny will be ploughed back into patient services, supporting patients and their loved ones at the most difficult of times.

Joanne Sloan, Hospice CEO



“ The Furniture Hub fulfils so many functions, I am very impressed with how modern and professional the store is, a great deal of thought and work has gone into making it feel like you are walking round an actual furniture store.

The Mayor of Oldham,  
Councillor Jenny Harrison

“ The Furniture Hub is a great space, it feels very welcoming and offers so many opportunities for the community, there are so many fantastic furniture options available at affordable prices.

The Mayor's Consort,  
Councillor Shaid Mushtaq

Councillor Amanda Chadderton (Royton South), The Mayor of Oldham -  
Councillor Jenny Harrison, The Mayor's Consort - Councillor Shaid Mushtaq



Dr Kershaw's  
Volunteers  
at The  
Furniture  
Hub



To find out more about The Furniture Hub visit in-store  
(Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm) or read more at: [www.drkh.org.uk/furniturehub](http://www.drkh.org.uk/furniturehub)

# Let the Fun-raising BeGin

In October, we launched Dr Kershaw's very own artisan Gin to help raise vital income for patients in our care. Made especially for the Hospice by the award-winning Defiance Gin Distillery based in Lees, 1989, is a classic London Dry Gin, which offers a specially crafted botanical flavour profile, and is proving to be a popular choice for both gin lovers and gift buyers across the community...

"A lot of other hospice's have their own brands of Gin, which is helping them to raise vital funds for patient care. It's another way for people to support our Hospice, and we have already been overwhelmed by the community's response with many people choosing it as the gift of choice for their friends and family at Christmas and other celebrations."

**Grace Carr, Hospice Digital Marketing & Events Executive**

"As owner of Defiance Gin Distillery, working closely with local businesses and charities has been fundamental since our inception in 2017. From a very personal point my father benefitted from hospice services 10 years ago, which is something I will never forget. The Gin we have crafted for Dr Kershaw's is a thoroughbred London Dry Gin with a modern twist. Distilled in small batches of 50 bottles it has signature botanicals of orange, lemon, pink peppercorn and liquorice root."

**Paul Sheerin, Defiance Gin Distillery Owner**

"I was thrilled with my Dr Kershaw's Gin, it's a great way to support the Hospice and to also enjoy a lovely treat, I bought some for my friends and family members too as Christmas gifts and they loved it, I'll definitely be buying more!"

**Jane Toole, Hospice Supporter**

You can also sign up to our Gin & Jammies event, the ultimate girls' night in to raise vital funds for the Hospice. To download our Gin & Jammies Fundraising Party Pack, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/Ginandjammies](http://www.drkh.org.uk/Ginandjammies)



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[www.drkh.org.uk/funds](http://www.drkh.org.uk/funds)  
or 0161 624 2727

\*Collection only, with ID



## 60 Seconds with... Retail Area Manager, Alison Taylor



**Alison has been a member of the Hospice's Retail Team for almost 20 years working in the Hospice shops across the community and more recently dedicating a lot of her time to getting The Furniture Hub up and running...**

### Give us an overview of your role?

I'm responsible for the general running of the Hospice's shops, supporting each Shop Manager and our dedicated team of volunteers as well as the Head of Retail. I organise rotas and driver deliveries and collections and have spent a lot of time recently working on the launch of The Furniture Hub.

### What are the challenges of your role?

Making sure that each shop is open and covered adequately with staff and volunteers. Also launching The Furniture Hub was a challenge for me personally as we've never had this type of store before and there was so much work to do behind the scenes. I'm so pleased though with the response The Furniture Hub has had from the community, we've been busy and had so much positive feedback, with many saying the layout doesn't appear like a charity store at all which is just what we wanted!

### What are the rewards of your role?

Knowing that I'm helping the patients at the Hospice each day. I've met a variety of lovely people over the years in the shops, each with their own story to tell, and have had many wonderful items donated, which tell a story of the previous owner's life.

### How can the community support the Hospice by shopping in and donating to our shops?

By visiting our shops, you are helping to raise the funds needed for our community, to ensure that end-of-life care remains respectful and dignified. The pandemic hit our shops hard and we were closed for several months, which had a huge impact on the income we could bring in. We are so grateful to each and every one of you who supports our shops whether that be with donations or purchases. Thank you so much!

