



# TARPORLEY

## WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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### Celebrating 100 Years of Caring



## Newsletter

Dear friends,

In 1919 Tarporley War Memorial Hospital was opened in memory of those who died in the First World War. For a hundred years, it has been an integral part of the local community.

Indeed, as the only remaining independent hospital in the UK, we provide high quality healthcare services and you provide us with the vital support we need to keep going.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with or contributed to fundraising events over the years.

**YOU** are the heart that keeps our hospital alive and well

Here's to the next 100 Years!

Rachel Cowley

Director of Clinical Services

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# JOIN OUR NEW 2020 VISION APPEAL!

Our hospital stands as a testimony to all of those people who have supported it with their time and money over the last hundred years. However, we need to keep on with this great tradition! That's why we've started our 2020 Vision Appeal.

Please get involved as a  
Fundraising Volunteer, or by  
donating or by taking part in  
our events  
**Thank you!**

## The aim of the appeal

The appeal aims to build a stronger future for the hospital by:

- Securing funds that will help us to develop our services
- Ensuring that we can meet the ever-changing needs of the local community
- Transforming the hospital into a sustainable and thriving facility

## Our vision for 2020

By the end of 2020, we want to be able to:

- Accommodate more patients and develop services for patients requiring day-case procedures
- Enhance our respite day-care services and establish a new dementia facility
- Widen the scope of our outpatient clinics and develop and expand our Minor Injuries Service

## How will we achieve this?

We need to:

- Raise £1 million through donations, grant funding, community fundraising and business support
- This will enable us to upgrade, refurbish and expand our infrastructure
- Your help is vital!

## The services we provide

These are some of the great services that we already provide – but with the success of our 2020 Vision Appeal, we could achieve even more:

**In-patient services** – including Intermediate Care; Respite and Rehabilitation Care Breaks; and supporting end of life care and palliative patients

**Out-patient services** – including a Wound Assessment Clinic; Day Care; Minor Injuries; and hosting clinics for Rheumatology, Ultrasound and Physiotherapy.



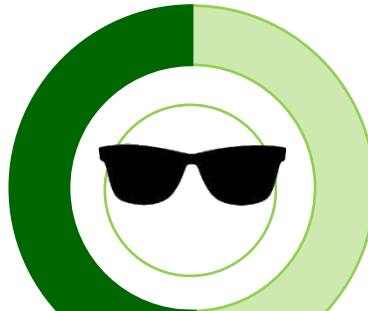
# A Healthy Outlook

## Daily guide to reduce hayfever symptoms

At last, spring is in the air - and so is pollen, as anyone who suffers from hay fever will know. But sneezing, itchy eyes and other symptoms don't have to prevent you from enjoying the beautiful weather - there are proactive steps you can take throughout the day to keep allergy triggers at bay.

### 8AM

Put on some sunglasses when you leave the house. Pollen can enter your body through your eyes



### 9AM

Pollen counts are highest in the morning, so take medication as soon as symptoms hit

### 10AM

Stressed at work? Practice some deep breathing. People who suffer with stress tend to experience more allergy flares



### 12PM

Research has shown that 30 minutes of moderate exercise can help to alleviate allergy symptoms

### 5PM

If you're planning to run errands after work, park your car away from pollen-bearing trees



### 6PM

As pollen can attach itself to your clothing, change your outfit when you get home and leave your shoes at the door

### 7PM

Shut your windows and switch on a fan or the air conditioning (which keeps the pollen from blowing indoors)



### 9PM

Take a shower or bath before bed to rinse off any residual allergens. Don't forget to wash your hair. It's a pollen magnet

### 10PM

Pollen counts can vary from day to day, so check the pollen forecast. This will help you to prepare for tomorrow



# History of the Hospital

## 1919 - How it all started

Our hospital has its roots in a Red Cross Hospital established at Portal House, owned by The Hon. Marshall & Mrs Florence Brooks. This cared for wounded soldiers from October 1914 until February 1919.

