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In 2019 Dr Kershaw's Hospice celebrated 30 years of care £3.5 million Inpatient Unit new build to enhance

SPRING



Day Hospice renamed to the **Well-Being Centre** – the service saw a more structured approach with more therapeutic, timetabled activities on offer for patients.



Our bridal and occasion wear pop-up store, **Heart 2 Heart**, opened in Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre for 5 months from Valentine's weekend to the end of July and was well received by our supporters.



Construction work began on the **car park extension** as part of the new build project.



Bringing the local community together throughout 2019, many events saw hundreds of supporters raise funds for patient care. At our annual **Hospice to Hospice Walk**, 576 supporters walked 7.25 miles and raised over £24,000!



Dr Kershaw's Hospice was proud to be the first hospice in the UK to sign the **Homeless Friendly Pledge**, founded by Dr Zahid Chauhan, which saw many local hospices follow in our footsteps.



Chief Executive, Joanne Sloan was finalist for **Nursing Manager of the Year** at the Nursing Times Workforce Awards.



At the **Employability Awards** hosted by The New Bridge Multi Academy Trust, Café K volunteer Colette Ogden received an award for Progression Towards Independence and Dr Kershaw's Hospice received a Certificate of Recognition for the Employer Participation award.



Keira-Louise Arnold was honoured with the **Diana Award**, visiting the House of Lords in London to receive her accolade. Then 11 years-old, Keira was given the prestigious award for her incredible fundraising efforts which saw her reach an amazing £26K at the end of 2019.



With the **car park extension completed** in early 2019, patients were transferred to a bespoke modular temporary ward whilst part of the old building was prepared to be demolished to make way for a new Inpatient Unit with modernised facilities to improve patient's experience.

SUMMER

ring for the community, and embarked on an ambitious
ance clinical services and patients' experience.

AUTUMN



Rain threatened a wash out at **Colour Blast** – Back to the 80s in September, but hundreds of supporters took to Alexandra Park for the annual paint party and 2km course which raised thousands for patient care.



Ground was broken as demolition work on the **Inpatient Unit commenced** to make way for the new £3.5m build.



Christine Wilson, Caring Hands Care Co-ordinator was a finalist for the **End of Life Care Award** at the Markel 3rd Sector Care Awards.



Dr Kershaw's teamed up with **The Christie** to launch a new **chemotherapy suite** at the Hospice so that more cancer patients from the Oldham area can receive treatment closer to home.



Strictly Kershaw's saw 9 amateur dancers from our local community take to the floor at the Queen Elizabeth Hall for a night of fundraising fun with a total of £10,000 raised for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.



Our **Corporate Challenge** winners were presented with their awards – in total 27 local businesses raised over £13,000 for patient care.



The **Saddleworth Santa Dash** saw Dr Kershaw's Hospice supporters sport their Santa suits with big smiles to start the festive season.



Hospice patient **Edith** had **Christmas brought forward** a week to spend time with her 8-month-old grandson and family before she sadly passed away late on Christmas day.

WINTER



Building the future of patient care



If you passed by the Hospice during 2019 you may have noticed some changes to our grounds. With the extension of the car park completed early in the year, 2019 saw the start of our £3.5 million new build and renovation project.

As the old inpatient facilities needed to be demolished, patients were transferred to a bespoke modular temporary ward in August. Demolition of the new build started at the beginning of September following the build of a new car park, roof and solar panel installation on our existing building, future-proofing the car parking facilities and sustaining a cost effective, eco-friendly hospice. Once demolition work was complete the new foundations were laid and drains were installed.

The start of 2020 saw concrete floor beams and block flooring added to the new build. The remaining workload of brickwork, roofing, joinery, windows, plumbing, electricals,

plastering and the finishing touches of painting and decorating will be taking place over the next few months. It is anticipated that the roof will be completed by Easter (weather permitting!).

Due for completion in late 2020, the new Inpatient Unit will provide modernised and private facilities for patients.

Thanks to an incredible legacy left by Hospice supporter, Alice Barrass, the gardens are set to be transformed once building work is complete; to provide wheelchair and bed access, seating areas so that families and patients can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the grounds, and a beautiful natural wooded area with a woodland walk. The landscaping is due for completion in autumn 2021.