To find out more about our three Hospice shops or new furniture store, visit, [www.drkh.org.uk/shop-us](http://www.drkh.org.uk/shop-us)

# We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thank you to all our fantastic supporters for their amazing fundraising...

## £5,000 Raised at The Ace Pub in Memory of 'Stormin' Norman

A year after the passing of 'Stormin' Norman, his son, family and friends came out in force at The Ace, Fitton Hill, for a day to remember. From raffles and auctions, music and entertainment for the whole family and a BBQ that ran non-stop, our amazing community showed that Dr Kershaw's is always in their hearts, raising an astonishing £5,315.31! Thank you to Norman's son Wilbur and his wife Samantha, Paul and Debbie Nuttall, and of course Rose and Scott, landlord and landlady at The Ace. What a fantastic team and a wonderful community pub!



Lillie Winterbottom (Dr Kershaw's Community Team)  
with Darren Ramsden (Co-op Royton Manager)

### A Helping Hand from your Local Co-op

Dr Kershaw's recently received a donation of £150 from Co-op Food in Royton, which will enable the Hospice to buy the tableware and accessories needed for our 'Look Good, Feel Good' sessions which take place to support our Well-Being Centre patients.

The Co-op is also supporting us over the next 12 months through their Co-op Local Community Fund. Co-op members get 2p back for every pound spent on selected products and services and the same goes to local good causes. To make Dr Kershaw's your chosen charity visit [membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61759](http://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61759) and to sign up as a new member visit: [membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration](http://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration).

### Kathryn's Christmas Cakes Go Down a Treat!

Regular Dr Kershaw's Hospice fundraiser, Kathryn Jackson made fundraising look like a piece of cake....literally! She cooked up a storm, raising £625 by raffling one of her delicious Christmas Cakes!



# Santas Come Together to Support the Hospice!

The popular Saddleworth Santa Dash returned on Saturday 4th December, and Dr Kershaw's were thrilled to be offered 50 places to enable us to raise vital funds for Hospice care.

Despite the torrential rain, the spirits of our incredible jolly fundraisers weren't dampened with each completing their 2k or 5k runs, to support patient care at our Hospice. Take a look at some of the many highlights below...

“Thank you to Saddleworth Round Table for gifting us 50 places again. This year's Santa Dash was a great, festive day out, it was wonderful seeing the community coming together to support Dr Kershaw's and our patients.

Lillie Winterbottom, Community Engagement Team Leader



For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)

# Achieve Something Amazing in 2022!

## Tandem Sky Dive

Sign up now for the Dr Kershaw's Tandem Sky Dive on Sunday 19th June 2022 and experience the thrill of freefall from up to 15,000ft. It's the adrenaline rush like no other!

Organised by Skydive Northwest, a tandem sky dive requires minimal training and is the safest and most popular choice for first time skydivers. The instructor flies and lands the parachute, leaving you to relax and enjoy stunning views of the Lake District.

The idea of jumping out of a plane scares the living daylights out of many people, that's exactly why you should do it! Confront your fears, overcome them and do something great for a fantastic cause! To register now, visit:

[www.drkh.org.uk/skydive](http://www.drkh.org.uk/skydive)

