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to Support Our Hospice



Welcome

This issue's welcome is from Mirriam Lawton, who has been Chair of the Board of Trustees since January 2020, and a Trustee for over ten years. Now retired, Mirriam was previously the Deputy Chief Executive at Tameside MBC, and as a Trustee brings with her over 40 years' experience in organisational management, business development and staff relationships. As a member of Saddleworth Musical Society, Mirriam also supports by fundraising and singing at Hospice events...

As the year is coming to a close, I would like to share my gratitude to you all for your unwavering support, which has enabled our Hospice to have an incredible year. Our new In-Patient Unit is making such a difference to our patients and their families and we have now opened our new reception area which we hope will provide you with a welcoming experience when you first enter our Hospice. The work on our gardens is ongoing and we hope to share an update on this project with you in the next newsletter.

I am so proud that our Hospice has been shortlisted for three prestigious Nursing Times Awards, these award nominations bring home how extraordinary our team are and how much their work truly does make a difference to patients, their families and the entire community.

It has also been an exciting year for us as we now have a calendar of events once again. You can find details in this newsletter of how you can support the Hospice by making a dedication at our Light Up a Life event, signing up to Will Month, buying tickets for our Strictly Dance event or even taking part in Gin & Jammies where you can enjoy the ultimate girls' night in whilst fundraising for your local Hospice!

Thank you for your support and for being part of our Hospice family. Have a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mirriam Lawton
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Gin & JAMMIES



We are proud to launch our brand new fundraising event, Gin & Jammies, and our very own Dr Kershaw's Gin, 1989! Become the ultimate party planner and host your Gin and Jammies soiree, for your friends and family whilst helping to fundraise for patient care in Oldham.

We will help you out with some cocktail and mocktail recipes, party games and fundraising tips, so that you can have fun with your friends whilst helping to raise funds for your local hospice.

Step One

Download our Gin & Jammies Party Pack at www.drkh.org.uk/GinandJammies

Step Two

Save the date and invite your guests to party with you! Promote your fundraising page and share why you want to support Dr Kershaw's Hospice. We will help you along the way with fundraising tips!

Step Three

Party time! Get dressed in your jammies, have fun with your party guests and help raise funds for patients in our care!

Gin & Jammies is something I've wanted to launch since I started at the Hospice. It's a great way for friends to get together, have a great time and raise funds for Dr Kershaw's!

Grace Carr, Digital Marketing and Events Executive



COMING SOON!

*Bottle design subject to change

Buy a bottle of Dr Kershaw's brand new Gin - 1989!

See pg 21 for more details.

To download your Gin & Jammies Party Pack, visit www.drkh.org.uk/GinandJammies

Christmas Brought Forward for Malcolm and His Two Sons

Malcolm Darraugh was admitted to Dr Kershaw's, on 7 December 2016, at just 44 years old. His two sons, Keir and Kaleb were 5 and 8 at that time and with Christmas coming up the Hospice staff did everything they could to make precious memories for Malcolm, his wife, Angela and their sons. Five years on, Angela shares Malcolm's story and their experience as a family of Dr Kershaw's Hospice...



Christmas at the Hospice for Malcolm and his sons

The staff decorated the room with a Christmas tree and a big Santa teddy for the boys to play with.

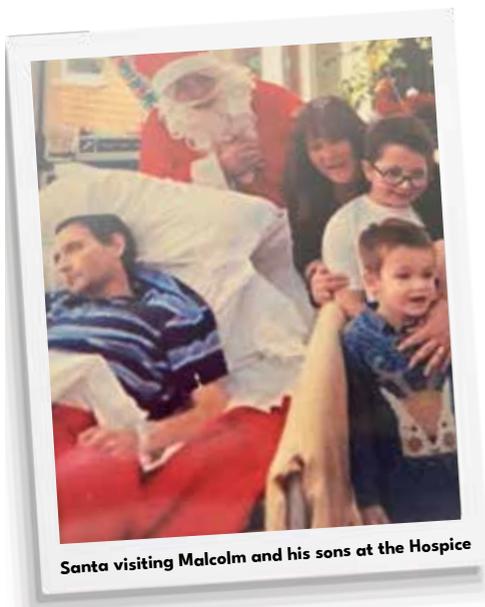


A teepee for Malcolm's children whilst he was at the Hospice

"Malcolm was a loving, kind and hardworking man. He loved his job, driving all over the country in his articulated lorry, delivering goods to different warehouses. He worked away all week and loved getting home each weekend to his family. Malcolm and I met and were introduced to each other by my father (who knew Malc from work) when Malcolm was 22 and I was 21. We bought our house in 1997 and married at Oldham registry office in 1999. Our two children, Kaleb and Keir are now 12 and 9.