New Beginnings for Board of Trustees

As 2019 drew to a close, Dr Kershaw's Hospice welcomed two new Trustees to the Board and bid a fond farewell to those who stepped down.

Joining the Board of Trustees are Joanne Jones, Private Client Solicitor and Head of Wills, Trusts and Estate Team at Pearson Solicitors and Financial Advisers, and Rachel Damianou, Partner at local law firm, Wrigley Claydon Solicitors.

An accredited member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, Rachel Damianou is also the legal representative on the Sola Fide (Educational) Trust. In her spare time Rachel is involved in a community mentoring scheme, the Lydgate Community Organisation and St Anne's Church, Lydgate. She joined Wrigley Claydon as a trainee in 1991 and initially worked within their Litigation Department.

Joanne Jones is a member of Solicitors for the Elderly, and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.



Originally from Wiltshire, Joanne qualified as a solicitor in 2009 and has experience in dealing with a broad range of private client issues, and is able to help clients in planning for their futures. Joanne specialises in drafting wills and lasting powers of attorney, and is experienced in providing advice on estate planning and tax, the administration of estates and trusts.

A big thank you to Vera Dolan, Dorothy Phillips, Brian Hurst, Dr. Kevin Moore, Colin Smith, Mary Taylor and Lindsay McCluskie for their services to Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Your time, commitment and enthusiasm was much appreciated.

A fond farewell after 25 fantastic years of patient care at Dr Kershaw's

At the end of 2019, Spiritual Care and Bereavement Support Nurse, Pauline Brierley left for pastures new after spending a quarter of a century at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Pauline spent the majority of her time at Dr Kershaw's in the Well-Being Centre caring for day patients.

Asked what her favourite memory of her career at the Hospice was, Pauline said: "There are too many! 25 years' worth – some stand out moments would be the day trips with the patients."

"We used to go on a barge, which had been wheelchair adapted, around the canals of Ashton and Manchester.

It was brilliant to be able to get away from everything, the trips were at such a slow pace so it was great for patients to relax and be able to focus on spending quality time to sit, listen and chat."

"Julie from the kitchen used to prepare a plentiful picnic of really nice food and we would brew up in the tiny kitchen on board the barge – those trips were really special; you can't really put it into words."

Another special memory Pauline has is of a young patient, Abdul: "I remember helping him into the bath, he had motor neurone disease but he was able to use his limbs in the bath, and he was howling with laughter as he kicked the water, splashing about

– we ended up soaked! Simple things like that really touch your heart."

Clinical Matron, Adele Doherty said: "Pauline shared a wealth of knowledge, guidance and experience with colleagues throughout her 25-year service, and they too will continue to pass this onto others for generations to come."

An abundance of cards, flowers and fond farewells were exchanged as Pauline said her goodbyes in December, but vowed to be back to visit when she can. All the best for the future, Pauline!



Oldham cancer patients set for shorter journeys as Hospice commences chemotherapy treatment



Dr Kershaw's and The Christie recently launched a new chemotherapy suite in the Well-Being Centre at the Hospice. More cancer patients from the Oldham area can now receive first class chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatments closer to home. With six treatment chairs, the new facility is able to treat between 15 to 20 patients each day.

The new service operates on Monday each week, but has the potential to deliver additional services on Fridays in the future.

Before the service began, patients from the Oldham area having treatment at The Christie in Withington would have to make, on average, a 40-mile round trip to receive chemotherapy or immunotherapy.

Dr Kershaw's is the sixteenth site in the North West to benefit from Christie chemotherapy services closer to home. The Christie also operates an 'At Home' service providing treatment in patients' homes.

Beverley Haigh (56) and Pauline Nixon (59) were two of the first patients on the day the new service opened.



Beverley, from Middleton, is being treated for stomach and pancreatic cancer. She was making the 45-mile round trip to The Christie in Withington for her treatment but now only has to travel just 4 miles to the Hospice in Royton. Bowel cancer patient Pauline from Bardsley will also benefit from a much shorter journey, down from over 30 miles per treatment to less than 10.

Commenting on the new service, Pauline said: "This new service at Dr Kershaw's Hospice has made an enormous difference to me. Previously, I had to travel over 30 miles to have treatment at The Christie in Withington. Now it only takes me 15 minutes, giving me more time to spend with my family."