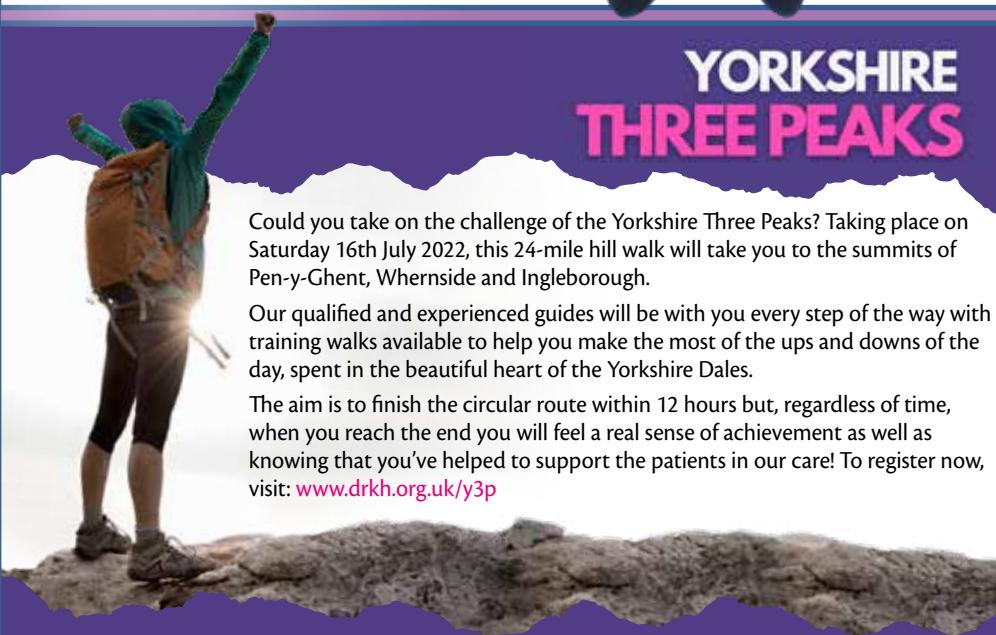


## YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS

Could you take on the challenge of the Yorkshire Three Peaks? Taking place on Saturday 16th July 2022, this 24-mile hill walk will take you to the summits of Pen-y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough.

Our qualified and experienced guides will be with you every step of the way with training walks available to help you make the most of the ups and downs of the day, spent in the beautiful heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

The aim is to finish the circular route within 12 hours but, regardless of time, when you reach the end you will feel a real sense of achievement as well as knowing that you've helped to support the patients in our care! To register now, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/y3p](http://www.drkh.org.uk/y3p)



To find out more about our Dr Kershaw's challenge events and how you can join, contact our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or [fundraising@drkh.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@drkh.org.uk)

# Light Up a Life



Each year our Light Up a Life service gives people the opportunity during the festive period to remember their loved ones, no matter what their faith, culture or connection to the Hospice is. Those who make a dedication have a light lit in memory of their loved ones on the Hospice's dedication tree and have a special place in our online Book of Remembrance as well as on-screen during the virtual service.

This year, we were unable to once again run our Light Up a Life physical event due to existing Covid measures at the Hospice, but were overwhelmed, again, by the support for our virtual service which took place on Sunday 5th December.

“ Thank you to the community for supporting Light Up a Life, by taking part in the virtual service and by making a dedication for your loved ones. The money raised from our Light Up a Life appeal each year, ensures that we can continue to support patients and their families within our community. We couldn't be more grateful to each person who has taken the time to make a dedication. ”

Grace Carr, Light Up a Life Event Organiser

If you missed our Light Up a Life service, it's still available to watch on our website where you can also view our Book of Remembrance, visit: [www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife](http://www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife)

# Caring Hands Helped Me to Support Mum Better

Carol Walker's mum, Rita Walker, 81, visited the Hospice's Well-Being Centre for over three years, before receiving end-of-life care in her own home from our community team, who supported Carol as well as her mum. When Rita died she weighed just under 5 stone, the team treated her so delicately, and helped Carol to know how to support her mum better at times when they weren't there...

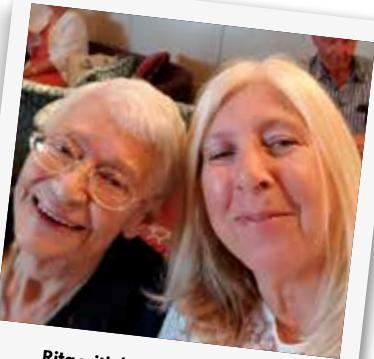
"Mum was straight talking but fun, if you met her you wouldn't forget. When she was younger she used to sing in the pubs, she loved singing and used to enjoy going to The Washbrook Tavern singing her signature tune – 'Making Eyes at Me.' Mum had three children including me, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary to my dad, having met as teenagers, before dad died 13 years ago. Mum had a big heart, was a tower of strength and an inspiration, she was petite at 4ft10 but never stopped being a small woman with a big heart, as she would say "I'm reet petite the finest woman you'll ever meet."

