



Heart of the Hospice

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Exceeds £30K!**

**Meet Our Lottery
Cruise Winner**

**The Nightbird Project
Exhibition Showcases
Creativity**



**Meet Hartley -
Our Hospice
Mascot**



Welcome

Our Welcome for the first issue of 2024 is from Dr Matthias Hohmann, our Hospice Medical Director. Dr Hohmann started his medical career just under 20 years ago as a GP, and has worked at the Hospice since 2015. During his time at the Hospice, Dr Hohmann has taken the lead on new initiatives such as electronic prescribing to support our patients and their families and enhance the care that we provide to them...

2023 was a fantastic year for our Hospice, our calendar of events went incredibly, supported by you, our community, and we raised vital funds which will support patients and their families this coming year and beyond. I was genuinely astounded at how much our recent Light Up a Life Appeal raised with over £30,500 donated to our Hospice. This is the highest amount on record that this Appeal has ever raised and I am so grateful to you all for your generosity and compassion, particularly at a time when personal finances are ever tighter.

I am so proud of our Hospice Team and their work in 2023. Our Wellbeing Centre developed their services even further and looked at how they could support the community more with their groups. We launched a Music in Mind group to enhance our Dementia support offer and it has been wonderful to see the group in action, and to see the joy and support the group gives to both patients and their carers. We also became a trial site for a major national palliative care study, CHELsea. Our doctors and nurses were truly amazing in how they embraced this challenge and were the real stars in this research.

Hartley, our loveable mascot, was introduced to the community and our adorable pooch has already become a familiar face at our Hospice events, at schools and at other local organisations. If you have little ones and haven't already got one, take a look at our mini Hartley plush for sale in reception or online.

2024 brings with it a new calendar of events, with our first being our annual Strictly event on Friday 15th March. You can meet and learn how to support our 2024 dancers on page 12.

I would like to thank you all for your support in 2023, I am truly in awe of our community, your kindness, your dedication, and your love of our Hospice means so much to both myself and our Team.

I wish you all a very happy 2024, filled with love, joy, and prosperity.

Dr Matthias Hohmann – Medical Director

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Our Trustees and Management Team go Back to the Floor

The 2023 Trustees' Week theme was 'Many voices. Working together. With purpose,' and this tied in nicely with the launch of our new 'Back to the Floor' initiative!



The initiative encourages our Trustees and Senior Management Team to spend time in our shops or one of our Hospice Departments, enabling them to understand different staff roles and how each person makes a difference to the Hospice, as well as increasing their visibility.

Our CEO, Adele Doherty, kick-started the 'Back to the Floor' initiative by spending time in each of the shops.

Adele said: "I've loved the experience! I selected the retail area as I am already very familiar with our clinical work and feel this would also help to improve communication and teamwork!"

Watch this space for more photos of our Trustees and Senior Management Team going Back to the Floor!

Our Team Makes an Impact in 2023

2023 saw our team support a number of patients and their loved ones across all of our Hospice services...

595
Patients
Cared for

2,279
Hospice
at Home
Visits

7,365
Caring
Hands
Visits

207
Patients
on Our IPU

143
Wellbeing
Centre
Patients

Farewell to Our Trustee, Sue Briscall

We recently said farewell to Trustee, Sue Briscall after almost 10 years.

Dr Paul Cook, Chair of our Board of Trustees, said: "Sue has helped extensively with changing and developing our Clinical Services. Whilst she can put her feet up a bit more now, I am sure the Hospice will remain close to her heart, and the Board wish her well for the future."

Sue added: "I would like to thank the Hospice Team for their hard work and support. They are very special people."

We want to thank Sue for her dedication to the Hospice and wish her well for the future!



Hospice Helped Us to Create Lasting Memories with Alan

Sue Baker's husband, Alan, aged 66, was fit and well, enjoying retirement and his passions of golf and watching Manchester City FC, before a routine bowel screening changed his and his family's lives forever. Alan was diagnosed with a grade one tumour which was removed and treated with chemotherapy. 18 months later, just before Christmas, Sue and Alan were on holiday with their grandchildren when they received the devastating call that the cancer had spread, and was in his bowel, liver, and blood. Despite more chemotherapy and a stent, the family were told there was nothing else the doctors could do and in June 2023, Alan came to Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Before Alan sadly passed away on 29th July, the couple made many precious memories, facilitated by the Hospice Team, from a special afternoon tea on their anniversary to an unforgettable visit from Manchester City FC's treble trophies...

"Alan and I had been together for 48 years and married for 45 years, with one daughter, Sarah, and two grandchildren, Henry and Hugo. He had retired at 57, and before that he worked for the Daily Mirror for over 20 years on their production site in Hollinwood.

Alan's great passion was Manchester City FC and he had supported the club since his childhood - following the Blues all over the country and to Wembley. Alan loved spending time with his grandchildren, and since retiring he looked after our youngest grandson, Hugo, for 2 days a week and would pick our eldest grandson, Henry up from school most evenings. He was an avid golfer and would often take Henry with him, even buying him a set of his own children's golf clubs.

When Alan's routine bowel screening came back with a tumour we were shell-shocked. He was fit and well, playing golf and had no symptoms. He had the tumour removed and started chemotherapy, and we thought all had gone well until we received the phone call just before Christmas, that the cancer had spread. There was more chemo if he wanted it, but more or less that was that and six months later we made the heart-breaking decision that it was time for Alan to be cared for in a Hospice.

We didn't know what to expect, but Dr Kershaw's was just incredible. The care was from another world, and the support for us was amazing. We used to stay over in the relatives' room, which made it easier to be close to Alan, and we felt as though we were able to spend every minute of the day with him.

On 1st July, we celebrated our 45th Wedding Anniversary

at Dr Kershaw's, Alan was wheeled in by the Nursing Team with a red rose in his hand, and we were brought a lovely afternoon tea with prosecco and baileys.

The Hospice Team also supported us with a visit from Manchester City FC, who presented their treble trophies to Alan alongside our family and friends. On the morning the trophies came he'd normally be fast asleep, but he woke up with a smile and high spirits, singing City songs. The nurses encouraged him and got him ready in his City shirt. City were a massive part of his life, so it was

just incredible and a very emotional day. The first time they had won the treble, and Alan had been able to see the trophies! I didn't think places like Dr Kershaw's existed and can't speak highly enough about the team who cared for Alan and helped to create lasting memories for us.

"The nurses became our extended family, they were wonderful in their care for Alan and support of our family."

"I can't speak highly enough about the team who cared for Alan and helped to create lasting memories for us."

Before Alan died, they made him so comfortable and we were there by his side. We spent time with him after he had gone, and then the nurses got him ready with a lovely spray of flowers and placed two hearts on his chest, one to go with him and one for me to keep. Those extra touches meant so much, and we were able to spend as much time with him without feeling rushed. Alan spent four and a half weeks at Dr Kershaw's

which is a long time to be in a Hospice. The nurses became our extended family, they were wonderful in their care for Alan, and support of our family, and they too felt the loss and the absence of us all.