Victoria Burns, Outreach Chemotherapy Manager at The Christie, said: "This new service at Dr Kershaw's Hospice is the latest part of our ambitious 'care closer to home' programme following the success of similar services throughout the North West.

"Thanks to the dedication of our team, more than 5,000 patients each year benefit from having 22,800 chemotherapy or immunotherapy treatments closer to home. It's so rewarding to see what a big difference this makes to cancer patients' lives."

Adele Doherty, Clinical Matron at Dr Kershaw's Hospice added: "We care for cancer patients every day and see first-hand the strain that travelling to The Christie has. It's great to be able to offer our facilities to help cancer patients throughout the Oldham area."





Ben, Bath and Baileys

Inpatient unit patient, 97-year-old Donald Gordon enjoyed a spa bath, an ice cold Baileys and a visit from therapy dog Ben at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Listening to Handel's Messiah on high volume in the bath, with bubbles aplenty and green glowing lights, Donald enjoyed 45 minutes of relaxation before taking a trip to Café K with son Don for an afternoon tipple.

Assisted by Staff Nurse, Chloe Pilcher and Healthcare Assistant, Linda Waine,



Donald was admitted to the Hospice for infection control.

Donald, who was a member of Oldham Choral Society for 20 years, said: "People always think of a hospice as a place where people sit with their heads bowed low, it's not like that at all."

"The bath was lovely; I'm not used to anything like that!" Donald added about the nursing staff: "All I can say is I couldn't think of anybody nicer to take care of me."

72-year-old son, Don said: "It really brightened his day, it's been difficult for dad as he has not been well enough to



get out of bed but he's loved it."

Healthcare Assistant, Linda Waine, said: "This is what care is all about, taking the time to care for Donald, he was having an amazing time singing his heart out in the bath!"

Originally from Chadderton, Donald and wife Marion moved with son Don and daughter Margaret to Shaw in the 1940's. When Don got married, he moved out of his parent's house to live next door with wife Donna.

Donald spent 2 weeks at Dr Kershaw's Hospice before moving into residential care in the local community.



Chris' lasting legacy of music 10 years on

In 2009, whilst crossing the road with friends, Chris Dale, 15, from Oldham, was hit by a speeding driver on Lees Road; tragically Chris passed away. Chris was the nephew of Dr Kershaw's Staff Nurse, Joanne Wright.

An avid music fan, Chris was into indie music such as The Wombats, Oasis and Muse. Known as 'Daley' which adorned the back of his Manchester United shirt, Chris was always 'considerate and compassionate'.

10 years on from his death, in June 2019, Chris' friends and family gathered at St. Edward's RC Church Function Hall to raise funds in his memory. The evening saw live

music, a raffle, and a DJ as everyone shared their special memories of Chris. An incredible £1,500 was raised for a memorial bench at Bishops Park, Grains Bar. With the remaining funds, Chris's legacy reached further out into the community, to Dr Kershaw's Hospice and his former school, Blue Coat.

Chris' parents, Andrea and Michael used the remaining funds to buy five computer tablets for patients at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Chris' Auntie, Staff Nurse, Joanne Wright said: "Chris loved music and as we have moved into single side rooms we thought it would be a nice idea for each room to have their own tablet so they can listen to their music of choice and share Chris' joy of music."



Hospice to Hospice Walk



Sunday 26th April 2020

Join us for our 14th annual Hospice to Hospice walk with registration commencing at 9.15am at Dr. Kershaw's Hospice on Turf Lane in Royton. The guided 7.25mile circular route takes participants to fellow Springhill Hospice, where they can pause for refreshments before heading back to Dr Kershaw's. On their return walkers will be invited to the Well-Being Centre where they can enjoy a brew and reflect on their efforts.

Previous years have seen hundreds of walkers and their four- legged friends take on our sponsored challenge. Many of them walking year on year in memory of a loved one, with others walking to keep fit or have fun!

This year the event is taking on an eco-friendly approach with participants being encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles for use on the day, and set up their own on-line sponsorship forms.



Pre-registration costs are £8 per person (which increases to £10 if you register on the day) and four-legged friends are free. Please keep an eye on our website for registration updates.



Congratulations! Double delight for Housekeeping duo

We would like to congratulate Christine and Yvonne from our housekeeping team on becoming a grandma and a great grandma in 2019.