**“It wasn't just a job for them, they treated mum like their own.”**

Nine years ago, mum was diagnosed with cancer of the stomach and lung, and following her diagnosis she visited the Well-Being Centre at Dr Kershaw's for over three years. She loved it there, she did exercise classes, had beauty treatments and took part in painting classes, giving each of us one of her paintings in a nice frame, signed by mum, which is such a lovely keepsake to now have. She even had her photo taken with HRH Duchess of Gloucester at the Hospice!

Ten days before mum died, Dr Kershaw's community team started to care for her. The Hospice at Home nurses and Caring





Rita with her daughter, Carol



One of Rita's paintings that she did at the Hospice's Well-Being Centre



Rita meeting HRH Duchess of Gloucester at the Hospice

When people are in a fragile state you don't just touch them you tell them what you are going to do, they talked to her and put mum at ease.

Hands Team were brilliant in their care for mum, and I learnt a lot from them. When people are in a fragile state you don't just touch them you tell them what you are going to do, they talked to her and put mum at ease. They looked after us both, asking me every day if I was ok and if I was eating and sleeping. Every time they came, it didn't feel rushed or time managed, it felt like they spent quality time with me and mum. Caring Hands visited four times a day to move her and wash her, they took care of her so well and treated her with dignity.

They helped me to move my hand in a way where I felt I wasn't pulling my hand away from her, which was lovely as I didn't want to let go.

On the day mum died, I rang them and they were there within 15 minutes. When they came in, mum was holding my hand, and wouldn't let go. They helped me to move my hand in a way which made me feel like I wasn't pulling my hand away from her, which was lovely as I didn't want to let go. I think Dr Kershaw's knew she was going that day, and the team came back later on to move mum and make her more comfortable, before mum died later on that day. I don't think I could have got through it all without Dr Kershaw's, it made me realise how wonderful the Hospice actually is, it felt like they were looking after their own family it wasn't just a job for them, they treated mum like their own."

To make a donation to support patients like Rita, visit [www.drkh.org.uk/donate](http://www.drkh.org.uk/donate)



## Top Marks for our Catering Team

Our Catering Team recently had an unannounced visit from the Oldham Council Environmental Health Department, and we passed with flying colours! Our Catering Manager, Gail Robertshaw said: "Hygiene and food safety is paramount in our kitchen, and once again being awarded the top mark of 5 from the food safety/food standard agency makes us all very proud." Well done to all the Catering Team, keep up the good work!

## Hospice Supports 'Against Breast Cancer - Bra Bank Appeal'

Dr Kershaw's has signed up to support the Against Breast Cancer - Bra Bank Appeal, which helps to raise funds for research into secondary spread breast cancer. The Hospice has now received its Bra Bank and is encouraging staff and the community to recycle their used, new or surplus bras to raise vital funds, with every tonne of bras collected raising £700 to fund the research of Against Breast Cancer, as well as helping small businesses in Africa to sell the bras at affordable prices. Adele Doherty, Hospice Director of Clinical Services said: "We are delighted to be involved in such a worthwhile project, we care for patients with secondary breast cancer, and this vital research could make such a difference to them and so many others."



## Congratulations to our Award Finalists



As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Dr Kershaw's were recently named as finalists for three prestigious Nursing Times Awards, unfortunately 2021 was not our year, but we are so proud of our teams for being shortlisted against such strong competition. Well done to all involved!

## Schwartz Rounds Launch for Staff Well-being

We are proud to have launched Schwartz Rounds, a well-being initiative supporting staff with the emotional impact that working in end-of-life care often brings. As an organisation we recognise the work that our team do and want to support all our staff, encouraging them to share their experiences and giving them the opportunity to offload the emotional challenges they may face.



## Keira Receives Recognition from Prime Minister

2021 ended on another high for Keira Arnold with her 'Keira's Wishes' fund reaching a staggering £40,000 and being honoured once again, this time by the Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Keira was awarded the daily Points of Light award on Tuesday 23rd November, which recognises outstanding individuals who are making a change in their community. Keira said: "I really enjoy fundraising especially knowing it helps other families through very difficult and sad times, which is what inspires me to keep going and others to support me."