From the day Malc was admitted to Dr Kershaw's, the staff showed nothing but kindness, empathy and support to not only Malc but to myself and the children. They arranged for us to stay in the relatives' room so were able to spend as much time as possible together and as Christmas was getting closer, the staff decorated the room with a Christmas tree and a big Santa teddy for the boys to play with. They provided a memory box and books on how to help children cope with loss and grief.

The staff spoiled the boys, bringing sweets and selection boxes in for them. The physiotherapist even brought teepees into the Hospice, from her home for the boys to play in and Kaleb had a teepee bed for the night!



Santa visiting Malcolm and his sons at the Hospice

On the day Malcolm died, the Hospice staff arranged an early Christmas for us as a family. A buffet was provided, Santa came with gifts and sweets for the children and I was able to spend time alone with Malcolm as he passed away a couple of hours later.

The care that Malcolm received was second to none, they made him as comfortable as possible, and the staff were more like family to us. Nothing was too much trouble and we will be forever grateful. We were even supported with finding a solicitor to make Malcolm's Will and were helped with the appointment to register his death.

A couple of months after Malcolm had died, I wanted to help Dr Kershaw's to support more patients and their families, and have since been donating £20 per month, Kaleb and Keir have also fundraised at school to support the Hospice who cared for their dad."

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Malcolm at home with his dog ➤



To make a donation, or to set up a regular gift, to provide more patients and their families with precious memories, visit www.drkh.org.uk/donate

Light Up a Life

Virtual Service | 5th December, 7pm

About the Service

We are inviting the community of Oldham and beyond, to remember those who are in their thoughts during the festive period to our annual Light Up a Life service. This year we invite you once again to take part in our virtual service taking place online on 5th December at 7pm.

This year, due to continued Covid measures at the Hospice, we are unable to hold our regular in-person event. However, we are looking forward to next year, when our new landscaped gardens will be complete and we can join together once again for this special event with our community. Our virtual service proved so popular last year that we wanted to give everyone from Oldham and our wider community the opportunity to once again take part.

Tune in to our virtual event on:

- * Facebook - www.facebook.com/drkershawshospice
- * You Tube - www.youtube.com/c/DrKershawsHospice
- * Oldham Community Radio 99.7FM

Our multi-faith service will include performances from our very own choir - The Dr Kershaw's Crooners, our Trustee - Peter Wakefield, along with readings from our team from across the Hospice.

Over 3,700 households
tuned in for our virtual
service in 2020

Over 1,200 dedications
were made to loved
ones in 2020

Light Up a Life at Home Pack

If you decide to take part in our virtual service, we have once again designed a special Light Up a Life at Home Pack, which includes:

- * A personalised dedication card
- * An order of service
- * A star to hang on your tree or somewhere special to you
- * A tea light candle to light during the service in memory of those you hold dear

How to Make Your Dedication



To make your dedication by phone please call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984



To make your dedication via our website please visit www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife



Pick up a Light Up a Life leaflet in one of our three Hospice shops, this can be completed in-store or returned on your next visit

All dedications made before Friday 19th November will be included in the Hospice's online Book of Remembrance and their names will be visible on-screen during the virtual service.

Keelley's Story



Keelley's mum, Susan

"The Light Up a Life event is a special time when we as a family can get together at the place where my mum, Susan, passed away and take part in a beautiful service. After attending our first one we were overwhelmed, singing carols with the lights sparkling on the tree, I felt like my mum was with us because she had passed away there."

This year Keelley and her family will be celebrating Susan's life at our annual Light Up a Life service. The money raised from this event, will go towards helping our team support families just like Keelley's at a time when they need our help the most.

Limited edition commemorative baubles will be available to buy from the Hospice reception and shops for £4.50



Don't forget to make your dedication by Monday 19th November, visit www.drkh.org.uk/LightUpaLife or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984

Marvellous Milestones for Our Dedicated Volunteers

At Dr Kershaw's we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers. With over 250 in total, many of our volunteers are hitting incredible milestones as they have spent many years supporting our Hospice and in turn the care we provide to patients and their families.

Here we showcase just some of the many volunteers who have hit a memorable milestone supporting our Hospice...