Sarah, our daughter, did the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride last year whilst Alan was being cared for at Dr Kershaw's and raised almost £4,000 for the Hospice. She will be doing it again this year, to give back to the Hospice Team who went above and beyond for us, they truly are earth angels."



Alan with his family and the trophies



Front row seat for the City trophy

◀ Alan and Sue before he became poorly



Alan with his daughter, Sarah, and wife, Sue, on their 45th Wedding Anniversary at the Hospice

To help Dr Kershaw's to create precious memories for more patients, please make a donation at: www.drkh.org.uk/donate

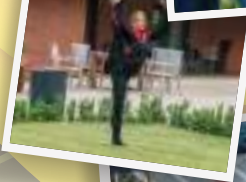
Rose to Remember 2023

Sunday 2nd July 2023 saw us hold our second annual Rose to Remember event, kindly supported once again by the Co-op, Royton. The event was a Summer celebration to remember those who we have loved and sadly lost, and included a short celebrant service along with musical and dance performances. With over 660 roses dedicated and an incredible £12,500 raised, the 2023 Rose to Remember Appeal has enabled more patients and their families across the community to receive specialist care and support from the Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported our Appeal and attended our event! Take a look at some of our highlights from the day below...



Over
660
rose
dedications

£12,500
raised



To view more photos from the 2023 Rose to Remember event, visit our Facebook page: @drkershawshospice



Celebrate Your Loved Ones with Our 2024 Rose to Remember

Rose to Remember (supported by the Co-op) gives you the chance to honour the life and memory of someone special. As a collectable item, our roses are a different colour each year, and for 2024 you will be able to purchase a beautiful, metal, pink rose. Every rose has been specially crafted with care for the Hospice by GJ Engineering Group of Royton. The rose measures around 6cm in diameter and 30cm in height, enabling them to be planted in our garden; in remembrance and celebration of your loved ones. Our bespoke roses cost £10 each, but you are welcome to make an additional donation. Donations over £30 will receive a 2024 Rose to Remember pin badge. Money raised from all dedicated roses will contribute towards funding the vital care of our patients and their families.

Your dedicated rose donation will make a real difference to the patients in our care.



A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Your **£10** could help towards freshly laundered bedlinen.



A TIME TO TALK

Your **£20** could help support a loved one left behind.



A HELPING HAND

Your **£30** could help towards the comfort of personal care in a patient's home.

ROSE TO REMEMBER EVENT

Sunday 23rd June, (11.30am-2pm)

An exclusive viewing of the roses will take place at Dr Kershaw's Hospice on Sunday 23rd June from 11.30am to 2pm, where a short celebrant service will celebrate the lives of your loved ones. Supporters will then be able to collect their rose to take home for their own gardens.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy performances from Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir, to indulge in tea and cake from Café K, and browse

through a small selection of Hospice stalls. If you are unable to attend the event, or are unable to call into the Hospice to collect your rose, we will mail your rose out to you for a small additional charge of £5 per rose to cover postage and packaging (all roses will be posted out after the event).



Order your Rose to Remember at www.drkh.org.uk/rosetoremember from 22nd March or contact our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984

Our Volunteers: 2023 at a Glance

2023 has seen the Volunteering Team go from strength to strength. Not only has the number of active volunteers increased from 324 to 362, but our Volunteer Department has also expanded with the addition of Jemma Shaw, Volunteer Engagement Assistant, joining the Team; enabling further growth and development. Along with seven new specialist volunteer roles, the Team have developed specialist training modules, grown the Wellbeing Centre volunteer team, and continue to look for new ways for volunteers to enhance the experience of our patients.



“ I love volunteering! It's so rewarding but also it's so good for my wellbeing! I wish I had signed up years ago! ”

Suzanne Hanley, Retail Volunteer

“ Volunteers support Dr Kershaw's 365 days a year and the difference they make is just incredible. 2023 has been a fabulous year for us; being able to host more social events, invite volunteers along to specialist training sessions and bring even more people onto the Team. We can't wait to see what 2024 will bring! ”

Leanne Gurney, Volunteer Coordinator



To start your journey as a Volunteer for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Volunteering Team on **0161 624 2727** or volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk or apply online: www.drkh.org.uk/volunteer

60 Seconds with... Volunteer Coordinator, Leanne Gurney



Leanne started at the Hospice in 2018. Her role in our Volunteering Team sees her managing the department, whilst striving to increase the number of volunteers, roles, and the impact they make on the Hospice...

Why did you apply to work at Dr Kershaw's?

I'm very local to the Hospice, but I actually didn't know much about Dr Kershaw's at the time. I have always worked in the voluntary sector and I wanted to work somewhere where I knew I could have a positive impact.

Where did you work before Dr Kershaw's?

Prior to Dr Kershaw's I was a Volunteer Coordinator at a Manchester-based charity supporting young people, and even further back I was a youth worker. I got my first job as a Volunteer Coordinator in 2013.

Give us an overview of your role?

My role at Dr Kershaw's is quite varied and I am lucky enough to be able to work across all departments. I ensure that volunteers are considered in organisational changes and are embedded into their departments. I find ways that we can make volunteering more accessible and meaningful for people. One of the things I am most passionate about is ensuring that our roles make an impact, and that

volunteers recognise that impact, they tend to be very modest about what they bring to the table.

What are the rewards of your role?

I get to work alongside a fabulous team every day, including an amazing group of over 360 volunteers. Over the past five years, I have got to know some of the volunteers very well and it is incredibly rewarding when we are able to support them through a difficult time or provide a listening ear. I never expected to feel part of such a strong community when I applied for the job.

What is your favourite thing about working at the Hospice?

I love being part of new service developments and looking at where volunteers can be involved, to add a little bit extra to our offer, especially when you can see the direct benefit that patients will get from those roles. But my favourite thing about the Hospice is how much compassion, kindness and laughter there is. It is a lovely place to work!

**Are you interested in joining our amazing team of Volunteers?
Perhaps you have a specialist skill that you could support our Hospice with?
If so, then contact our Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or
volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk**

Summer Fayre

Sunday 21st July, 12pm-3pm

Dr Kershaw's Hospice

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

Come and join us at the Hospice for a family-friendly day of fun that's jam-packed with exciting activities including food and craft stalls, music, face-painting and you'll be able to see our loveable Hospice mascot, Hartley. Stalls will be available to hire on the day for £35. Reserve your stall from 1st April 2024.

For more information visit: www.drkh.org.uk/summerfayre

**ENTRY
£1
Minimum
Donation**



**2023
FAYRE**

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Summer Fayre which raised over £5.9K!



