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Dear Reader,

It has been a busy and exciting few months for us at Friends.

In November we had a stand at Sight Village the UK's leading exhibition for blind and partially sighted people and for those experiencing sight problems. Thousands of people visited the event to find out first-hand the latest technology, products and support services available.

'We also had a stand at the 'Birdshot Uveitis conference and attended the Charles Bonnet Syndrome Day recently held at Moorfields.



We were fortunate to be selected to receive funding from the Co-op local communities fund and it was great to go along to the local store to say 'Thank You' to the staff team there.



Friends were finalists for the Association of Optometrists 'Charity of the Year' award. This is for the work we are doing in the Health Hub - providing information to patients, peer to peer support, and signposting on to other organisations that can help or support.

We didn't win the award, but lost out to a very worthy winner – 'Second Sight' who, amongst other things, send surgeons to a specific region in India to carry out cataract surgery. Being shortlisted has been great for team morale, we are still proud of ourselves and we all really enjoyed the awards ceremony.



Save the date.....

'Climb the Dome' 2019 will take place on Sun 23rd June. Last year 30 people took part and we raised over £8,500!

More information will be sent nearer the time - but please email moorfields.friends@nhs.net or call 0207 251 1240 to register interest.

MoorPride Launch

MoorPride



**Moorfields LGBT+
Staff & Patients Network**

MoorPride - the trust's LGBT+ staff and patient network, was formally launched on the 9th of November with the unvailing of a portrait of gay rights activist and Consultant Ophthalmologist, Patrick Trevor-Roper.

Friends Volunteer Ciro de Lima knew Patrick personally, and wrote this tribute to him:

"Patrick was a splendid, extraordinary British eye surgeon, author and pioneer gay rights activist. He was also one of the first gay men to 'come out' in the United Kingdom. Born in England in 1916, he studied at Cambridge University and at Westminster Medical School; he was the son of a doctor and a brother of the historian Hugh Trevor-Roper.



As well as being a founder member of the International Academy of Ophthalmology, he was also one of the founders of the Terrence Higgins Trust. Started at the time when the AIDS epidemic appeared in the early 1980s, this leading UK organisation had its first meeting at Patrick's house."

Barnet Blind & Partially Sighted Bowls Club

Loosing your sight can be a big shock, so it's nice to meet people who have similar difficulties, and understand. Barnet Blind and Partially Sighted Bowls Club is a small friendly club who play bowls on Tuesdays and Fridays.



In Winter they play indoors in Friern Barnet; and in the Summer have 'roll ups' in Mill Hill and play away matches at sighted clubs.

Everyone is welcome and you don't need to know how to play. There are helpers on the green and there is spare equipment for you to use. It is a club that support each other and has fun!

If you would like to join as a bowler, or volunteer driver, the club would make you very welcome.

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Project Oriel - Interview with Kieran McDaid



Oriel is the proposal to relocate all services from Moorfields Eye Hospital on City Road and the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology on Bath Street to a new purpose-built facility on a section of land at the site of St Pancras Hospital. This is a joint initiative between Moorfields Eye Hospital, Moorfields Eye Charity and UCL to deliver a leading integrated

eye care, research and education facility. In 2019 Camden CCG will be leading a public consultation on the relocation of hospital services, so patients and the public can have their say on the proposal.

Kieran McDaid is the Director of Capital Estates and Major Projects at Moorfields. He has been in post for around six months now and is responsible for the infrastructure elements of Oriel. He spoke to Friends CEO Angela Smith

Could you tell us more about yourself?

"Previously I worked with University College London Hospital and Imperial College Higher Education, prior

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to that I spent some time with Goldman Sachs. In these organisations I have always been involved with the construction of major projects, working on a number of high value capital projects across the sector.

Oriel has been talked about for some time - could you give us an update and a proposed timeframe?

In the six months since I have been here we have had a number of significant successes with Oriel. It has been talked about for some time, but it is becoming more and more real

The first significant success has been the signing of a land option at St Pancras Hospital. This has allowed us to select a preferred site for the construction of the new hospital, and allows us to start the design process for our new building.

In addition we have recently completed the RIBA Design competition and I am proud to say we have now selected our preferred architect to move the design of the building forward. The architect we have selected is a consortium made up of three firms – a company called AECOM partnered with an architect called Penoyre & Prasad and White Arkitekter from Sweden. This integrated company will now work with us over the next 6 months to produce the outline designs and feasibility studies to enable us to reach the next milestone in the Oriel development.

Pending the results of the CCG-led consultation, this next planned milestone is the submission of our OBC (Outline Business Case) later in 2019. The OBC will be submitted to the Department of Health and we hope to have approval

within three – six months, which would then enable us to move forward to the FBC or Final Business Case.

If our FBC is approved, we should then be ready to start construction; and the build period for a hospital of this scale will take us approx. three years to complete. Therefore we are currently planning on having a facility ready for operational service in 2025/26.

How do you see Friends being involved in Oriel?

The Friends are fantastic advocates of Moorfields and we have worked closely around various fundraising challenges and various feedback forums for the planning of our new facility.

So one of the key issues that we will need help with is gathering feedback from our patients, members of staff and the public on what works well at City Road and what works less well; what we can learn from this building and what we can improve upon. So there are a number of surveys that we will be taking over the next 12 – 18 months



Friends fund Supine YAG Laser for Moorfields

Through our grants programme, Friends has recently purchased a Supine YAG laser for Moorfields. The laser will be used in the Richard Desmond Children's Eye Centre. Costing £89,000, it is a highly specialist piece of equipment that provides laser treatments under general anaesthetic for patients who are unable to sit upright and/or comply with the requirement to be still in order to safely perform procedures in clinics.