Great Grandma, Yvonne Cunningham, welcomed Lily Rose on 14th November, she said; "She had us on a rollercoaster for 9 months, all ups and downs but she is finally here and all is well, such a little beauty."

Grandma, Christine Squibbs, welcomed Tommy Phillip, her fourth grandson on 25th October, she said; "What was so special is he was born on my birthday!" Christine and Yvonne have worked together at Dr Kershaw's for 10 years and, along with their team, won the 'Dream Team' award at the Kershaw's Caring Hearts Awards in 2018.



Winter heart-warmers!

End of year events raise £39,000

Last year's winter events calendar was kicked off by a night of glamour, as 9 members of our local community put on their dancing shoes and paired up with their professional counterparts for a night of dancing at The Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Prior to the event our amateur dancers embarked on 6-weeks of intensive dance training, which was kindly provided by IDTA dance schools within the Oldham area, to get our dancers ready to perform on the night. Dressed to the nines, the dancer's hair, makeup and the obligatory strictly-spray tans were kindly provided by Limited Edition Hair and Beauty in Oldham.

On the night, each dancer performed two dances, one Ballroom and one Latin, before being judged by our specially selected panel of judges. This year's glamorous **Strictly Kershaw's** event, raised a fantastic £10,374.05 for patient care, with Emily Walker from Co-Op Funeral Care being named as this year's winner taking home the coveted Strictly Kershaw's glitter ball trophy!

Members of the local community came together on Sunday 1st December to celebrate the lives of their loved ones and dedicate a light on the Hospice's tree at our annual **Light Up A Life** event. Featuring performances from Thornham St James' School Choir and the Salvation Army, and with readings from members of the Hospice team, the event raised a heart-warming £22,509.97.

Our festive events started with our annual **Christmas Markets!** Held off-site this year at St Anne's Rugby Club due to the new build, supporters came out in droves to support our cause and spread Christmas cheer. Featuring a variety of stalls including hospice goods and independent local businesses and performances from Bring Me Sunshine Entertainment, the Christmas Markets raised an incredible £4,324.79 for patient care.

Spreading seasonal cheer at the **Christmas Concert** at Oldham Parish Church, our supporters came in their hundreds once again. The audience was delighted by fabulous performances from The Kershaw's Crooners, Hope Singers, The Crompton House Brass Ensemble, Thornham St. James' Primary School and student's from Chetham's School of Music. Attendees were also encouraged to try their luck at the incredible Christmas Raffle which featured hampers aplenty, kindly donated by an array of supporters.

This fantastic musical Christmas event, raised a festive £1,831.50!



2020 Challenges

London – Manchester – Huddersfield!

The Virgin Money London Marathon is a challenge that every runner dreams of taking on but places on the famous 26.2 mile road race through the capital are coveted. This year we're honoured to have three runners proudly sporting the Dr Kershaw's badge on their running vests, all three with their stories to tell. Introducing Ruth, Adam and Rob (and Team Dr Kershaw's).

Ruth Greenhalgh

Ruth's journey from couch to capital city start line began in May 2019 when, surrounded by his family, her dad Steve passed away at the Hospice. In the months that followed, hairdresser Ruth, owner of Box Salon in Denshaw and mother of two young children, wanted to find an outlet to help her in bereavement, so turned to running.

Using an online app and with help from her husband Pete and her pal Katie who runs a gym, Ruth soon found both the physical and mental energy she needed to regularly take to the roads.

Ruth's miles of pavement pounding led to the idea of setting herself a challenge. Inspired by a desire to help herself and others, Ruth secretly put in an entry

for the 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon in the open ballot. Proving that if 'you don't ask – you don't get', she was allocated a place! Of her marathon challenge Ruth explained, "After losing my dad I started running using the 'Couch to 5k' app and decided to set myself a challenge.

"I know a marathon is a bit extreme but my dad faced challenges during his diagnosis and treatment – he never moaned, he just got on with it. I think about him and push myself to do more. I feel I need some good to come out of all this bad and hopefully giving a little back to Dr Kershaw's will help.

"I've heard of people applying year after year with no luck, so I really didn't expect to get a place.