# Volunteer, Julie Brings Vital Skills to Hospice

Julie Hesselgrove, has been volunteering in the Hospice's reception since September 2020 and more recently has supported the HR Team with the launch of a new system. As a Senior Vice President at Xerox, Julie's day job sees her managing client services across multiple countries, whilst at the Hospice her volunteer role within the HR team has provided Dr Kershaw's with specialist skills, something we would have struggled to access without her support...

"Signing up to volunteer at the Hospice is one of the best things I've done. I joined the Reception Team at first, it's such a diverse role, helping visitors in person and on the phone, taking donations and supporting the Hospice's retail sales. I have been supporting the Hospice's HR Team recently with the build and deployment of a new HR system, which has been an interesting project. My volunteering schedule fits in really well for me with my full-time role. Xerox are very supportive of my activities and positively encourage volunteering – for me it's win, win! It's such a privilege to be part of the Hospice team, I always feel appreciated and have been able to support the Hospice in many ways, it's been a very fulfilling experience."

**Julie Hesselgrove, Hospice Volunteer**

"Julie has been a fabulous support enabling us to launch the HR Module quicker than anticipated, and is continuing to help us with ensuring the system is kept up to date and as accurate as possible. She is always enthusiastic to help us and is reliable and thorough in everything she does. I consider Julie a part of the HR team that we couldn't do without and am always very grateful for all she does and for her ongoing HR work."

**Mandi Halton, Hospice HR Advisor**



**Julie supporting the HR Team**



◀ Julie  
volunteering  
on Reception

**To find out more about Volunteering opportunities contact the Hospice's Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or [volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk)**

# An Evening with Frank Rothwell

Tuesday 16th November 2021 saw Frank Rothwell take to the stage at Uppermill Civic Hall to an audience of over 100 people, to share stories of his adventures. The event which raised an incredible £4,000 for the Hospice, saw Frank speaking to BBC North West's, Kevin Fitzpatrick about his 3,000-mile solo Atlantic Ocean rowing challenge and some of his previous expeditions including when he spent five weeks on a deserted island for Channel 4's 'The Island' and was the 10th person to circumnavigate North and South America by boat...

“ What a fantastic evening it was, Frank was so inspiring and a real pleasure to listen to. We are thrilled he chose to support our Hospice and share his adventurous life, we would like to thank Frank, Kevin, Nigel, the bar team from The Hare and Hounds (Uppermill) and all those who purchased tickets to help raise funds to support the patients and families at Dr Kershaw’s Hospice.

Joanne Penketh, Head of Lottery and Donor Stewardship

“ I decided to hold the event as I saw an opportunity to raise funds for a local charity by doing a talk about my experience, and Dr Kershaw’s was the first organisation I thought of as they are so well respected and supported by the community of Oldham. The night itself was fantastic, the team at the Hospice organised everything brilliantly, the audience were interested in what I had to say and all seemed to have a good night. I am thrilled that the event raised so much to support those cared for by the Hospice.

Frank Rothwell, Local Businessman, Adventurer and Hospice Supporter



Frank Rothwell and Kevin Fitzpatrick at the event

# Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher Was Perfect Present for Joanne

Wondering what to buy as a birthday present for that family member or friend who has everything? Starting from just £10, a Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Voucher could be just the solution. The gift that keeps on giving! Hospice supporter, Michelle Riley recently chose to buy her sister-in-law, Joanne Riley, a Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Voucher for her birthday, a gift she was thrilled with...

“ I bought Joanne a Hospice Lottery Gift Voucher for her birthday as she'd been saying for ages that she wanted to join but hadn't got around to it. Dr Kershaw's is a cause very close to our family, the wonderful Caring Hands Team helped to look after my mother-in-law, Sandra (Joanne's mum) in the final few weeks of her life, helping us to fulfil her last wish to die at home surrounded by her family and for that we will be eternally grateful. ”

Michelle Riley

“ My Lottery Voucher was the perfect gift, it kick-started me to sign up! We try to raise money when we can for Dr Kershaw's, as they did so much for my mum. If you're buying a gift for someone and don't know what to get, a Lottery Gift Voucher is ideal, who doesn't want the chance to win some money every week as well as giving to a fantastic charity! ”

Michelle's Sister-in-law, Joanne Riley



Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Vouchers can be sent direct to the recipient or to yourself to personalise. Starting from as little as £10, Lottery Gift Vouchers are available for all occasions, and offer entry into the Hospice's Weekly Draw, with a weekly jackpot prize of £1,000, buy yours at [www.drkh.org.uk/funds](http://www.drkh.org.uk/funds) or contact our Lottery Team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their amazing support in achieving 13,503 members in our Weekly Lottery Draw. After losing over 2,500 members during Covid this is a fantastic achievement.