SPONSORED BY: **Booth's**
Garden & Pet Centre

Golf Day

Friday 13th September, 8.30am-5pm

Crompton & Royton Golf Club

Join us for an action-packed day of golf!

Those who sign up to our Golf Day can enjoy 18-holes of competitive golf at Crompton and Royton Golf Club, with each team competing to be crowned the 2024 Dr Kershaw's Cup Champions. The day includes breakfast and an evening buffet, along with a raffle and awards presentation.

For more information visit: www.drkh.org.uk/golfdays

**£200
for 4-Ball
Team**



**2023
GOLF DAY**

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Golf Day which raised over £7.2K!



SPONSORED BY: **ROMA**
FUNDRAISING

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 17th November, 12pm-3pm

Dr Kershaw's Hospice

Enjoy a festive afternoon at our annual Christmas Fayre!

Get in the Christmas spirit and scoop up an array of Christmas gifts for your loved ones whilst supporting patient care at our Hospice. With our amazing Santa's Grotto for the children and festive gin cocktails for the grown-ups, it will be a date not to be missed.

Stalls will be available to hire on the day for £35. Reserve your stall from 1st August 2024.

For more information visit: www.drkh.org.uk/christmasfayre

ENTRY
£1
Minimum
Donation



2023
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Christmas Fayre which raised over £5.2K!



Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th December, 6pm

Oldham Parish Church

Join us for a night of carols to get in the festive mood!

Our Christmas Concert takes place every December at Oldham Parish Church. Get in the holiday spirit with readings, carols, and performances from Dr Kershaw's Choir, Hope Singers and local schools.

For more information visit: www.drkh.org.uk/christmasconcert

TICKETS:
£5
Adults
£2
Children



2023
CONCERT

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Christmas Concert which raised just over £1,400!



Light Up a Life

Each year, Dr Kershaw's Light Up a Life service gives people the opportunity to remember their loved ones during the festive season and to celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us, but are always in our thoughts, whether they received care from the Hospice or not. This year's event raised over £30,500, an incredible amount and the highest to date for a Dr Kershaw's Light Up a Life Appeal. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 Light Up a Life Appeal!



Over
£30.5K
raised

3,000
households
tuned in to
the virtual
service

Over
1,160
dedications

**SAVE THE
DATE!**
Light Up a Life
2024:
Sunday 1st
December

To watch the service or view the online
dedication booklet visit:

www.drkh.org.uk/lightupalife



TREE-mendous Collection!

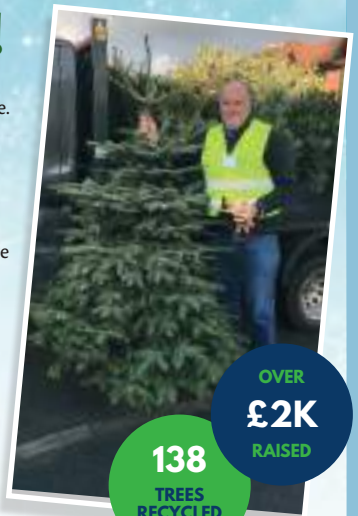
January saw us launch our Christmas Tree Collection campaign to the local community and we were thrilled with how many people got behind the initiative. Amazing support was provided from Life for a Life Memorial Forests, WillMow Reclamation & Salvage Ltd, and Howard's Domestic, our army of volunteers worked their socks off collecting 138 trees, which were all recycled by Oldham Council. Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Tree Collection, which raised just over £2,000 for patient care!

A special mention goes to our Trustee, Richard Buchanan who was a driver's mate for WillMow, collecting 45 trees in a day around Royton, Shaw and Chadderton.

Watch this space: you'll be able to book in your 2024/2025 Christmas Tree Collection from the end of November!



SUPPORTED BY:



OVER
£2K
RAISED

138
TREES
RECYCLED

Dr Kershaw's Strictly



This year Dr Kershaw's are bringing you our very own version of Strictly Come Dancing. We are thrilled to announce that we have five couples, who will be working with our four dance schools; Jenna Huszár School of Dance, Jayne Barnes School of Dance, The Amy Mackie School of Dance and Drama and RFDance, to learn to how to perform their very own dance to be showcased at our 'A Night at the Movies' themed Strictly event. Meet our 2024 dancers below...

COUPLE 1



LAWRENCE O'GRADY,
Retired Probation Officer

"My late wife was cared for by Dr Kershaw's Hospice and I am so grateful to the Hospice Team for the care they provided. I signed up for Strictly to help raise funds for Dr Kershaw's despite having two left feet!"

SHEREEN HOWARTH, Managing Director of Cornerstone Estates and Letting

"My company was looking for a local charity to support in 2024 and Dr Kershaw's Hospice has a massive impact on the lives of individuals in Oldham, so I decided to lead the cause myself and take on the challenge of Dr Kershaw's Strictly."

COUPLE 2



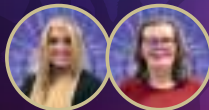
KRIS ZEMLIK,
Director of Billingtons, Oldham

"I see what joy dancing brings to people at Billingtons and watching them doing what they love inspired me to sign up to Strictly. I am looking forward to learning a new skill and trying new outfits."

SHIRLEY MCLEAN,
Director of Shirley McLean Hypnotherapy

"My relative experienced the wonderful care given by Dr Kershaw's and other family members have been given end-of-life care by other hospices. I love watching Strictly Come Dancing and I am honored to be taking part in this amazing event."

COUPLE 3



PAULA REVILL-BEDFORD,
Teacher at Beaver Primary School

"I thought I'd set myself a challenge for a wonderful cause, after my friend was cared for at the Hospice. I'm really looking forward to meeting lots of new, lovely people and the bling, glitz and glamour."

GILLIAN FULCHER, Midday Supervisor at St Aidan and Oswald School

"As a volunteer in the Dr Kershaw's Hospice Royton shop, I decided to sign up for Dr Kershaw's Strictly to try something new whilst helping others as they have helped me. I am really looking forward to meeting new people and of course the dancing!"

COUPLE 4



MAX FREEMAN, Designer at Widdop and Co

"I have always liked to support local charities and what better way to support Dr Kershaw's by taking part in Strictly! I love to dance on nights out and I am looking forward to learning to dance and having fun!"

LEANNE BAILEY, Teacher at Oldham College

"Several of my loved ones have been supported by Dr Kershaw's and I thought Strictly would be the perfect opportunity to do something good and have fun! I am looking forward to following my passion for dance!"

COUPLE 5



SALLY BROWN, Executive Support Officer at Oldham Community Leisure

"I loved dancing when I was younger and feel Strictly would be a great opportunity to raise money for a really worthy cause in the local community. In the past I have fundraised for Dr Kershaw's by taking part in Hospice to Hospice walks and attending my children's fundraisers."