"It doesn't feel like it's been 10 years! I love volunteering in the shop, I've lived in Shaw all my life and know a lot of people so it's so nice to see and talk to people coming in the shop. It's very sociable and great for meeting new people!"

MAUREEN BARROW
SHAW SHOP

10
YEARS



"I've enjoyed being part of the Hospice Team and getting involved in everything I can over the years, It's been nice to see the Hospice evolve and to think I had an involvement in that!"

JOAN HOWE
ACROSS MOST
HOSPICE DEPARTMENTS

30
YEARS



"I was the Deputy Manager at Shaw Shop for six years and when I retired I didn't want to stop being part of the store so I signed up to volunteer. I just love it to bits here, 20 years has gone so quick, every day just flies by!"

JOYCE KILBURN
SHAW SHOP

20
YEARS



"I retired and wanted something to do, my friend worked here and I thought why not give it a try. I love it here; I feel like part of the team. Another friend is retiring in October and said she'd get bored but I said no you won't why not try volunteering, and she's signed up now!"

MAGGIE BUCKLEY
RECEPTION

15
YEARS



"It's hard to believe I've been volunteering for 5 years already; it's really flown by. I feel like part of the team, I love volunteering everyone is so friendly and I feel that I can make a worthwhile contribution!"

HAZEL SUGDEN
FINANCE, FUNDRAISING,
RECEPTION & EVENTS

5
YEARS



"The Hospice looked after my mum so well that it's nice to give back. I really enjoy it, it's stopped me getting bored over the past ten years and it's nice to do something for a good cause!"

EDDIE CONNELL
HOSPICE VAN

10
YEARS



Tom has been involved with the Hospice, helping out at events for the past few years supporting the Hospice as his mum, Joanne works in our Lottery Team.

"I signed up to volunteer when I turned 16 because I could finally make it official. I wanted to be part of the amazing team who are at the heart of the Hospice, helping to make a difference. I really enjoy volunteering, and would say absolutely do it to other young people!"

TOM PENKETH
SHAW SHOP & FUNDRAISING

5
YEARS



"When I retired, I couldn't sit down and do nothing, I needed something to keep me busy. I have loved every minute of it, I love meeting people, everyone is so lovely! I'll be turning 80 at Christmas and I'm not ready to retire yet!"

PAT SWINBORNE
RECEPTION, AFTERNOON TEA
TROLLEY & SHAW SHOP

20
YEARS

To find out more about Volunteering opportunities contact the Hospice's Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk

Will Month

Make a Will, Make a Difference

If you haven't already got a Will, there's still time to sign up to Dr Kershaw's Will Month taking place in November, which will give you the opportunity to access the expertise and Will writing services of local solicitors free of charge...

Throughout November, 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.

There are just three simple steps to making your Will during Dr Kershaw's Will Month:

1. Look at the list of solicitors supporting Dr Kershaw's Hospice's Will Month at www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth or call our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984**.
2. Contact your chosen solicitor to make a Dr Kershaw's 'Free Will' or 'Free Codicil' appointment in November 2021.
3. Make a donation to Dr Kershaw's Hospice directly with your solicitor.

With a suggested minimum donation of £75 for a single Will, £100 for a Mirror Will, and £50 for a Codicil, making your Will during Dr Kershaw's Will Month is so much more affordable.

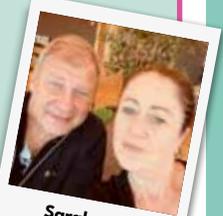
When you write your Will, you can also do something incredible by deciding to leave a legacy to help us continue to care.

Leaving a gift in your Will of even 1% to Dr Kershaw's Hospice means your generosity will live on for generations to come, and ensures those closest to you receive the remaining 99%.

Speak to your solicitor about leaving a gift in your Will to Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Why I'm Getting a Will this Will Month...

"We've been thinking about getting a Will for a while, but have never got round to it, we are both getting a bit older and our children are moving on in life. Will Month is the ideal opportunity, to make sure that our plans are in place and our wishes are clear whilst also supporting the crucial services at the Hospice."



Sarah with husband, Chris

Sarah, Age 50, Hospice Receptionist



To find out more visit www.drkh.org.uk/WillMonth or call our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984**

60 Seconds with... Caring Hands Health Care Assistant, Diane Atkins



Diane has been working for the Caring Hands Team since September 2020 providing care and support for patients and their families in their own homes, across Oldham, from Uppermill and Mossley to Failsworth and more...

Why did you apply for the role?