Young children, adults with impaired cognitive function, patients with limited mobility and patients with involuntary eye movement disorders, including nystagmus, will particularly benefit from the new equipment.

Dr Yusrah Shweikh, glaucoma fellow, wrote the successful application said "This new supine YAG laser has expanded the services we are now able to offer to our patients in-house. I want to say a huge thank you to the Friends and to everyone who has donated and raised money."

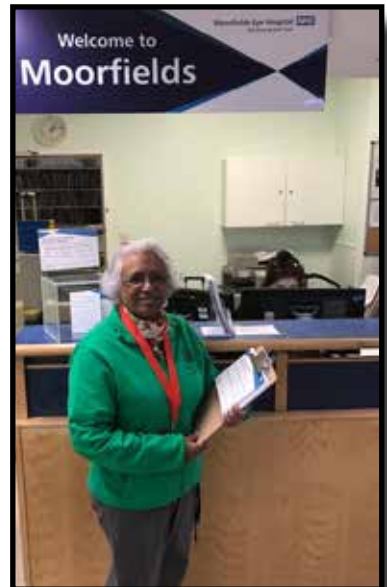


Volunteering at Moorfields

Zena and Harry both retired recently and now volunteer for Friends at Moorfields Eye Clinic Ealing. Harry was a patient at Moorfields and was very happy with the care he received. Zena was a member of staff at Ealing Eye Clinic for 38 years! Both said that they wanted to use their newly found spare time to give something back to the community.

Zena told us that previously she worked 'behind the scene' at Moorfields, but volunteering has put her in direct contact with patients and this has made "a world of difference" to her. "Being a volunteer has made me aware of the issues people with sight problems face on a daily basis, especially the children. I see the immense effort made for the little ones, not only the families involved but also Moorfields staff who make their time at appointments as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

I love the interaction with both the patients and staff. There are challenges faced occasionally but my work as a volunteer is rewarding!"



Harry said he also really enjoys helping patients and supporting the team at Moorfields.

"Once a week I volunteer at Moorfields Ealing where I help out with the administrative work e.g. sending out appointment letters and giving out feedback forms. In addition, I also assist patients if they need any help e.g. with directions or using the self-service check in machines."



Val Giddings, Clinic Manager at Moorfields Ealing said "I just want to thank you all and in particular Caroline for all of her hard working arranging for Ealing to have volunteer support at Ealing. We have continually struggled to meet our targets with the Friends and Family feedback cards. I am very happy to say that this past month with volunteers' help we have managed for the first time in a very long time reached and exceeded by a small margin our requirement quantity. I cannot tell you how happy this has made us and I also cannot thank Harry and Zena enough for their lovely friendly manner they extend to our staff and patients alike.

If you can spare a few hours per week to join the team of volunteers at Moorfields Ealing, please call us on 020 7251 1240 or email moorfields.friends@nhs.net.

How to identify our nursing and support staff

Nurses at Moorfields have new uniforms!



Director of nursing
and deputy director of nursing



Head



Matron



Infection control team



Nurse consultant



Sister and charge nurse



Senior staff nurse



Staff nurse



Resuscitation team



Registered research nurse



Unregistered

Moorfields Eye Hospital



NHS Foundation Trust



...d of nursing

The new uniforms showcase the wide range of nursing and support staff roles at the trust through a spectrum of different colours and styles.



Practice development team



Advanced nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist



Senior health care assistant and ophthalmic technician



Health care assistant and ophthalmic technician



research nurse



Paediatric staff nurse



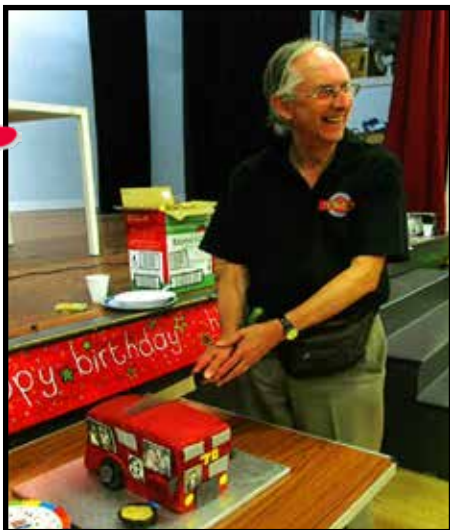
Paediatric senior staff nurse



Paediatric sister

Thank You!

We would like to say a special thank you to Eric Ayers for his generous donation to Friends. His wife and family threw him a surprise 70th birthday party and in lieu of gifts, donations were requested for Eric's charity of choice. Thank you to all who donated!



Thank you to everyone who knits beautiful items for our Shop - they are all really appreciated! This lovely cardigan is modelled by one day old Monty!

Lots of local shops and pubs have Friends collection boxes - thank you to Sewell's Florist for having a box.



DRAW MADE BY
David Probert
Chief Executive, Moorfields.



PRIZE WINNERS: FEBRUARY 2019
AVAILABLE POT : £400

1ST PRIZE: token No 78
£240.

2ND PRIZE: token No 61
£100

3RD PRIZE: token No 92
£60

The next draw takes place at the end of May 2019, so newcomers please send in your applications. The annual fee (covering entry to four quarterly draws) is £20.00, of which 50% goes to funds and the remainder to the prize pot.

The Peacock Lottery is a fundraiser and is entirely separate from membership of the Friends itself. You can be part of either!



I would like a **PEACOCK LOTTERY** lucky number please!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

☐ PLEASE TICK THIS BOX IF THIS IS A BRAND NEW APPLICATION OR

☐ PLEASE TICK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE RENEWING

Please send with your cheque for £20.00 (payable to Friends of Moorfields) to
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