JESSICA PRICE, Investment Officer at Oldham Council

"I have a love for Oldham and have witnessed the great work Dr Kershaw's does for the community, having previously worked closely with the Volunteer Team. I am looking forward to learning to dance and performing in front of the Strictly audience in March!"

**TICKETS
£45**

STRICTLY DANCE 2024

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024, 7PM TIL LATE

Venue: Queen Elizabeth Hall, West St, Oldham OL1 1UT

Buy your tickets online: www.drkh.org.uk/strictly

To sponsor our dancers visit: www.justgiving.com/campaign/DRKHStrictly24

Hartley in The Community

Last Summer, we announced the launch of our new Hospice Mascot, a loveable dog called Hartley. He made his first appearance at our Summer Fayre in July and with his heart shaped nose and cheeky spirit, he's proving to be popular at fundraising events across Oldham.

Hartley loves meeting our fantastic fundraisers and was paw-sitively delighted to be invited to lots of events in 2023.

He's appeared at our fayres and attended lots of events across the community, it's fair to say he has been working like a dog! Why not take a look at what Hartley has been up to...



Back of the Net for Hartley

We were thrilled last Summer when Oldham Athletic Football Club chose Dr Kershaw's as their Charity Spotlight for their first home match of the 2023-2024 season, against Aldershot.

Hartley didn't want to miss a fun day out, posing for photos pitch side before the match. He even enjoyed a tour of the ground before meeting Oldham's own mascot, Chaddy, as well as the team's supporters, first team players, management, and even Club Chairman, Frank Rothwell.

Oldham Athletic players wore Hospice T-shirts for their pre-match warm up, and supporters had the opportunity to drop off children's boots, trainers and shoes for our community initiative, Dr Kershaw's Kicks, as well as having the chance to make a donation towards patient care.

Our volunteers, staff, and of course, Hartley, had an amazing day raising awareness of our Hospice and its impact on the community. To top it off, Latics won with a five-star performance!

It was a paw-some day out which raised over £1,000 for the Hospice and we'd like to thank the fans of both clubs who supported us with monetary and shoe donations!



If you'd like Hartley to attend your event, please contact the Hospice's Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984 or email fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Hartley plush toys are available to order now from Dr Kershaw's website, visit: www.drkh.org.uk/hartley

We also have Hartley activity books and pencils, gift wrapped, and available to purchase from our Hospice Reception.

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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



Steve Gallagher asked friends and family to join him on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, raising money for Dr Kershaw's in memory of Debbie, his sister, who was cared for at the Hospice. Over 40 people joined Steve, with some even travelling all the way from Hartlepool, to be part of 'Debbie's Heroes' who completed the challenge and raised an incredible **£2,638.85!**

Mr Marshall, and his talented family, performed a musical concert in aid of Dr Kershaw's at Oldham Parish Church, in memory of his wife, Costella Marshall, who was cared for at the Hospice. Performing to a packed house, there was an electric atmosphere. Funds were boosted by selling refreshments and holding a raffle, with an amazing **£3,463** raised on the night!



In September, Sue, at Lees Village Service Station, held a community fun day with stalls, a raffle, and entertainment to raise funds for Dr Kershaw's and Harpers Army. It was an amazing day which saw Sue and her family raise **£800** for Dr Kershaw's Hospice!



On a cold and frosty October day, Saddleworth Old Skool Tractors showcased their tractors across the community at a rally in aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice! The group met at Dr Kershaw's, before setting off on their route around the Oldham area, raising an incredible **£3,042.17**.

After a successful application, the Crane Payments Innovations charity arm donated **\$15,000** to Dr Kershaw's. Corporate volunteers from Crane have also been busy cleaning our collection pots and buckets. They do these regularly for us as we rely on pristine collection pots when they go out into the community.





Jay and Jo, owners of the Arumba in Royton called at the Hospice with their staff, Jack, Ava and Hattie. As part of Arumba's giving back to the community scheme, they donated **360 cartons of Ribena**, which we used for our patients, staff and at our Christmas Events.



Each year, Mick Matthews arranges an annual Golf Day at North Manchester Golf Club in memory of his good friend, Dave. Mick works hard to provide an excellent day for all, whilst increasing support for the Hospice. His 2023 Golf Day raised a whopping **£3,333!**

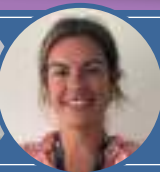


Employees of local company Comfortex recently took a trip to Tattton Park to take on the challenge of the Inflatable 5k Obstacle Course! They completed the course and raised a fantastic **£700!**



A team from 1989 Club Members, Pilgrim International took on the challenge of the Kinder Scout Loop Walk on a very wet and windy day. The group raised over **£1,200** for Dr Kershaw's!

Jill Kirkham
and
Rachel Riley



For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community & Partnerships Team on 0161 624 9984 or fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Festive Fundraisers

Thank you to our fabulous Festive Fundraisers who supported our patients and their families at Christmas time!



Whitegate End



Whitegate End



St Martin's

Students and staff at Whitegate End and St Martin's sprung into action for the **Reindeer Run** to run circuits of their buildings and, donning their antlers, Woodhouses Primary School paraded around the neighbouring streets singing Christmas songs.

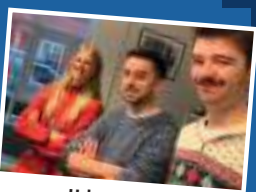


Jolly Jumper Day

Staff at Urban Green, Woodlands Medical Practice and OMC Ford Group's three branches also took part in the Jolly Jumper Day.



Woodlands Medical Practice



Urban Green



OMC Ford Group



Urban Green



OMC Ford Group

Saddleworth Santa Dash

20 people supported the Hospice on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at the Saddleworth Santa Dash, raising over £2,000! Our super Santas included OAFC Veterans, Bethany Allen Family Care, and 76-year-old Bob Storey, well done to everyone who took part!



OAFC Veterans



Bob Storey

Bunny Hop

The Dr Kershaw's Bunny Hop is back for Easter 2024!

Designed especially for schools, nurseries, and organised groups, Dr Kershaw's Bunny Hop is a wonderfully inclusive experience. Plus, everyone gets to wear special bunny ears! You choose the date, that suits your group best, and decide where and how you want it to take place.

For more information, please visit: www.drkh.org.uk/bunnyhop or contact our Fundraising Team at: fundraising@drkh.org.uk or **0161 624 9984**.



Well Done to Our Fantastic 2023 Challengers

Our 2023 challenge programme was your opportunity to achieve something amazing, and we worked with experts in their field to ensure that each challenge was well organised and enjoyable.

Thank you, and a massive well done, to all of our fabulous fundraisers who tackled our challenges in 2023, from Sky Divers and Climbing the Three Peaks, to Fire and Lego Walking! Is 2024 your year to rise to the challenge, make your mark, or even conquer your fears? Walking, running, skydiving and more!