My husband, Mark was cared for at the Hospice back in 2016 before he passed away. The team at the Hospice were incredible and so supportive to us both. After Mark died I went back to work but my heart wasn't in the job anymore and I retired after my 60th birthday in 2019. I wanted a part-time role and when I saw the Caring Hands Health Care Assistant role I thought it looked wonderful and could be a role where I could make a difference to others like the team made a difference to Mark. Starting at Dr Kershaw's was the best thing I ever did!

Give us an overview of your role?

I support patients and their families, however they need, and me and the team listen to families to create a care plan including: medication administration, changing bedding and helping patients to eat, drink, wash and use the toilet. I also support both patients and their families emotionally by providing a listening ear.



What are the challenges of your role?

It can be a tough role because you are going into people's homes, and always trying to be positive in difficult situations. We all try not to get attached but that can be hard sometimes, recently a gentleman passed away who we'd been caring for since January, that hit us all hard. We do everything we can to provide the care that our patients deserve to the best of our abilities.

What are the rewards of your role?

Every single day is rewarding, knowing that you've helped people and made their day better. We talk to patients and their families about every day things, and don't focus our conversations on their illnesses, and many patients look forward to our visits. Every day families and the entire community are so appreciative of our work, we receive some lovely cards and letters.

You recently took part in the Virtual Hospice Walk to raise funds, what was that like?

The day was incredible, the whole community got behind us, cars were beeping and people were stopping to donate money to the Hospice!

To find out more about the Caring Hands service provided by Dr Kershaw's Hospice visit www.drkh.org.uk or call 0161 624 2727

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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

Snowdon Hike for Local Business, Chunky Chicken

Braving torrential rain and high winds the team at Chunky Chicken, Oldham, shut up shop, swapping homecooking for a hike up Mount Snowdon in aid of the Hospice. The local business selected Dr Kershaw's as they wanted to support local end-of-life and palliative care, after a youthworker who the team grew up with received Hospice care before he sadly died three years ago. Raising an incredible £3,310, Chunky Chicken Manager and hike organiser, Idrar Khan, said: "Hospice care is a cause close to our hearts and Dr Kershaw's stood out to us all as a local charity that needs our support."



Donation from The Mark Benevolent Fund



In recognition of a lifetime of service and dedication to the Crown and the nation by his HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, The Mark Benevolent Fund, which is the charity arm of the Mark Degree of Freemasonry, invited every Mark Lodge in England and Wales to nominate a hospice within their Province to receive a donation of £1,000. With overall donations totalling an amazing £1.25m, Dr Kershaw's was honoured to have been nominated by seven local lodges and was presented with a cheque for £7,000!

Saddleworth Tractor Group Rally

From vintage to brand new, the Saddleworth Tractor Group showcased their tractors across the community at their second rally in aid of the Hospice. Starting at Dr Kershaw's, the group travelled around the area, ending their day with a BBQ and raffle at Dobcross Band Club, raising over £2,900 for the Hospice in memory of local farmer and their friend, Steve Alderson.



Fundraisers Take on Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

We recently held our annual Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge, with 17 fundraisers coming together to raise funds for the Hospice. The 24 mile hiking challenge, took place on Saturday 17 July, one of the hottest days of the year so far. The challenge which is difficult at the best of times saw the team cross the finish line in blistering heat in under 12 hours with the walkers collectively raising almost £7,000 for patient care at the Hospice. Our thanks goes to Mark Hilton from Adventure Based Learning and his team of expert guides!

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What a fantastic achievement – and under such gruelling conditions, the team all have my total admiration! Thank you for your courage and commitment to Dr Kershaw’s, you are all truly amazing!

Joanne Sloan, Hospice CEO



Hole in One for D&G Utilities

D & G Utilities, along with their clients and suppliers took a round of golf to the next level, utilising 18 holes and an evening get-together to raise funds for the Hospice. Operations Manager, Glen Hill, said: “It’s a great cause and we’re happy to support Dr Kershaw’s in their work within the community.” The D & G Utilities Golf Day raised a par-fect £1,500 for patient care at the Hospice.



18-Mile Walk for Pals

Chloe Winterburn and pals took on a walk to remember, starting in Halifax and finishing in Littleborough, their epic 18-mile walk was rewarded by the generosity of their sponsors whose donations of £1,920 are being shared between two amazing places - Springhill Hospice in Rochdale and...of course Dr Kershaw’s!



