

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024



## GOLF DAY



**On Friday the 17th of May, Love Musgrove hosted our very first charity golf day at the beautiful Cricket St. Thomas Golf Club.**

We could not be any prouder of the success of the day, raising over an astonishing £4,000 for the Children's Ward. The money raised will play a part in renovating the outside play area in the outpatient's waiting area.

The format of the day consisted of a Texas Scramble competition, with no handicap in place. This meant that we had a number of very competitive teams battling it out to be our very first charity golf day winners. 10 teams in total registered to play, donating £250 to enter four players. We witnessed some amazing golf, with all of the top three teams coming in below par. A team of doctors from Yeovil District Hospital finished 3rd with a very respectable 61, putting them 7 under par for the day. Second place were a team who play their golf in Taunton, captained by Dan Barnes who works the mail room at Musgrove, who put up an amazing 8 under par performance (60). In First place were uncatchable as they logged a score of an incredible

15 under par, going round with 53 shots! Congratulations to the team from the accountancy firm Albert Goodman, who thoroughly deserved their win.

Throughout the day, in the glorious sunshine donations came in thick and fast through our Nearest to the pin, Longest Drive competitions and the raffle we hosted in our evening presentation. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated a prize and to those who participated in the raffle.

We also would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who gave up their valuable time to help us with the competitions and the half way house that was located on the 9th hole. A huge thank you also to Thatchers for donating 42 bottles of Gold and Zero to keep our players hydrated on a very hot day.

A final, huge thanks to Nevada construction for being our main sponsors for the day. Donating £1000 towards the cost of the day.

Plans are already in place for the 2025 Golf day, so please keep your eyes peeled for any updates. If you would like to know more, please contact us at [Lovemusgrove@somersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:Lovemusgrove@somersetFT.nhs.uk)

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# DEAR SUPPORTERS

**April marked the first year of the merger of the two Trusts in Somerset to create Somerset Foundation Trust and with it the new identity of the Charity family of Somerset NHS Charity, Love Musgrove, and Yeovil Hospital Charity.**



It has been a busy year and a year in which I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our supporters, both in their fundraising endeavours and donations through gifts, legacies, and participation in fundraising events.

Thank you all for your support, it makes a huge difference to the work of my colleagues and the services we can give the people of Somerset and adjoining counties.

With very best wishes and our thanks for your continuing support.

Best Wishes

**Graham Hughes**

Non-Executive Director and Chair of Charity

# Marion Evered

## FUND

The day raised  
**£1,100**

**We want to share a wonderful story of an incredible group of supporters who go by the name of the Marion Evered Trust, who are huge supporters of Love Musgrove and the Children's Ward.**

The Trust started in 1974 and was formed by the incredibly generous Arthur and Pauline Barrow. The couple had a very young daughter called Tracy, who was very sadly diagnosed with Leukaemia. The family spent a great deal of time in the Children's Cancer Ward, where Tracy received her Chemotherapy. During this time they witnessed many other young children receiving the same treatment, some who fully recovered, some sadly didn't. Tracy unfortunately passed away late in 1972.



After the couple had time to grieve and recover from their unimaginable loss, they made a vow to raise as much money as they could possibly raise for young children in the community. 50 years later and the trust has raised over £260,000, funding a number of projects in the ward.



On Sunday 12th of May, the trust hosted a tractor run. The event started in Triscombe house in Bagborough and looked like an amazing day! The weather was certainly on side, and everyone looked like they really enjoyed it. Through ticket prices, donations and supporters purchasing food and drink, the day raised over £1,100.

We want to take this time to thank Arthur, Pauline and all their wonderful supporters.



# Charity of the year partnerships

This year we have had great success in forming Charity of the Year partnerships with local Companies, groups and stores.



We are so fortunate to work with so many wonderful people in our community, with the ability to gain both 3, 4 and 12 month partnerships.

We want to thank HippyChick, PFK Francis Clark and Platinum Skies Retirement properties for the support they have shown so far, both being a few months into the respective partnerships. With some great ideas and some exciting plans.