When I told my family and friends they were shocked but thrilled and as for my salon clientele they're all 100% behind me and will be cheering for me all the way"



Adam Stirling

Setting himself the challenge of running the London Marathon in just 3 hours 45 minutes, Adam applied to Dr Kershaw's Hospice for their charity place to run in memory of dad, Leo. 34-year-old Finance Controller at Zuto, Adam is an avid runner, taking part in over 250 parkrun's as well as 5 years with Royton Road Runners.

Cheered on through his training by wife Leanne, 37, and daughters Betsy, 4, and Heidi, 15 months, Adam has already undertaken several 10K's including Manchester, London, Wrexham and Oldham.

Adam said: "The Hospice was amazing, it felt different than being in a really

clinical hospital setting, there was a lovely garden and the care was really personal."

Leo, 62, passed away at the Hospice in August 2018 after being diagnosed with a brain tumour in March 2018. Leo's wife, Jill and daughter Amy often stayed over at Dr Kershaw's to be with him.

Running four times a week, Adam also stated that the exercise was beneficial to his mental health, saying: "Especially after losing my dad, running is a great way to help your mental health, whether you're worrying or have had a bad day at work it's a release and gets you out of the house for an hour."





Rob McClean

Finance officer by day, Rochdale Harriers runner by night, Rob McLean is an old hand at pounding the pavements. With one London Marathon already under his

belt, the Hospice's very own 'numbers man' was lucky enough to get a second shot at the iconic road race and has chosen to raise money for Dr Kershaw's but this time he's added a twist. "This'll be my second London marathon, so I wanted to do something a little bit different and with the help of colleagues at the Hospice, we'll be doing just that – together we've come up with the idea of the Dr Kershaw's Triathlon!"

It didn't take long for word to get around the Hospice that Rob was looking for staff and volunteers to get on board with the cycling and swimming element of a triathlon, with Rob taking care of the running.

Pretty soon, Tony and Paul from the Facilities team, 'spoke' up and came

up with a cycling team challenge of a 100km circular route, starting from the Hospice, peaking in Huddersfield and finishing at Little Owl Farm in Grains Bar.

With the cycling and running elements covered the search was on for an open-water swimmer. Rob didn't need to look too far as Gail Robertshaw, the Hospice's own Catering Manager, had already been thinking about taking on an open-water swim.

"When the Triathlon idea was mentioned it was one of those lightbulb moments" said keen swimmer Gail. "During a recent trip to Australia I watched wet-suited wonders enjoy a chlorine free swim, which put the idea into my head, so when I found out about Rob's triathlon challenge idea – I decided to dive right in!" Gail signed up for the Great Manchester Swim in Salford Quays straight away.

So it's full steam ahead for the Dr Kershaw's Triathlon Tri-2020 team! Good luck everyone.

Keira reaches £25k by Christmas Day

Christmas at Dr Kershaw's saw bright spark Keira Arnold bring something very special to our patients – the news that she had delivered on her pledge to raise £25k by Christmas Day! The superstar junior fundraiser not only reached her target, but hit new heights with her fundraising, exceeding her target to raise £26k!

Boosted by some fantastic Christmas fundraising, including a meat raffle at The Coach and Horses and selling handmade festive light bottles at the Dr Kershaw's Christmas Markets. Keira and her team made one last push to hit £25k at the Fierce Dance annual dance-off at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

For the second year in a row Team Keira made up of novice adult dancers, lovingly

known as Santa's Rejects, ducked and dabbled to retain their winning title. The evening of fun, laughter and dance supported 2 other local charities, Team Hill and Andy's Man Club, but it was Santa's Rejects stellar performance that raised the roof of the Queen Elizabeth Hall and a fabulous £1,525.

This final 2019 fundraiser didn't just take Keira to her £25k target, it saw her fund, which raises money to grant the wishes of patients at the Hospice, tip over £26,000!

"It's been an amazing year for this young lady, we are so proud of her" said Hospice CEO Joanne Sloan. "Keira has not only reached an incredible fundraising target and herself received the esteemed Diana Award, but most



importantly she has helped to turn wishes into reality for so many of our patients and their loved ones."

Joanne added "She is a remarkable young lady and has the support of a wonderful family and our fantastic community."

What does 2020 hold for Keira Arnold and her supporters?

Visit her Facebook page or keep watch on our page for more information and how you can get involved

www.facebook.com/keiraswishes

New Year Honours for fantastic fundraisers Alan and Ibby

Two fantastic Hospice supporters were named on the Queen's New Year Honours list, both awarded with a British Empire Medal for services to the community.