For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw’s Hospice, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk

An evening with Atlantic Ocean Rower

FRANK ROTHWELL

In Aid of  Doctor Kershaw's
Hospice

16th November 2021
7.30pm
Uppermill Civic Hall

DRKH.ORG.UK/FRANK

Tickets £20
£5 under 14's

Tickets available online from
drkh.org.uk/frank
or from Uppermill & Greenfield
Post Offices

Interviewed
by special
guest BBC
North
West's Kevin
Fitzpatrick



To find out more visit drkh.org.uk/frank or contact our Fundraising
Team at fundraising@drkh.org.uk or 0161 624 9984

Dr Kershaw's Named as Finalists for Three Prestigious Awards

We are proud to announce that we have been shortlisted for three prestigious awards at the Nursing Times Awards. The Nursing Times Awards bring together the nursing community to shine a light on the brightest talent in the profession and recognise innovation, patient-focused care, inclusivity and perseverance across 25 categories...

Award No. 1



Our Hospice at Home team have been shortlisted in recognition of their work across the community and the support they provide to the main carers and loved ones of our patients in the Nursing in the Community category. Providing additional support to the main carers of people approaching the end of their life has increased the number of families able to fully support their loved ones wishes of dying at home.

Award No. 2



Dr Kershaw's were shortlisted once again in the Nursing in the Community category for the work that we do in collaboration with The Christie NHS Foundation Trusts, in providing cancer treatments closer to home, reducing travelling time, travel costs and waiting time for patients as well as enabling them to spend more time with their families and to continue to work.

Award No. 3



Our final award nomination was in the Nursing Times Workforce Summit and Awards for the well-being support that our Hospice provides to our staff. We launched a toolkit of additional well-being support after the pandemic began to further support our staff in their roles.

Next Steps

For the first two award nominations, our teams attended a judging day in September, with the winners later announced at the official Nursing Times Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at Grosvenor House in London. For more information on the Nursing Times Awards visit www.awards.nursingtimes.net

For the third nomination, our team will attend a judging day and the official Nursing Times Workforce Awards Ceremony on 17 November in London, for more information visit: www.workforce.nursingtimes.net

Dr Kershaw's Saw Me, the Carer, as Well as Eric

When Angela signed up to a dating website in her early 50's she never believed she would find the man of her dreams. Fast forward six months and she had moved in with the only man she met online, Eric Armitage, and they later married. Just two years later, Eric was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), a rare condition of the nervous system that causes gradual deterioration. Before he sadly passed away, Eric was signposted to Dr Kershaw's Well-Being Centre and later received pain management in the In-Patient Unit, both of which made a huge difference to both Eric and Angela as his main carer...

"When I met Eric I had got to the point where I didn't believe dreams could happen anymore, but Eric put my faith back in life. He was a fabulous, lovely man and we had the most wonderful wedding. Eric was a real man of the community and he supported so many people in his job as a Training Mentor for adults with learning difficulties in Oldham.

It's hard to put into words what the staff did for Eric and our family, but I shall remain eternally grateful.

Two years after we got married, Eric started with a nervous finger twitch and was sent to hospital. After a series of tests, Eric was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy, with a life expectancy of 5-8 years. In time his body would gradually stop, he wouldn't be able to walk or eventually talk, we were devastated but wanted to do something to make a difference and raised £55,000 to support others with MSA.