We also want to take the time to say a huge thanks to Taunton Solicitors, Tesco in Taunton, Vivary Lodge and Manor Court Primary School for the support they have all shown in the previous months.

If you belong to a group, or a company that is looking to sponsor a charity through these partnerships, please contact us at [Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk)



## Cycle 42

Iain Crabtree, Ken Seal and the wonderful team of organisers they have recruited cant wait to hold the annual Cycle 42 Event on the 8th of September.

The event originally started back in 2017 but was for a different charity at the time. Ken and Iain originally decided to start Cycle 42 because both Ken and his wife both had treatment at the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital. The event had 60 people registered.

The next year, in 2018 Ken and Iain decided to donate the proceeds in a 50/50 split between Yeovil Hospital Charity and the Beacon Centre. Iain was quoted as saying 'Investing in the local community, is a more effective way to make a difference'. Iain also has a personal story as to why he has such a passion to fundraise, his daughter was also treated for cancer since setting up this event. Ken, during his treatment said that he was blown away by the care he and his wife received. Saying 'it felt like we had a private hospital treatment. 'Time and effort costs nothing but can make a world of difference' was a quote he used to paint a picture of his time with the Beacon Centre.

Since 2018, the event has continued to grow from strength to strength and is an incredibly smooth day. What

started as a friends and family event has quickly grown into an event that can host over 100 people, with people donating through raffles, registration fees and JustGiving pages.

The event started as a 42 mile event, with just one route. 7 years later, they now have a 25, 42 and 62 mile route and are even considering adding in a Marathon and Half Marathon route for those who want to run.

In the 6 years the event has been supporting the Breast Care Appeal and The Beacon Centre, Iain, Kenn and everyone involved have raised an outstanding £25,189. A truly remarkable effort, inspired by a wonderful story. We can't wait to see how much is raised this year!

If you would like to take part next year, the event will be held on Sunday 8th of September 2024. For more information please email us at [Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk) or register at our sister charities website, Yeovil at [www.yeovilhospitalcharity.org.uk/events/](http://www.yeovilhospitalcharity.org.uk/events/)

# Angie Merrick

**We want to say a huge thank you to Angie Merrick, who recently hosted her annual race nice at the beautiful Merry Monk pub in Taunton.**

On the 12th of April Angie, her staff and her wonderful family hosted the race night a year on from her first to remember her late husband Mike and it was as successful as ever. The night raised an outstanding £4,311 for Fielding Ward, where Mike was cared for so well. The money raised will be funding wheelchairs for patients in the ward. A great legacy for a great man.

Those who follow us closely may remember the Merry Monk, Angie and her incredible family from our Facebook posts, newsletters, and an article in the local



news about her previous fundraising. **Over the last couple of years Angie has raised and donated over a very generous £11,000!**

We want to thank Angie for her tireless work over the last two years and congratulate her for raising such an incredible amount of money.

## Five dials

**Continuing the theme of beautiful pubs and passionate fundraisers, we move onto the Five Dials in Broadway.**

We want to share the wonderful story of Sarah and her amazing team who have raised over an incredible £3,000 in the last 13 months.

Sarah's fundraising journey started in December when she decided to tackle two runs on the same day. Taking on both the Chard 10K and the Lyme Lunge. By doing this she raised over and outstanding £1,000.

Sarah clearly got the taste for fundraising because as the new year rolled around, she really kicked into gear hosting another two events at her pub in just four months. The first of

the events was hosted in January and raised £775 in one night.

Next up for Sarah and the Five Dials was the first (of hopefully many) Bingo nights that they hosted. The Bingo night took place in late March, and raised the highest amount to date, raising and donating £1,260!

We want to thank Sarah and her wonderful team for all of the hard work, fundraising and events they have hosted. We also want to say a huge thank you to her for donating a £100 voucher for the pub to our recent charity golf day.