We'll also have places available for **Tough Mudder**, Heaton Park, 13th -14th July, keep an eye on our social channels or website for more information.

To set yourself a new challenge or to enquire about Tough Mudder, call the Hospice's Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984** or email fundraising@drkh.org.uk



TANDEM SKYDIVE



FIREWALK & LEGOWALK



YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS



Sign Up for Our Morecambe Bay Walk

The unique and scenic walk, led by the King's Guide, is an 8-mile trek across the Leven Estuary; from Arnside to Grange-over-Sands, across Morecambe Bay. Michael Wilson, the King's Guide, is the 26th Guide to be appointed, with the first appointment taking place in 1548.

The family and group friendly sponsored walk is ideal for walking groups, families, dog walkers, and previous participants of our Hospice to Hospice Walk. Each fundraiser will receive a T-shirt and a certificate on completion.

To sign up or to find out more, visit: www.drkh.org.uk/morecambebaywalk



£15
per adult
£10
per child
£45

FAMILY TICKET
(2 adults,
2 children)



Austin's Mile a Day in Memory of His Dad

Seven-year-old Austin Hill and his best friend, Ollie Tighe, walked a mile or more every day in May last year in memory of Austin's dad, Mark, who was cared for by the Hospice...

The boys completed the 31-mile month-long challenge in the Hospice gardens, and family, friends, and Hospice staff cheered the inspirational pair to the finish line.

In August 2021, just two weeks after a family holiday in Greece, Austin's dad, Mark, was diagnosed with bowel cancer. Tragically, Mark did not recover from his diagnosis and he passed away at the Hospice in December 2022.

Inspirational Austin was determined to pay tribute to his father and say thank you to those who helped him.

Austin's mum, Karen, 44 said: "I'm so proud of him. He keeps saying to me now we have raised money 'will the scientists be able to get people well and look after them now?'"

We did walks near where we live in High Crompton and others were more organised as people wanted to join us at Tandle Hill in Royton and around Hollingworth Lake."

Karen and Austin felt compelled to help Dr Kershaw's after the kindness and understanding shown by the Hospice Team who cared for Mark. Karen said: "Mark was at home - just taking paracetamol. His chemotherapy was no longer working, and the doctors at the Christie had said go home and live as much as you can. But he woke up one morning in pain and was admitted to Dr Kershaw's on December 19th. We were told he might not make Christmas.

The staff were amazing. They brought a Christmas tree into Mark's room and we had Christmas early on December 20th. We exchanged special presents - I bought Mark a watch, which was intended for him to pass down to Austin to wear one day, and he gave me a ring. He bought Austin a clown filled with sweets.

The last time Austin saw his dad was Christmas Day. Mark died on December 30th, but thanks to the

Hospice, Austin was still able to share some of the magic of Christmas time with his dad."

In July last year, the boys received a surprise visit at school from our CEO, Adele Doherty, and Rachel Riley, from our Fundraising Team. At a special school assembly, they were presented with certificates to let them know how much they had raised and how proud we are of them. They raised an incredible **£2,250.60** which will enable more patients like Austin's dad to be given the same love and support he was given.



Austin and his Dad Mark before he became poorly




THE BUSINESS CENTRE


A space for all your business needs – **PLAN, PREPARE, PRESENT!**

The Business Centre launched its very own social media channels back in August last year, and just a few weeks later invited media followers to take a tour of The Business Centre with a specially produced video.

To watch the video or to follow the Business Centre visit:

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 www.twitter.com/BusCentreDRKH

 www.linkedin.com/showcase/the-business-centre-dr-kershaw-s-hospice

For more information or to book a room, please visit:
www.drkh.org.uk/thebusinesscentre



Official Launch of Our 1989 Club

In November, we officially launched The 1989 Business Club with inaugural members invited into the Hospice for an evening of networking, refreshments, a tour of our facilities, and a presentation from our CEO, Adele Doherty.

The 1989 Club is a brand-new club rewarding businesses that enrol into a Corporate Partnership with Dr Kershaw's. The club's name is a reference to the Hospice officially opening its doors in 1989.

At the launch event, each member of the club received a bespoke plaque to display in their business premises, and were invited to place their corresponding heart plaque on display in the Hospice.

Jill Kirkham, Community & Partnerships Lead, at the Hospice said: "We want to thank everyone who attended our launch event; it was wonderful to see you all, we're delighted to have your hearts with us at our Hospice."

Tracy Kearns, representing Pilgrim International, at the event stated: "What a fantastic place, we are very proud to support this worthy local charity. The evening was great and to see other local companies attending in support is amazing."

Each 1989 Club Member will be supporting the vital care of our patients now and in years to come. To find out more about The 1989 Club, visit: www.drkh.org.uk/1989club or contact our Fundraising Team on **0161 624 9984** or fundraising@drkh.org.uk



The Relief when Mum Came Home to be Cared for was Immense

Former Dr Kershaw's volunteer, Christina Rees, supported the Hospice for many years helping on reception and at events. After she had a stroke in September 2021, and was hospitalised for 99 days, her daughter, Wendy Rees, fought for her to come home into the care of Dr Kershaw's Hospice at Home Team. With the Hospice's support, Christina arrived home just before Christmas and was able to spend the last days of her life side by side with her daughter in the comfort of their own home before she sadly passed away, aged 86 on New Year's Eve 2021...

Mum was married to my dad, Terence, who sadly died in his 60's, he had been in the Navy and they got married in Malta, living there for 3 months. Mum had myself and my brother, Michael, three grandchildren, David, Luke, and Rebecca, and a beautiful, ruby King Charles spaniel called Honey. After dad died, she met Harry and they were together for 15 years before he passed away in 2019.

Mum worked as a secretary at Shaw Town Hall, then in the planning department at Oldham Council before becoming secretary at Our Ladies School. She was also Secretary to the Town's Women's Guild, becoming President in her last years there. She always wanted to give back, volunteering for Cancer Relief with dad when they were younger and then supporting Dr Kershaw's for many years after she retired.

Mum was brave, kind, loving, giving, funny and a loyal friend; a traditional war baby who would go to three shops just to save £1. We had many holidays together abroad to Paris, Sorrento, Prague, and lots of coach trips in the UK to Bath and the Cotswolds. Our last trip to Bath included a visit to Highclere Castle and Brampton, which was a highlight as she loved to watch Downton Abbey.

I moved back in with mum in 2015 when I had to give up my nursing job due to ill health, I was devastated but mum never let me down, we were a team and a rock to each other.