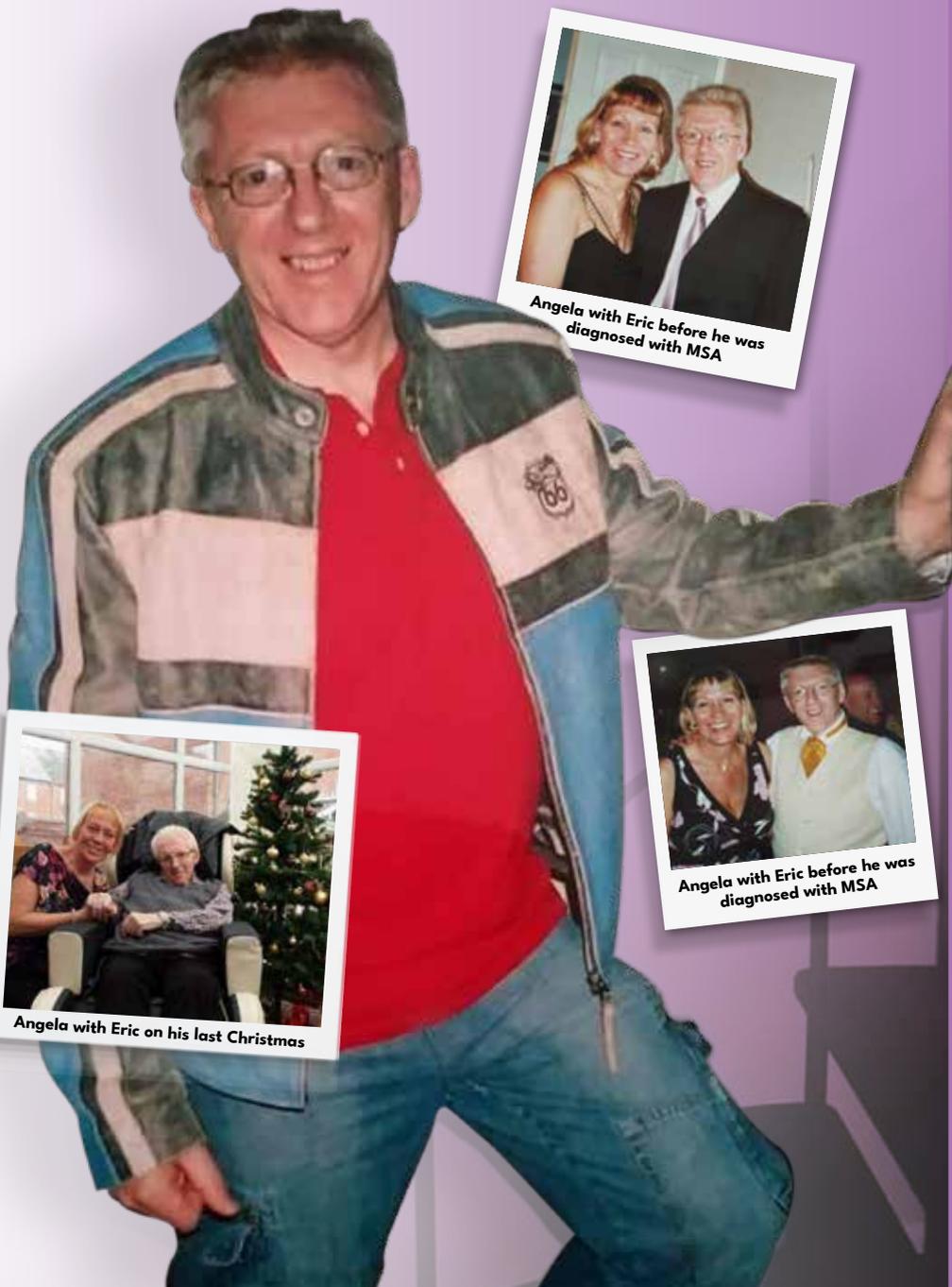
Eric worked at first but then had to stop as he was struggling walking. As his condition progressed I gave up work to care for Eric, and at that point we were told about the Well-Being Centre at Dr Kershaw's. The first time I dropped him off, I left the Hospice in floods of tears, thinking my husband should not be here, but after his weekly visits I

noticed a change in him. I didn't see the Hospice as a place where people come to die, I actually felt Eric got life there, being there extended his life in a way, the laughter and support helped him so much. What was also great was that the team noticed me too, some people don't see carers and don't realise that they are struggling and need help too, but Dr Kershaw's supported us both.

Eric was also admitted to the Hospice's In-Patient Unit, the team there couldn't do enough for him, and they held me together too, many days I felt I wanted to fall apart but the team were so fantastic. It's hard to put into words what the staff did for Eric and our family, but I shall remain eternally grateful.

When Eric died at home in March 2015, he could no longer walk, eat or speak. Before he lost his ability to speak he would always say remember when I can't say that I love you, still know that I do. Two years after he died, I signed up to volunteer at the Hospice's Royton Shop, which I've continued doing to this day, to support the Hospice who supported us so much!"

Some people don't see carers and don't realise that they are struggling and need help too, but Dr Kershaw's supported us both.



Angela with Eric before he was diagnosed with MSA



Angela with Eric before he was diagnosed with MSA



Angela with Eric on his last Christmas

To find out more about the services provided by Dr Kershaw's Hospice visit www.drkh.org.uk or call 0161 624 2727

Treats on the Terrace for Hospice Patient Brian and Wife, Margaret

Admitted for symptom control, 81-year-old, Brian Scott was surprised when our nurses invited him and his wife Margaret, to enjoy drinks and nibbles on the terrace of Brian's room, one of the new en-suite single patient rooms in our recently opened In-Patient Unit.