13-year-old Ibrahim Yousaf has supported Dr Kershaw's Hospice since 2018 and thanked the people of Oldham for their support throughout his campaigning. From donating pocket money and taking to Twitter to garner support, Ibrahim has even donated a cake for patients and staff along with a donation of £100 after his tweet received over 100 likes. "I truly believe the real stars and the heroes are the charities and all I ask is for everyone to please follow and support them." Ibrahim said.

Alan Wrigley was also honoured after raising over £70,000 for local charities including £11,000 for Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Through his work at B&Q, where Alan stands with his collection tin and sweeties for supporters, he is a well-known face in the local area and supports two local hospices, Dr Kershaw's and Springhill. The 86-year-old has also taken part in parachute and bungee jumps to raise funds.

Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom, said: "To have been chosen by both Alan and Ibby as one of the charities to benefit from their amazing fundraising is an honour. To know that our patients and families can rely on their vital support to help provide end-of-life care is both reassuring and a blessing."



"Alan and Ibby are ever-present in our community, an opportunity they both embrace not only to raise funds but also to promote the work of the Hospice. We congratulate them both on their amazing personal achievements as well as their achievements for charity, and know that Dr Kershaw's will always hold a special place in their hearts."



Local businesses raise over £13,000 for Corporate Challenge

27 business from Oldham and the surrounding area made a worthwhile investment as they took £30 and turned it into over £13,000 for Dr Kershaw's.

Through fun days, head shaves, sponsored cycle challenges, quizzes and more, the Corporate Challenge took place over 6 months. From the end of March to September, businesses went head to head hoping to raise the most funds.

Speaking of the highlights, Corporate Fundraiser Lisa Buckley said: "It was such a privilege to support the businesses who competed in the challenge, from day one every team who took part was enthusiastic and creative in their fundraising activities, and we were all humbled by the lengths the teams took to raise vital funds for the Hospice. It was a real success and the businesses encouraged their staff to get involved and have fun, and this they certainly did!"

WINNERS

Gold Fundraiser
Lancashire Law
Silver Fundraiser
Mecca Bingo
Bronze Fundraiser
UK Electronics Ltd
Social Media Magic
Home Instead Oldham
& Saddleworth
Creative Genius
Hunter Price

Could you take on Dr Kershaw's Corporate Challenge in 2020? Take £30 and turn it into much more for patient care. Contact Lisa on 0161 624 9984 or email fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Page turning success – patients' and local artists' create a successful 2020 calendar

Our 2020 Hospice calendar saw an unprecedented demand following its release. With art created from local scenes, this new edition saw paintings from Dr Kershaw's Hospice patients as well as local artists.

Well-Being Centre patients Barbara, Gill, Ian, Donna, Marlene, Maureen and volunteer, Joan, teamed up with local artists Richard Darlington, Laurence 'Lol' Worrall, Graham Harrison and Robert Lees. Each artist creatively captured a famous Oldham landscape to appear in each month of the calendar, from Pennine Barn to Moorland Farm, Coalshaw Green Park to Dovestone and Tandle Hill Park to Alexandra Park.

Head of Income Development, Rebecca Benthall said: "We were overwhelmed by the demand for our Hospice calendars and delighted by how quickly they were selling. The paintings depict beautiful tranquil landscapes of an area we love; and the quality of our patients' art brought each scene to life effortlessly"

Beginning back in 1990, art therapy at the Hospice was provided by John Whyman MBE, who developed a guideline system to make art accessible for everyone in the community.

When John died in 2016 his legacy continued with volunteer painter, Terry Davies, taking up the mantle. John's painting of the Hospice graces the front of our 2020 calendar.



Sweet tradition for Werther-y Caring Hands Healthcare Assistants

When the Dr Kershaw's Caring Hands team visited the Park household in August 2018, it sparked a tradition that would leave a lasting legacy in the heart of the Hospice.

Married for 50 years, Kevin and Mary Park met on a blind date when Kevin used to work at the Waggon and Horses pub in Hollinwood. "She used to visit the pub with her sister, I thought she was really pretty, a beautiful young lady" Kevin said.