Mum was a stoic lady who had survived major heart surgery. She would be up and dressed each day, reading the Daily Mail from cover to cover. She liked to walk and was always on the go, so it was a huge shock when she had a sudden stroke in September 2021. She was in hospital for 99 days, during which she really battled to get better and come home. With Covid still rampant,

You want the best for your loved one and the Hospice Team give that.

visiting was restricted to an hour a day and at one stage I wasn't allowed to see her for a week which was hell. I fought to bring her home, and in mid-December was finally able to do so.

When the Hospice at Home Team started to support mum, I knew immediately she was in good hands and I didn't have to battle for her anymore. The relief was immense.

The nurses recognised mum, an ex-volunteer, and made some lovely comments about her which meant the world to both of us. They made sure she was treated with so much dignity and respect. Everything was done right, there was no rush, and knowing that they were only a call away was such a comfort and reassurance.

The nurses were so caring and compassionate, nothing was too much trouble. You want the best for your loved one and the Hospice Team give that. They know exactly what is needed, they know how you're feeling and do everything they can to support you by taking the weight off you. I remember thinking she needs to have a syringe driver now, I'll have to ask about it, and I opened the door to see one of the nurses with one. Another night mum needed a prescription and one of the nurses went to the pharmacy late in the evening to collect it, again taking the stress away from me.

My mum had a very peaceful death, with dignity and care. When she passed away they came to take care of everything, and it helped so much that they knew exactly what needed to be done.

Thank you to each and every nurse for the tremendous support for my mum, ensuring that she had appropriate end-of-life medication so that her journey to the next life was as comfortable as possible. From the bottom of my heart I will be eternally grateful for the care mum received."

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▲ Christina, Wendy and Wendy's adopted dad, Harry



Hospice Volunteer, Christina



Christina, her partner, Harry and Honey, their dog



Wendy and mum, Christina

To find out more about our clinical services and the support our team can provide to families in the community, visit: www.drkh.org.uk

Supportive Dementia Music Group Launched



In October, we launched our Music in Mind sessions as a complement to our existing Dementia Hub. The sessions are run by Manchester Camerata Orchestra, who are training our Wellbeing Centre Team to become 'Music Champions' so that in time, we can facilitate our own music sessions to improve the wellbeing, communication and connectedness of people living with dementia.

Our music sessions encourage people living with dementia to sing, play instruments and even dance with their loved ones and fellow group members. Evidence shows that engaging with music can support memory, mood, self-expression and engagement for people living with dementia, helping to improve quality of life. The feedback from our participants has been wonderful and it has been lovely to see the joy during our sessions. Watch this space for photos from our sessions!

Men's Group Celebrate One Year Anniversary

In November, our Men's Group came together for their one-year anniversary with a lovely celebratory lunch.

The group meets twice a month on Tuesdays for a 90-minute group session, followed by lunch together in our Café. That's more than 2,160 minutes of annual group support exclusively for men living with and affected by life-limiting illness!

Lisa Hoctor, part of the Wellbeing Centre Team said: "The group is rich with life experience and hard-won life lessons, with members ranging from their 30's to their 70's. There is a wealth of care and understanding, and it is a lovely atmosphere where we aim for open, frank and kind discussions about all things health and life.

When you're navigating life-limiting illness there may be many thoughts swirling around your head, and

emotions building up inside. There might be things you want to talk about and explore that you perhaps would prefer not to share with your family or friends – this is why a group is so helpful. It can be a safe space where you can offload and unburden yourself, and a space where you can offer and receive support and understanding with other men."

One of the members of the group commented: "When you first turn up you don't expect to have anything in common, but you find that others are going through various health and social problems too, it's refreshing to find a group of men who you can talk to about anything."

The group is open to men living with and affected by life-limiting illness, you must be an Oldham resident registered with an Oldham GP.



Exhibition Celebrates Success of Creative Wellbeing Project

In September, we welcomed the community to a mini exhibition sharing the creative works from The Nightbird Project, a creative wellbeing project designed to support people affected by life-limiting illness.

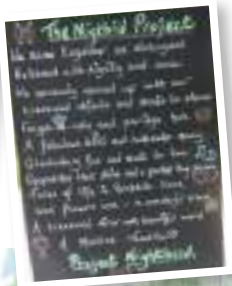
The incredible participants and our Wellbeing Team of nursing, mental health, and creative professionals, worked together to harness the power of art, laughter, sadness, anger, kindness, fellowship and collaboration. Through the sharing of their stories, insights and imaginations, they built trust, relationships, strength and resilience.

Kathryn Harding, Wellbeing Centre Manager said: "It was so lovely to welcome people to our

Hospice to celebrate the success of The Nightbird Project and to spend some time walking in the shoes of people living with serious illness.

The energy across the whole of the weekend felt creative, understanding and empathetic. We hope that people experiencing challenges in their lives might feel inspired to take up creative practices to support their wellbeing, and we hope that other healthcare providers feel able to offer creative wellbeing projects."

The Nightbird Project 2024 is starting on Saturday 2nd March, if you or someone you know would benefit from this group please get in touch via the details below.



To find out more about our Wellbeing Centre and services, please email: drkh.wellbeing@nhs.net or call our Wellbeing Centre Team on 0161 624 2727

Café K Given a Makeover

Dr Kershaw's Café K received a generous makeover in November last year courtesy of City Building Engineering Services.

David Hewitt, Fabric Manager at the company, wanted to offer their services including flooring, decorating, joinery and plumbing as part of the company's volunteering days.

Lyndsey Donbavand, our Corporate Services Manager, said: "We are truly grateful for the generosity of City Building Engineering Services, who have done an amazing job renovating our café. All of the staff who came on site committed their time and efforts to complete the work within a week, with minimal disruption to Hospice services. The finished project has exceeded our expectations, from the flooring, decorating, new counter area including cupboards and worktops – I can't stop smiling about it! I never thought that renovating the café would be an option, but all of the contractors were keen to choose the café as a project to offer to the Hospice. I have received so much positive feedback and it has been so nice to see people enjoying the café following the official re-opening."

David added: "Dr Kershaw's is close to my heart, my brother-in-law was terminally ill with cancer, and never made it to the Hospice. Some of my family and friends have had cancer and I wanted to do something to help out. I am hoping to support Dr Kershaw's with another project next year."



Ascot Ladies Day Raises Over £6,000

Back in June last year, The White Hart Inn at Lydgate was host once more to the Ascot Ladies Day event in aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice. The event run by long-term supporter, Gill Bussey, was the 16th Ascot fundraising event to be held for the Hospice.

The event, with 184 ladies in attendance, was an action-packed day with welcome drinks, a meal, guess the Royal's outfit colour competition, a prize for the best hat, followed by live streaming of the Ascot races with a bookmaker present to take bets, along with afternoon tea.