Other local hospitals were also set up in Bunbury, Peckforton Castle, Calveley Hall and Willington Hall. However, the owners of Portal House had for many years fostered the idea of having a Cottage Hospital in Tarporley

Following the end of the war, this project became a reality, with equipment and apparatus becoming available from the decommissioned hospitals nearby. A Public Meeting in April 1919 resolved unanimously, "To Dedicate to the Memory of the Fallen in the Great War, a Cottage Hospital which should henceforth be known as The Tarporley and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital." The new hospital was based in a private home called Rosslyn. An ex-Army hut attached to the house formed one of the wards. In late spring 1919, the hospital was opened.



## Further developments

A new day room, was opened. In 1987, the NHS handed over the hospital to a new trust, along with a grant of £55,000. This sum was matched by the League of Friends. The male ward was rebuilt, the female ward renovated and extra rooms and a physiotherapy facility were added.

## Looking to the future

In our centenary year, we still depend on your generous support but want to make our hospital even better

## A time of change

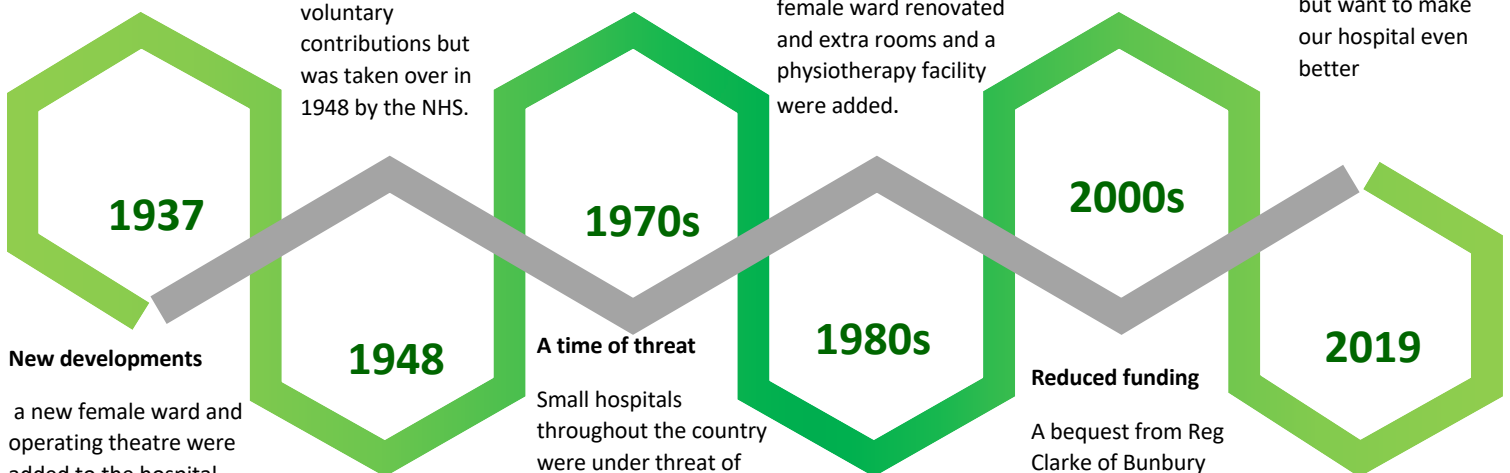
The hospital was financed by voluntary contributions but was taken over in 1948 by the NHS.

## A time of threat

Small hospitals throughout the country were under threat of closure. In 1978, local people began a successful 'Save our Hospital' campaign for Tarporley Hospital, led by the newly-formed League of Friends.

## Reduced funding

A bequest from Reg Clarke of Bunbury enabled the kitchen, physiotherapy room, mortuary and other features to be changed or added. The NHS reduced its grant to just 30% of the hospital's annual running costs



1937

## New developments

a new female ward and operating theatre were added to the hospital following a substantial bequest

1948

1970s

1980s

2000s

2019

# What Tarporley Hospital means to me

Tarporley Hospital is a very special place for Angela Antrobus – it's where she married her long-term partner, Tony. The two had been together for 21 years but Tony was sadly diagnosed with mesothelioma, an asbestos-related cancer which causes shortness of breath. He rapidly deteriorated and proposed to Angela at their home. Due to his poor health, he was admitted to Tarporley Hospital on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.



