

# Newsletter



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Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Ball Black Tie Charity Dinner at the Midland Hotel, Bradford on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund and contributed to the overall total raised of £2,500.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Shirley Hutchinson for organising this fantastic event on behalf of the charity, it really was a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you also to the fantastic Frankie Heart, the wonderfully talented Northern Soul and Motown singer, for providing superb entertainment which got the whole room up on their feet and dancing. To our good friend Mike Smith, MC for the evening, who ensured the whole event ran smoothly as always.

Guests were welcomed with a very special drinks reception in the grand foyer of the Midland Hotel, entertained by the wonderfully talented Bow Belles String Quartet. They then enjoyed a wonderful 3 course meal and many were lucky enough to win some brilliant prizes in the Auction, Raffle and Tombola.

Make sure you join our mailing list so we can keep you up to date with events like this. We are already looking forward to next summer's ball, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020, same time, same place – book your tickets early!

## Annual General Meeting

The Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund would like to announce that an AGM will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 1.30pm at the Listening For Life Centre, Bradford Royal Infirmary.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Michelle Adam on 01274 364168 or email [michelle.adam@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:michelle.adam@bthft.nhs.uk) to reserve a place.

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## STAY IN TOUCH

*We want to keep you informed of upcoming fundraising events which you may be interested in and we want to let you know how your kind donations are being used to help others.*

*We can only do that with your permission.*

*If you would like to receive this newsletter, just twice a year, and information regarding the Charity, either by post or email, please contact our office on Ward 16 to join our supporters list – contact details are on page 4.*

*You can also use the same contact details to let us know if you wish to stop receiving information from us at any time. We will never swap, sell or share your details with any third party organisation.*

*You can also see up to date information by searching for us on Facebook and liking and following our page. You can make online donations there too!*



## 28th Smokie Gala Dinner Dance

Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford  
Friday 7th February 2020



Come and join us for an amazing night out with one of Bradford's best loved bands and help raise funds for the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund

The evening starts at 7pm with a special drinks reception, followed by a wonderful 3 course dinner. There will be a raffle and auction, both with fantastic prizes to be won and fun games with the chance to win big cash prizes.

After dinner, Smokie will take to the stage for a very special and unique performance, playing many of their well-known hits. There will also be a DJ and dancing from midnight into the early hours of the morning.

Tickets are just £50 each

Special rates on tables of 10 at just £450 and tables of 12 at just £540

There are also special discounted rates available at the hotel for anyone wishing to stay overnight

For further details, or to request a booking form, please contact Michelle on 01274 364168

Or email [annette.fox@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:annette.fox@bthft.nhs.uk)

## Fundraising

*The Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund is extremely grateful to everyone who fundraises on our behalf or organises their own fundraising event. These are just a handful of our much valued supporters.*

### Asda Foundation

A big thank you to everyone who used the Green Tokens at Asda, Cemetery Road, Bradford, to support the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund. Our fabulous mascot, Foxy, was happy to collect a 1st Place winners cheque for £500! A big thank you to Leanne Baker, for the nomination.

Many supermarkets run similar schemes for local charities and each store has their own token boxes. Perhaps you could nominate the Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund as a community charity the next time you are grocery shopping. Some supermarkets have made it even easier for you to nominate your favourite charity by creating online nomination forms or just take this newsletter along to the customer service desk in store.



THANK YOU TO.....

- ◆ everyone who baked or bought cakes at our recent fundraising stalls held at the BRI, and to our volunteers on the day, without whom these type of events couldn't take place.
- ◆ Bradford Rotary Club for their kind donation of £100, following a humorous presentation from our Founder Trustee, Prof. Parapia.
- ◆ St Andrew's Methodist Church in Undercliffe, Bradford, for the donation of £100 collected at their Tuesday Coffee Mornings.