Organiser Gill said: "I started the event 18 years ago with the wife of Dr Kevin Moore who worked at the Hospice and it just grew and grew. This year's event took place on a beautiful, sunny day, it was only the fourth time we've had a sunny day! It was wonderful, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, we see people attending year after year which is so lovely, we had an even bigger turn out than last year. I'm thrilled that the event brought in over £6,000 to support patients at Dr Kershaw's Hospice."



Inspirational Keira

Our inspirational fundraiser, Keira Arnold, received a BCyA Medal of Honour at The Palace of Westminster back in October last year, presented to her by singer and actress, Kimberly Wyatt, who is also Patron of The British Citizen Youth Award. The Award honoured 24 young people from across the UK who have made a positive impact on their communities and wider society.

Keira received the Award after her fundraising has seen her raise over £47,000 for 'Keira's Wishes', a fund she set up in memory of her dad, to help make possible the last wishes of our patients and their families. Congratulations Keira on your award, you are an inspiration!



Panto Stars Visit Hospice

Actor and writer, Phil Mealey, who has starred in 'Early Doors' and 'The Royle Family' along with Oldham Panto legend, Jeff Longmore, had some downtime just before Christmas between their pantomime shows, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham where they were starring in Jack and the Beanstalk, and asked us if they could visit our Hospice.

To kick off their visit on Thursday 21st December they took part in a special Hospice Christmas Quiz going up against three teams of four, consisting of staff, trustees, and volunteers.

They were then given a tour of the Hospice, and met some of our patients, family members, and staff to spread some Christmas cheer.

Phil said: "It was lovely to visit Dr Kershaw's again who cared so wonderfully for my cousin, Dave, five years ago. A lot has changed since then; the recent new build and the beautiful gardens add to an already warm and welcoming facility. I had a fabulous time along with my colleague and friend, Jeff Longmore. An amazing facility with such dedicated and friendly staff. We took on three teams

in the quiz and had so much fun! Thank you for a memorable day."

Jeff added: "We spent a brilliant afternoon at Dr Kershaw's seeing the valuable work that the staff and volunteers do, all with love and commitment to making the Hospice the special place it is. We also met some of the patients, which was a humbling experience, seeing how happy and safe they felt there. Thank you to the Hospice for letting us visit."

Adele Doherty, Hospice Chief Executive said: "It was great to welcome Phil and Jeff to the Hospice, it was a lovely treat before Christmas for our patients and their loved ones to meet them, and the quiz was fun for all who took part and watched too. Thank you to Phil and Jeff for giving up their time to visit us, it is very much appreciated!"

The panto duo met Hospice patient, Thomas, and his daughter, Paula Hickey, Paula said: "Jeff and Phil's visit made dad smile, the Grinch came for a photo with him too and he loved it, and we even heard the school carol singers which was just lovely."

Jolly Jumper Day

On Wednesday 13th December 2023, our Hospice Team hosted our very own Jolly Jumper Day to raise vital funds for patient care. Teams from across the Hospice donned their festive frocks with Christmas jumpers, bright seasonal tights, and festive headwear on display.



Dr Kershaw's Team Celebrates Hospice Care Week



With 9-15 October 2023 marking Hospice Care Week, and offering a chance to acknowledge the importance of hospice care nationwide, our staff came together to take part in various activities.

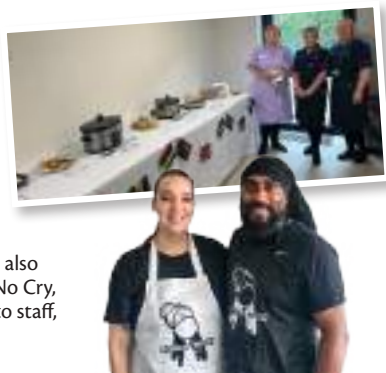
Hospice Shops dressed their windows in yellow, staff celebrated with a yellow raffle and staff 'snibbles', and a Go Yellow Day. The celebrations were a great success, and collectively raised just over £175 to support patients and their families.

The theme of the week was 'We Are Hospice Care', providing a chance to celebrate the people that make up the Hospice. From nurses, doctors, and counsellors, to volunteers, housekeepers and therapists, it's our people who are there when you need them the most.

Black History Month

October was also Black History Month and we took the opportunity to celebrate and honour Black History. This year's theme was 'Saluting Our Sisters', and we acknowledged all those who have made great strides toward providing a more inclusive healthcare system.

As part of our celebrations, we held a shared lunch where staff were encouraged to try making and sharing the wonderful flavours and foods of the African and Caribbean countries. We were also joined in Café K by local plant-based catering company, No Meat - No Cry, who served up a delicious menu of Jamaican and Caribbean dishes to staff, patients, and visitors.



The Date Our Funding Ran Out

Did you know that we have to raise two-thirds of our income through fundraising to keep our vital services running?

If we just relied on the NHS funding we received on 1st April 2023, for the 2023-24 financial year, it would have run out by 1st August 2023, and the rest of the year's care, until 31st March 2024, would be completely on us!

We are so grateful for each and every penny you, our local community, support us with. As you can see, our services genuinely couldn't run without your support.

You are at the heart of everything we do!

To ensure the continuity of our services and to support the care of our patients this year, please help make a difference by making a donation today at:

www.drkh.org.uk/donate



New Shop at Hill Stores!

We recently announced that we have the keys to a brand new store located at Hill Stores on Huddersfield Road, Oldham.

The new shop, opening very soon, will be our fifth, with our other stores based in Lees, Shaw and Royton. Along with our ever popular Furniture Hub on Shaw Road, Oldham.

Stephen Brooks, Head of Retail said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for Dr Kershaw's and it also puts us at the heart of the community in that area."

We are looking for retail volunteers for the shop. If you think you could support on the till, or perhaps you would prefer to sort goods and restock the rails, please get in touch.

For more information, please email us at volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk or call 0161 624 2727. Alternatively, you can apply online at www.drkh.org.uk/volunteer



The Furniture Hub Receives 1000th Donation!

At the end of 2023, The Furniture Hub collected their 1000th donation since our store opened its doors back in November 2021.

The donation was made by Joanne Green, of Diggle, who donated her lovely grey sofa, footstool and TV unit. Our Driver, Dave Wright, presented Joanne with a lovely thank you bouquet. Furniture Hub Manager, Mike McArdle said: "Thank you to Joanne, we hope you enjoy the flowers! We also want to thank everyone who donates to The Hub and our shops. Every single donation we receive helps us to raise vital funds for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, which costs just under £4.7 million a year to run!"

The Furniture Hub sells high quality new, used and upcycled furniture ranging from small coffee tables to three piece suites, all at affordable prices.



Furniture Loan Service

Are you waiting 12-14 weeks for your new sofa or dining set? Have you just moved into your property and need some furniture to tide you over?

Did you know we offer a temporary loan service at The Furniture Hub? We can provide you with a dining set or sofa to tide you over while you wait, for only £10 a week.

This service is available on selected items within the Hub and delivery charges still apply.