Angela was able to stay in the room next door and the next morning went with a friend to arrange the special marriage licence. Meanwhile, her niece organised the bouquet, something borrowed, something blue and something new - and a bottle of champagne. The couple were married on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> July and the ceremony was attended by Tony's brother and son and Angela's niece and a friend. At Tony's request, Angela called his Catholic priest, who arrived after the ceremony to congratulate the pair. Tony passed away four days later.

A few years later, Angela saw an advert for the hospital and became a day care volunteer for the next four or five years in gratitude for the care that she and Tony had received.

"I really can't thank the hospital enough. Everyone was so **supportive** at an awful time - particularly Julie, a healthcare assistant, and Eileen, a nurse who worked nights. **Tarporley Hospital will always hold a place in my heart** and I'm so grateful for the care and support they provided."



# Ten great reasons to support your local hospital

As you will have seen already, our hospital depends on your help and support. But why should you support us? Here are ten very good reasons:

- 1. The hospital is needed.** Tarporley War Memorial Hospital provides high quality, professional clinical care for local residents. If it closed, people would have to rely on the larger hospitals further away
- 2. 20/20 Vision** The appeal's aim is to build a stronger future for the hospital by upgrading, refurbishing and expanding our infrastructure.
- 3. It's widely used.** A survey showed that 83% of local residents have used the hospital's facilities at some time in the past.
- 4. It relies on local support.** An NHS grant accounts for 30% of the hospital's funding; a further 35% comes from income from our respite facilities. The final 35% has to come from fundraising and donations.
- 5. It's expensive to run.** It costs about £3,500 per day to run the hospital.
- 6. It provides great value.** Our clinics, other healthcare services and respite breaks are delivered with the highest levels of personal care and can make a real difference to people's lives and well-being.
- 7. A small amount could make a big difference.** Did you know that if every local resident gave just £25 a year, the hospital would be able to survive and thrive?
- 8. We're independent.** Although we are partly funded by the NHS, we remain the UK's only independent hospital.
- 9. We want to grow.** With your help, we could provide even more services, so that we become an even more valuable asset to the local community.
- 10. We're local.** We understand your needs and we're here for you. We work closely with other local healthcare professionals to provide a unique level of care to Tarporley and the surrounding villages.

# Fantastic Fundraisers

Over the last few months, you've again provided us with great support through fundraising events and donations – thank you for all your support and generosity. Here are just a few examples of what you've been up to:



**The Magic of Christmas**  
at Tirley Garth

## Community Carol Concert

*This year join us at Tirley Garth for mince pies and mulled wine around the magnificent outdoor Christmas tree followed by a celebration of singing and seasonal entertainment.*

*A one off event, not to be missed!*

Tickets £10 each—Available from I. Swaffield, J Blagg & Sons and Tarporley Hospital.

*Please note that we have limited numbers of tickets available.*

For more information, please contact the Hospital on 01829 732 436 or email—[events@tarporleyhospital.co.uk](mailto:events@tarporleyhospital.co.uk)

Friday 7th December 2018  
6:30p.m. for a 7p.m. start  
Tirley Garth, Mallows Way, Willington, Cheshire, CW6 0RQ

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**Delightful Duo**— The Redmonds continue to provide wonderful support, with two events being held at Tirley Garth recently, raising a great total of **£17,000**.

**Rock on...** A rock and roll night organised by the Eaton Fundraising Team raised **£1,300**.

**A sweeping success** – The Grand National Sweepstake was a huge success. We managed to sell £7,000 worth of tickets generating a profit of £4,800. Congratulations to the winners that were drawn and thank you to everyone that supported us in purchasing a ticket

**Food for thought** – Ian and Liz Lloyd from Leadgate Farm, Huxley, raised **£750** from a garden party at their farm in June and **£250** was raised from a Sunday Dinner in October at Willington Hall. Both events were organised by the Tarporley Rose Croix Chapter.