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

# Royal Garden Party

On the 21st of May, our very own Community Fundraiser and his wonderful fiancé India were fortunate enough to be invited to and attend a Royal Garden Party at none other than Buckingham Palace.



The invite was sent by the Duchess of Edinburgh, who we are proud to have as our Royal Patron. She unfortunately was not in attendance on the day, there were many others of the royal family who were meeting and greeting the 8,000 guests. Including the future King, Prince William.

Max and India had the chance to walk around the iconic grounds. The couple said they absolutely loved the experience, were able to have a lovely chat with Princess Eugenie but did get very, very wet!



## John Forsyth

One of our more active supporters, Jon Forsyth, decided to make the challenge of the London Marathon his own. Instead of taking to the streets of the big city, he brought the challenge to Somerset... with a twist!

Having secured a place for the Virtual London Marathon, Jon took his 26.2 miles to Glastonbury, where he went up, down and around Glastonbury Tor an impressive 23 times!

Jon used the challenge to raise money in support of his wife who is receiving treatment at our breast care unit at Musgrove Hospital.

**Thank you Jon** – an incredible achievement which will make tangible impact on the people of Somerset.

## Lisa Marie-Taylor

### NIP AROUND THE LAKE

One exciting story to share is that of Lisa Marie-Taylor and the wonderful people at LEW Techniques.

At the end of last month, Lisa, Kirstie, colleagues, friends, and family all tackled an incredible 9 mile walk around Wimbleball lake to raise £2792.50 for the Beacon and Breast Care Centre.



In 2021 Lisa was treated in the Beacon Centre and is now thankfully on the road to recovery. In speaking to Lisa it was very clear that she was very appreciative of the care that she received and that she wanted to do all she could to be in a position to give back to the Hospital. She had the

following to say:

'My treatment took place through covid, and I wasn't allowed any family or friends in hospital with me, so the amazing staff from both of these departments kept me company. I'll never be able to repay their kindness, and I'm so thankful that they chose that profession to work in, and that they were there to take care of me. In fact they are still taking care of me with my ongoing treatment.'

She also went on to say:

'Having these amazing facilities on our doorstep is not something to take for granted, none of us know when we or someone we know may need to be cared for. I would like to raise money for this charity to help give something back for all they have done for me and so others can benefit in the future.'



# Fire Walk

Are you brave enough to walk on fire to raise funds for your local NHS. Join us on 25th September 2024 at Bridgwater Community Hospital for an adrenaline fuelled night.



Those walking will need to arrive at 6:00pm for a safety lesson and the walk will take place at 7:30.

To secure your place, registration fees will be £25 per person and you will be required to raise £100.

**We hope you all are as excited we are!**

For more information please contact [Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:Lovemusgrove@SomersetFT.nhs.uk) and to sign up, please follow the link provided [www.lovemusgrove.org.uk/?event=charity-firewalk](http://www.lovemusgrove.org.uk/?event=charity-firewalk)

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Some of the projects we have funded, THANKS TO YOU

Live music workshops on the wards, new equipment in the Beacon Centre, a vehicle to transport chemotherapy drugs to Williton Hospital, an operating table to assist with robotic surgery, books for the bereavement team to support children following the death of a parent or sibling, clear plastic boxes to safely store patients' belongings during surgery, research to reduce post-natal depression and much, much more!

**We rely on the generosity of people to help develop and fund services across the Trust for Musgrove and all our Community Hospitals and a large part of this comes from legacies or gifts people leave us in their Will.**

Last year, we received an incredible £472,930 from legacies which includes £104,734 for the Beacon Centre to support items such as equipment, £14,333 was given to our 25th Anniversary Fund to support projects across the Trust such as Garden projects and various items of equipment. Over £300,000 was left to our Cardiology Department.

Gifts in Wills can make a real difference to patients and for generations to come.

If you would like more information about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact [Zoe.Steer@SomersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:Zoe.Steer@SomersetFT.nhs.uk)

### Gifts in Wills

# your gift for future generations



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In Order to GiftAid your donation you must tick the box below

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