Follow The Furniture Hub's Facebook page @FurnitureHubDrKH to view their latest stock in-store. To visit the store or to make a donation, contact:
The Furniture Hub, Neo House, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW
(opening hours: Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm), furniture@drkh.org.uk, 0161 510 0102

Hospice Staff Were Amazing

Patricia Procter's husband, George, sadly passed away at the age of 75 in May 2022, and the family are grateful for the support Dr Kershaw's Team gave them...

Patricia said: "George and I had been married for 51 years. We have two children, Mark and Rachel, and two granddaughters, Orla and Fearné.

George was quiet, with a thoughtful and loving nature, and a strong sense of humour. George had a passion for history and taught the subject for 30 years.

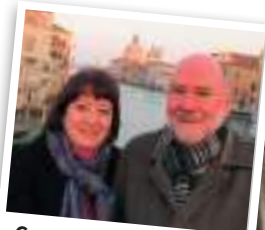
We enjoyed many activities together, including the theatre and travelling. We were lucky enough to visit many countries.

In 2021, during lockdown, George had a scan which identified a tumour in his oesophagus. The following month we were told it was Stage 4 cancer. In 2022, George contracted an infection, he spent five difficult weeks in Hospital before going to Dr Kershaw's. After George arrived at the Hospice, it was like he came back to us, he was more communicative and at peace.

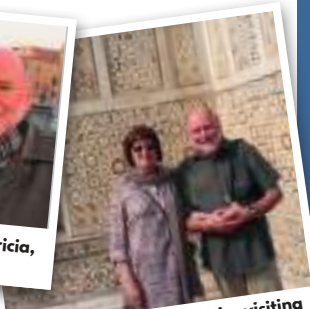
George spent two weeks at Dr Kershaw's which enabled us to spend precious, stress-free time together. On nice days the staff would wheel George's bed outside, making sure he was comfortable.

The Hospice staff were amazing. They made us feel relaxed, nothing was too much trouble, and they were always on hand to assist. They lifted George's spirits and he was always pleased to see the nurses.

The day before George passed, he came home. We were grateful for the efficiency of the Hospice Team who ensured we had everything we needed to make George comfortable.



George with wife, Patricia, in Venice



George with wife, Patricia, visiting the Taj Mahal

On the day George died, the Hospice at Home Team responded to my call straight away. They were professional, thoughtful, and gently guided me through George's final minutes and afterwards too.

I would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful staff. As a way of thanking Dr Kershaw's, our daughter Rachel has become a Volunteer Receptionist at the Hospice."

From as little as £1 per week you can help make every moment count for people like George and Patricia, by playing our weekly Hospice Lottery.



George in Kyoto, Japan



George with son, Mark, in Devon



George with daughter, Rachel, at the races

Sign up and support patient care today by visiting www.drkh.org.uk/lottery or call 0161 624 9213. A chance to win, a way to care!

20th Anniversary Lottery Draw Star Prize Winner

With ten lucky winners sharing £20,000 worth of incredible prizes! 2023 marked the 20th Anniversary of our Hospice Lottery, and to celebrate with our community we launched an extra special Draw.

The **STAR** Prize was a £10,000 Luxury Nordic Cruise generously donated to the Hospice, with the help and support of Freedom Travel. This prize also included return travel to London and an overnight stay prior to boarding kindly donated by Freedom Travel, and £500 spending money.

The lucky winner of the **STAR** Prize was long-time Hospice Lottery supporter, Barbara Whitehead, from Oldham. Barbara signed up to Dr Kershaw's Lottery in 2008 and hadn't struck lucky, until now!

Barbara said: "When I entered the Draw I thought, ooh, that cruise would be rather nice, but I never dreamed I'd be a winner, I couldn't believe it, I was ecstatic!"

My friend's husband died at Dr Kershaw's over 15 years ago and I signed up for the Lottery then. In that time, I've done sponsored walks for the Hospice and it's a local charity close to my heart."

Barbara and her daughter, Louise, departed on the 15-day Northern Lights Expedition Cruise in November, travelling up to Tromsø in the Arctic Circle. They cruised along the Norwegian Fjords, visited charming towns and cities, exploring up close and in comfort aboard MS Maud.

We caught up with Barbara on their return and she said: "I took my daughter and we had an amazing time, it was her dream trip and we'd have never been able to do it.



We saw whales swimming in the sea, we took a trip on the arctic train, we saw the Northern Lights, we had blizzards and sunshine, and the scenery was breath-taking! The cruise company were fantastic, each day was exciting and the crew were extra special.

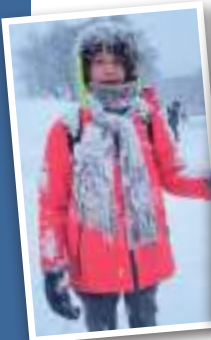
My highlight of the trip was when we visited a little bay in Rødøya, there was a campfire on the beach and the villagers came out to welcome us with snacks and hot chocolate. The beach was full of snow with footprints of an arctic fox. I had one foot in the snow and one foot in the sea, the water was so clear I could see the starfish around my foot.

Thank you to Dr Kershaw's and Freedom Travel for providing such a wonderful experience, it was an amazing trip."

The 2nd Prize Winner of £5,000 was Peter Burke from Chadderton. Peter was thrilled with his prize and booked a holiday. He commented: "The call came out of the blue and I was delighted, I've been supporting the Dr Kershaw's Lottery for over three years and this is my first win."

All funds raised from the Anniversary Draw went directly to Dr Kershaw's Hospice and each ticket purchased contributed to providing vital care and support for our patients and their loved ones, giving you a chance to win and a way to care!

Joanne Penketh, Head of Lottery & Donor Stewardship added: "Since our first Draw back in October 2003, our lottery supporters have generated over £5 million for patient care. What a staggering amount of money! With your help, we can continue to be there for people living with life-limiting illness in these difficult times."



Thank you to everyone who entered the Draw, you helped generate an overwhelming £36,288 for the Hospice, which has effectively paid for 3 full days of Hospice care! On behalf of all our patients and their families, thank you for making a difference!



World Gin Day Offer!

From Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June, we will be selling our Hospice Gin, 1989, at just £25.99 (RRP £29.99)!

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£25.99
70CL

It is available to buy from the Hospice Reception from 9am-5pm by popping in or calling **0161 624 2727** and collecting from the Hospice.

The handcrafted gin (70cl bottle) is made especially for the Hospice by the award winning, Defiance Gin Distillery. It's a classic London Dry Gin, offering a specially crafted botanical flavour.

Shops Directory

Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,
Oldham, OL4 4LY
Tel: 0161 628 7100
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

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,
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Tel: 0161 652 8707
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Hill Stores Hospice Shop OPENING SOON!

104 Huddersfield Road, Hill Stores
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