Together they had two sons, Anthony (49) and Graeme (42), and three grandchildren. Kevin recalls fond memories of Scarborough and Skegness when the boys were younger; "We loved going to Butlins with the kids, such good times."

Dr Kershaw's Caring Hands team supported the couple in the summer of 2018 as Mary's terminal bowel cancer saw Kevin caring for his wife full time. Visiting the Park's house four times a day, the team provided assistance with her personal daily living activities for three weeks.

Kevin, who celebrates his 75th birthday this year said: "The team would care for Mary throughout the day and I'd always say 'go on, grab a sweetie on the way out' and I just kept filling the dish up for when they visited."

Community Care Co-ordinator, Christine Wilson, said: "Mary had a truly supportive family consisting of her husband Kevin, her two sons, her daughter in law and Mary's sisters. Their home was always filled with laughter even though they were experiencing the worst time in their lives, and Mary's grandchildren always brought such joy to her and there was always a smile to be had.

"Her family welcomed the care team into the home, and before long they were made to feel like extended family. Kevin always made sure that the care team left with a sweet from a little dish at the front door.

"When Mary passed away, Kevin presented the care team with a sparkly gold box filled with Werthers Originals which contained two photographs of Mary and a prayer in the lid – an everlasting memory of a lovely lady."

"Kevin then joined The Crooners, our Hospice choir, and noticed that the golden box was looking a bit empty so he took it upon himself to replenish the box weekly. It is always nice to see Kevin, and the care team always love to see him and miss their chats if he is unable to call in."

Kevin joined the Crooners after Mary died and briefly attended the bereavement café and took part in our monthly Walk and Talk events. He said: "I coped a lot better than I initially thought I would, I really enjoy being part of Kershaw's Crooners."





Buying and selling on eBay is an easy way to support Dr Kershaw's Hospice – you can pick up a special bargain and support patient care too!

Did you know?

You can also choose to donate a percentage of the sales price from items you sell on eBay. We also sell items on our own page to raise funds for patient care, check out our page on <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/drkershawshospice>



When you buy anything on AmazonSmile, you can support your local hospice. Start your shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice.

Shops

Visit your local Dr Kershaw's Hospice shop in Oldham, Royton, Shaw or Lees. Our shops are a vital source of income to support patient care at the Hospice. We sell new and pre-loved items such as quality clothes, toys, books, cds and records, bric-a-brac and more!

Our shops rely on your generous donations and each item we receive helps to raise vital income needed to keep the Hospice's doors open. We accept donations of all the above items in each of our shops, if you are unsure whether you can donate an item please call 0161 628 2343.

We can only accept small furniture items such as coffee tables, bookcases and display cabinets. We also accept small electrical items such as toasters, kettles and lamps. Please note, however that we cannot accept white goods or televisions.

Larger items of furniture are collected and sold on our behalf by The Big White Charity Van, so if you have any furniture items to donate please contact them directly on 0161 222 0808 and tell them it's for Dr Kershaw's.

See page 16 to find out where your local store is.



In 2019 our shops raised a staggering **£195,204** for patient care.

VOLUNTEERING IS FUNDRAISING TOO – DONATE YOUR TIME AND SKILLS

Donating to our shops isn't the only way you can support Dr Kershaw's, why not use your spare time to volunteer just a few hours at one of our shops? To see our latest vacancies and register your interest, visit www.drkh.org.uk/support-us/volunteering



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Hospice Lottery team were in a celebratory mood at the start of 2020 as they hit 13,800 weekly lottery members. As the team toasted its success, and looked forward to the next milestone, Lottery Manager Joanne Penketh said:

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

With the New Year well and truly here we would like to wish all our members a happy and prosperous 2020 and thank you for your continued support throughout 2019. Since our lottery launched in 2003 we have celebrated over 5,250 winners! Over the past 16 years with the amazing support that we have received from our lottery members

and bumper draw supporters, you have helped us to raise £3million, a massive congratulations and an even bigger thank you. We are truly grateful and can assure you that a large portion of these lottery monies are being used in the new build of our inpatient unit, showing that your support will continue to provide much needed care for many years to come.

Winning a top prize of £1,000 or one of 5 runner up prizes of £50, members old and new have scooped these, and many of you have sent us donations from your winnings which is absolutely fantastic and greatly appreciated. If you are not currently a member of our lottery and would like to be in with a chance of winning one of our weekly cash prizes whilst also supporting the Hospice, then please give the lottery team a call on 0161 624 9213.