Joanne Penketh, the Hospice's Head of Lottery & Donor Stewardship said: "It's a real team effort, we get such fantastic support from the people of Oldham and beyond and it just proves that together we can achieve so much. As well as helping to fund the care of many families across the borough, this regular income also plays a crucial part in enabling the Hospice to plan and develop our services for the future as we strive to meet the growing needs of our community. I am extremely grateful to both my team and of course all of the players who support our Weekly Lottery for their contributions. We simply couldn't do it without you!"

Our Christmas Draw raised a fantastic £9,630.59 including the many donations that you kindly gave, in addition to purchasing tickets. Due to minimal funding, the Hospice relies heavily on contributions from the community, so when we have an overwhelming response, especially at Christmas time, we truly value your commitment.

If you don't currently receive draw tickets, and would like to enter our quarterly lottery draws, just give us a call. Alternatively, if you prefer not to receive tickets in the future please just let us know and we will amend our records accordingly.

### The Lottery Team



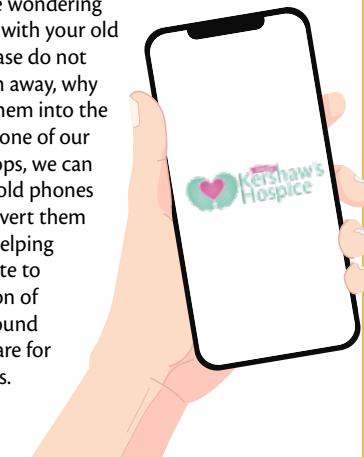
### Scratch Cards

Our Hospice scratch cards priced at just £1 are a fantastic way of supporting the Hospice whilst giving you the opportunity to win a cash prize! Contact our Lottery Team to buy yours now.



### Mobile Phones

Are you Spring cleaning? Did you receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and you are wondering what to do with your old phone? Please do not throw them away, why not bring them into the Hospice or one of our hospice shops, we can dust these old phones off and convert them into cash, helping to contribute to the provision of specialist round the clock care for our patients.



### JOIN your Local Hospice Lottery?

For only £1 per week you can support patients and their families, and also be in with a chance of winning our **weekly jackpot prize of £1,000** or one of 5 other cash prizes of £50. Join online today or contact the Lottery Team for more information. You have to be in it to win it!

Contact our Lottery Team Tel: 0161 624 9213

Email: [lottery@drkh.org.uk](mailto:lottery@drkh.org.uk) Website: [www.drkh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.drkh.org.uk/lottery)



## MAKE A WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Throughout April, selected solicitors are offering to help you write your Will, giving their expertise completely free of charge, asking instead that you make a difference towards patient care.

To find a participating solicitor or to find out more visit [www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth](http://www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth) or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984.

### Shops Directory

#### Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,  
Oldham, OL4 4LY  
Tel: 0161 628 7100  
Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm  
Sat, 10am – 3pm

#### Shaw Hospice Shop

50-52 Market Street, Shaw,  
Oldham, OL2 8NH  
Tel: 01706 290973  
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

#### Royton Hospice Shop

Unit 14 Market Square, Royton,  
Oldham, OL2 5QD  
Tel: 0161 652 8707  
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

To buy new and used furniture and for all furniture and small electrical item donations please visit our new furniture store or contact the store on the details below:

#### The Furniture Hub

Neo House, Shaw Road  
Oldham, OL1 4AW  
Tel: 0161 510 0102  
Email: [furniture@drkh.org.uk](mailto:furniture@drkh.org.uk)  
Mon – Sat, 9am – 5pm

### Contact Details

For general enquiries, patient information, volunteering, Friends of the Hospice:

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**Well-Being Centre:** 0161 785 5625

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