# How We Help

- The Annette Fox Leukaemia Research Fund has pledged £70,000 for refurbishment works on Ward 16 (Day Unit). The improvements are expected to start before the end of the year and will create a more welcoming reception area, a brighter and more comfortable waiting room and better toilet facilities for patients. We are really looking forward to seeing the results of this project.
- The Charity recently funded a launch event for a new Sickle Cell / Thalassaemia Mother and Baby Group. The aim of the group is to bring together mothers and babies recently diagnosed with either of the conditions at what can be a difficult and lonely time, letting them know they are not alone and to provide support.
- The Charity is committed to funding a Research Nurse Post for 3 years, up to March 2022. Haematology research benefits patients by making new drugs and novel agents available to suitable patients before they are licensed. The clinical trials are a range of local, regional and national/international clinical trials which are part of the National Institute for Health Research and in line with the Clinical Research Network Yorkshire and Humber Research Network (CRN Y&H) objectives.
- Sandra Weatherall continues to be a welcome sight on the Haematology Unit. Funded by the Charity, Sandra has been offering complimentary therapy treatments to inpatients since 1996, bringing comfort and relaxation to many.

Complementary Therapy refers to non-medical treatments used alongside conventional medicine to enhance symptom control and improve quality of life. Consultation with the medical staff is sought prior to each treatment, which is adapted to suit each patient's needs.

Sandra provides the following therapies;– Aromatherapy, reflexology, massage, Indian Head Massage and Reiki.

- The Charity, in partnership with Equality Together, continues to fund a Welfare/Benefits Advisor, Jonathan Brearley. Jonathan offers Haematology patients and their relatives free, confidential and unbiased advice on a wide range of money issues.
- The Fund provides a selection of head turbans for patients who are experiencing hair loss due to their treatment. The Turbans have been very well received by those who choose to use them and at a cost of just £3 each, a small donation from you can help us provide this gift to many more patients.
- The Fund regularly issues Grants to individual patients suffering financial hardship as a result of their illness, helping many families through very difficult times.
- Toiletry Packs are provided by the Fund for patients on the Haematology Unit who may have to stay in unexpectedly overnight. The packs contain soap, shower gel, shampoo, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, 2 disposable face cloths and a comb. A donation of just £2.50 will buy one of these packs – which are greatly appreciated by the patients who receive them.

**JustGiving™**

Raised online with JustGiving

**Total £44,203.02**

Have you had a look at our JustGiving page recently?  
[www.justgiving.com/aflr](http://www.justgiving.com/aflr)

Since joining JustGiving 10 years ago, we have received £44,203.02 in online donations.

This is a really easy way of fundraising online. Supporters can set up their own fundraising page, which they can then e-mail to all their friends/family/colleagues and can also share on facebook and twitter. Donations are made online, the money is automatically gift aided (an extra 25% on top of the donation) and transferred to our bank account. Simple!

Supporters can also make a one off donation via our JustGiving page or can set up a regular monthly donation.



## MERCHANDISE

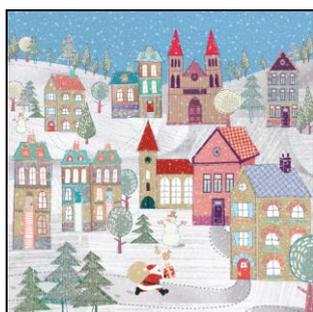
Show your support for the Fund by purchasing items for just £1 each (available from the Charity Office).

We have pens, pin badges, wristbands and post-it pads.

We also have eco shopping bags at just £2 each and t-shirts at £8.

Can you sell these on our behalf to family, friends or colleagues?

# 2019 Christmas Card Selection



Santa and Presents



Tartan Reindeer



Gifts Under The Tree



Christmas Pudding



A Royal Journey



A Present for You



Crafted Stocking



Donkey Cuddles



Christmas Window



Wonderland

Christmas Cards are priced at just £2.99 per pack of 10  
(each pack contains one design)

## MESSAGE INSIDE READS

*"With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year"*

Cards can be purchased from the Annette Fox office on Ward 16 (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)  
Orders can also be placed by telephone 01274 364168 or email [michelle.adam@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:michelle.adam@bthft.nhs.uk)

**Sizes:** Cards measure 150mm x 150mm – Christmas Window and Wonderland measure 127mm x 178mm

## Contact Us

Our office on Ward 16 is open 4 days a week – Monday and Wednesday 9.00am – 2.30am and Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm. You can telephone, e-mail or write to us at the address below.

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