Get in Touch



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CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our Christmas Lottery draw raised a fantastic £14469.50 including the many donations that you kindly gave in addition to purchasing tickets. Due to minimal funding, the Hospice relies heavily on contributions from the community, so when we have an overwhelming response from our draws, especially at Christmas time when things are a little hectic, we truly value your commitment.

If you are a weekly member and don't currently receive draw tickets, and would like to increase your chances of winning with our quarterly bumper draws, just give us a call. Alternatively, if you prefer not to receive tickets in the future please just let us know and we will amend our records accordingly.

LOTTERY GIFT VOUCHERS



Stuck for a gift for someone who has everything? A special celebration? No idea what buy? How about a Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Voucher, not only will you be buying them something unique, they could also be in with a chance of winning our top weekly prize of £1000. Our vouchers come in a presentation wallet and start from as little as £10.00. If you would like to purchase one as a gift you can download a form at www.drkh.org.uk or contact a member of the Lottery team to order the gift that keeps on giving!

MOBILE PHONES

Are you Spring cleaning, or maybe received a new mobile phone for Christmas and you are wondering what to do with your old phone.

Why not bring it to the Hospice or one of our hospice shops, we can dust these old phones off and convert them into cash, with or without accessories! To date the mobile phone scheme has

raised over £8,300 which is a fantastic amount of money, contributing to the provision of specialist round the clock care for our patients.

**Don't Dump,
Donate!**



Shops Directory

Oldham Hospice Shop

Unit 10 Albion Street,
Oldham, OL1 3BB
Tel: 0161 628 2343

Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

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 – Fri, 9.30am – 4.30pm
Sat, 9.30am – 1pm

For all large pieces of furniture and large electrical item donations please contact Charlie at Big White Charity Van who will sell the items on our behalf. Please remember to mention Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Big White Charity Van

Unit 14, Pennant St Industrial Estate, Oldham, OL1 3NP
Tel: 0161 222 0808 or
07944063884

News from the Board

– Mirriam Lawton

Regular readers of Friendship will have been following the development of Dr Kershaw's Hospice over its 30-year history, from small beginnings to the successful organisation it is today. For many readers, it isn't hard to find someone you know who has a heart-warming story to tell about the care a friend or relative has received from staff and volunteers who make up the care team at the Hospice, or anecdotes of an amazing fundraising event a supporter has organised to do their bit to ensure the day to day running costs continue to be covered. All these stories come together to make a picture of a highly regarded, well-loved, palliative and community based end of life service.



Mirriam Lawton and Joanne Sloan present previous Chair of the Board of Trustees with Certificate of Appreciation

As you can imagine it doesn't all happen by chance, and a great deal of organisation needs to be in place to ensure the Hospice continues to thrive, expand and develop. The Board of voluntary Trustees and the Executive Team at the Hospice, work as a single Leadership Team to develop and implement strategies to ensure continued quality, financial propriety, sustainability and act as guardians to ensure that the Hospice will continue to support the local community for many years to come.

I am very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to Chair this auspicious and talented group with effect from January 2020, and I am looking forward to sharing with you the work we undertake to shape the future of the Hospice on your behalf.

2020 marks the start of a new decade and will see many new beginnings and changes initiated at the Hospice, not least bringing to fruition an ambitious new build inpatient facility. It also marks the end of the Hospice's previous five-year strategy which expired at the end of 2019, and work is being finalised in January 2020 with the leadership team to clarify the strategic vision and objectives for the next 5 years. These objectives are linked to challenges and opportunities jointly identified by the Executive Team and the Board, and are reflective of the needs expressed by community stakeholders and service users.

Once the plans have been discussed with key stakeholders and finalised they will be available for information on the Hospice website, which is also to be changed and refreshed by early 2020 to give a new and more customer friendly window into all things Dr Kershaw's. In short, the message is watch this space as things unfold at the start of five more exciting years in the life of Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

It goes without saying the continued success of the Hospice relies on its supporters, and your views on how the service operates and its plans and aspirations are very welcome.

Mirriam Lawton – Chair of Board of Trustees

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Macmillan Nurses: 0161 778 5918

24 Hour Advice Line: 0161 785 5635

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