The happy couple have been together since they left school, and have been married for 58 years, with two children and five grandchildren. Brian said: "The Hospice staff have been absolutely brilliant; they can't do enough for you. What a nice surprise the wine and nibbles were, I even had a foot massage too! The new building is absolutely wonderful, having the patio area outside is lovely!"



Adele Doherty, Director of Clinical Services added: "Little touches to enhance a patient's time at the Hospice is key for us. We often use donations that we receive from the public to help us to create precious experiences and memories for patients and their families."



HR Advisor, Mandi Completes Her Epic Challenge for the Hospice

Hospice HR Advisor, Mandi Halton, decided to take on the Land's End to John O'Groats (LEJOG) 874-mile challenge to raise funds for Dr Kershaw's. Planning to complete the challenge by the end of the year, Mandi completed her challenge in just six months, raising over £800 to support patient care at the Hospice.

Mandi said: "I'm thrilled to have completed this challenge and that my daily miles will make a difference for others. I chose to do my challenge after seeing first-hand the incredible work that our team do, and knowing that the Hospice relies on donations and fundraisers to be able to provide care for the many patients who need support across the community."

Pets as Therapy Hospice Volunteers Return

We have recently been able to reintroduce our Pets as Therapy Volunteers back onto our In-Patient Unit to support our patients and their families.



Pets as Therapy Volunteer, Heather King and Cockapoo dog, Lottie have now returned, Heather said: "It's amazing to be back, the staff have welcomed us with open arms. It's been incredible to see patients and their families again and to see Lottie making such a difference to people, one gentleman was so emotional and happy to see Lottie, he had his photo taken with her and was so pleased we had visited him."

Hospice Raffle Prize Appeal



We are looking for donations of raffle prizes including alcohol, gift sets, toys, and unused boxed electrical items for fundraising use.

Rebecca Bentham, Director of Income Development and Marketing said: "We are so grateful to all who support us, now that physical events are starting again, we need to have access to a range of raffle prizes to enable us to raise funds."

If you have an item to donate, please drop it at the Hospice or at the shops, labelling your donation- 'raffle prize for fundraising use.'

Launch of The Furniture Hub, Our New Furniture Store

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

Dr Kershaw's are proud to announce that we will soon be officially opening our very own furniture store, The Furniture Hub, located right in the heart of the community just five minutes away from the Hospice. The new store will support the Hospice to raise funds for patient care in Oldham...



Visit Our New Store!

The new store will sell high quality new and used furniture ranging from small coffee tables to three piece suites, all at affordable prices, and will enable customers to come in and browse whilst treating themselves to a sit down with a hot drink and cake too in our new coffee area.

We can also deliver purchased items 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 new Furniture Hub will be announced soon.

Location

Neo House, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW

Opening Times

Monday – Saturday, 9am-5pm

Donations

We are 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, we can arrange collection of this furniture and will sell the furniture to generate much needed funds to support patient care at our Hospice. 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 our store when open, contact our Hospice reception on 0161 624 2727 or one of our three Hospice shops.

The Furniture Hub is the next step in Dr Kershaw's expansion plan to open up a broader range of stores across Oldham. The support from our volunteers is essential, as is the kindness of the community who have enabled our plans to become a reality.

Rebecca Bentham, Director of Income Development & Marketing

To find out more visit us in-store or read more at
www.drkh.org.uk/furniturehub



Christmas Merchandise

Our new 2022 calendars and diaries plus our Christmas cards are available now!

Dr Kershaw's Diaries



£1.99

4 designs available

Dr Kershaw's Calendar



£3.99

Dr Kershaw's Christmas Cards



£2.99

8 designs available

Dr Kershaw's Christmas Crackers

Our Christmas Cracker Boxes contain 3 Hospice Lottery scratch cards and 12 crackers (with a toy, joke and hat). Choose from silver snowflakes or gold reindeers depending on your colour scheme.

£5.99



12 CRACKERS

3 SCRATCH CARDS

10 CARDS PER PACK

Buy our calendars, diaries, cards and crackers in our three Hospice shops, Hospice reception, via our Christmas brochure or online at www.drkh.org.uk/funds

Dr Kershaw's Gin - 1989

Made especially for our Hospice by the award-winning, Defiance Gin Distillery, our brand new Dr Kershaw's Gin, 1989, is a classic London Dry Gin, offering a specially crafted botanical flavour profile making it the perfect Christmas present for gin lovers. 1989, will be available to purchase from our Hospice reception, just drop in or call **0161 624 2727** to reserve your bottle.