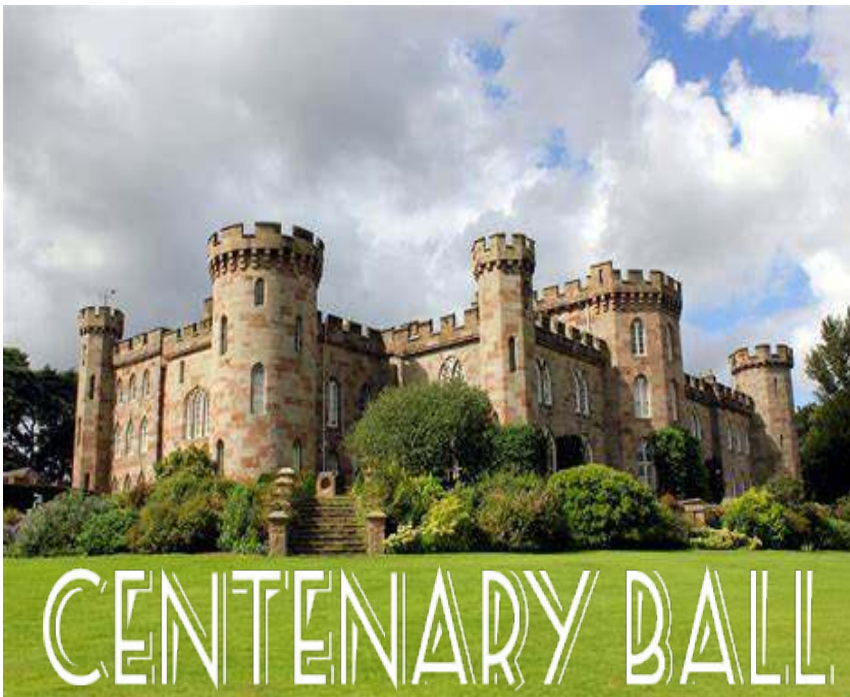
**Golden memories** – In 2012, the Kelsall Family History Group started researching the stories of local men who died in World War 1. This was so successful that they published a book, *'Kelsall Men: Least we forget'*. All 200 copies were sold and the profits went to local charities, including £500 for the hospital. Linda Clarke says: "We thoroughly enjoyed the project and are extremely proud to be able to make this donation to such a deserving cause". The group still meets every month: find out more from [www.kelsall.org](http://www.kelsall.org).



# Forthcoming Events

At Tarporley Hospital, we can only deliver our exceptional services with the support and generosity of the local community and businesses. We rely on fundraising to generate 35% of our annual income, and we can't do that without your support. Every donation, ticket sold and event attended is of value and is appreciated by our trustees, staff, volunteers and patients.

As part of our centenary celebrations, we are holding a number of special events to raise funds to help our hospital to develop so that it can hopefully run for another 100 years.



## MAY

20<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Day at Eaton Golf Club

## JUNE

29<sup>th</sup> CENTENARY BALL in the grounds of Cholmondeley Castle estate

## JULY

20<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bears Picnic at Bunbury

## NOVEMBER

13<sup>th</sup> Anne, Duchess of Westminster's Charity Race Day

The Centenary Ball will be the highlight of our 2019 celebrations. Set in the magnificent grounds of Cholmondeley Castle estate, our beautiful decorated marquee will have the castle as its backdrop. Alongside a fabulous three course dinner we will have a silent and live auction. There will be performances from Belle Voci, Will and Lucy from Pritchard's Dance academy and The Kings who will be the main band for the evening. This really will be an event not to be missed !

**For more details of our events, visit our website:**

[www.tarporleyhospital.co.uk](http://www.tarporleyhospital.co.uk)