*Collection only with ID, 18+

£35 70CL



Bottle design subject to change

Raise Funds for Dr Kershaw's Whilst You Christmas Shop Online

Whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping online you could be raising funds for Dr Kershaw's at no cost to yourself. Sign up to Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising, and a small percentage of your online spending will be donated to Dr Kershaw's Hospice. You can also sign up to Give as you Live, to shop whilst raising funds for the Hospice, to register visit www.giveasyoulive.com



Hospice Wedding Favours for Couple's Big Day



Newlywed, Joanne Teal and husband, David, finally got married on the third attempt after two cancelled weddings due to Covid. Instead of conventional wedding favours, Joanne decided to support her local Hospice, by purchasing a special Dr Kershaw's favour for each of her guests featuring a pin badge and personalised message for her big day...

"Having to postpone our wedding was obviously disappointing but compared to what some people have been through during the pandemic it was nothing.

I chose Dr Kershaw's wedding favours as I wanted to give something back to a special group of people who helped me and my family through a difficult time. My mum was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer in April 2019 and sadly died in July 2019. We had support from the Hospice at Home service in the last few days of her life and I can honestly say each and every one of them were amazing and we wouldn't have got through it without their support.

All the guests loved the wedding favours and thought they were lovely. I would definitely recommend Dr Kershaw's wedding favours, they had the personal touch which I felt was so important and it meant a lot to me to give a little something back in the way of a donation."



We have a range of wedding favours including pin badges, teddy bears, scratch cards and entry to our Weekly Lottery Draw, just contact our Lottery Team on **0161 624 9213** or lottery@drkh.org.uk for more information

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Autumn Draw, helping to raise a fabulous £10,162, your contributions and continued support never cease to amaze us! Why not take part in our final draw of 2021 which takes place on 17th December. With £2,250 worth of cash prizes, you could be a lucky winner just in time for the festive period! If you haven't received tickets and would like some, please call our Lottery Team.

Our Lottery Promoters will be out and about over the next few months recruiting new members to our Weekly Lottery Draw, if you see them, please give them a warm welcome! Covid has hit us hard, and unfortunately, we have lost over 2,240 members. By signing up for just £1 a week you will be helping us to grow our regular income, enabling us to continue to offer much needed services and support to our community.

An enormous thank you to all our lottery supporters for your continued support and generosity, we couldn't raise these vital funds without you. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

The Lottery Team



A CHANCE TO WIN
Lottery
A WAY TO CARE

Mobile Phones

If you are hoping to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and are wondering what to do with the old one, you can donate it to the Hospice, with or without accessories and we will convert it into cash. Your help with this scheme has so far raised an amazing £8,790.73! Just bring your old mobiles to the Hospice or any of our Hospice shops.



Scratch Cards



If you are wondering what to buy for a Christmas stocking filler or table gift for your Christmas guests, at just £1 each our Hospice scratch cards could be just the thing! Every card bought helps to make a difference to our patients and their families.

Buy your scratch cards from our Hospice reception, Hospice shops, Christmas brochure or contact our Lottery Team. They are a fantastic way of supporting your local Hospice whilst providing friends, family or yourself with the opportunity of instantly winning a cash prize.

Lottery Gift Vouchers

Looking to buy a Christmas gift for the person who has everything, or maybe a Secret Santa? Our Lottery Gift Vouchers start from as little as £10 and are available for all occasions. Our weekly jackpot prize is £1,000 with 5 runner-up prizes of £50. The first draw for 2021 Christmas vouchers will take place on Friday 31st December. Order online or contact our Lottery Team.



Contact our Lottery Team **Tel: 0161 624 9213**

Email: lottery@drkh.org.uk Website: www.drkh.org.uk/lottery



Strictly Dance

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham

Tickets will be on sale from January at £35 including a two-course meal and welcome drinks

For more information contact our Fundraising Team at fundraising@drkh.org.uk or call

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 when open, contact our Hospice reception or one of our three Hospice shops.

The Furniture Hub

Neo House, Shaw Road
Oldham, OL1 4AW
Mon – Sat, 9am – 5pm

Contact Details

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

Tel: 0161 624 2727

Fax: 0161 628 0181

Well-Being Centre: 0161 785 5625

Macmillan Nurses: 0161 778 5918

24 Hour Advice Line: 0161 785 5635

Fundraising Office: 0161 624 9984

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Lottery Office: 0161 624 9213

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