

EMEF Newsletter



Nationwide Building Society - A massive thanks!

Nationwide Building Society have advised that the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund are a winning charity for the Sussex & Surrey Area as voted for by their customers in branch.

A huge thank you for voting for us which has given a much needed boost for our Fund.



Under the microscope

Ear, nose & throat team receive generous donation

Epsom Medical Equipment Fund and the Leatherhead Lions Club joined forces once again, this time to purchase a new £6,000 microscope for the ear, nose and throat (ENT) service at Epsom Hospital.

The fundraising partnership has already made several generous donations to Epsom Hospital during the last year, and their latest purchase is already proving another welcome addition. Consultant ENT surgeon Mr Peter Robb explained: "Thanks to the generosity of the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund and the Leatherhead Lions, we now have two diagnostic microscopes to use in our busy ENT clinics."

"Between 25-30% of our outpatient appointments involve using a diagnostic microscope to examine patients' ears – that adds up to quite a few people! We are able to perform a number of minor outpatient procedures in our clinics, such as wax removal, treatment of infection, removal of foreign bodies from the ear canal and detailed examination of the ear drum – all of which will be made much easier thanks to the addition of a second microscope.

"This new microscope will also help us reduce clinic waiting times, as we will be able to run two microscopy treatment rooms in every ENT clinic, which is fantastic news for our patients. We are very grateful to Bess and all at the Fund, and of course to the Leatherhead Lions Club, for this wonderful donation."

Epsom Medical Equipment Fund co-ordinator Bess Harding MBE was joined by Leatherhead Lions mascot Roary to present the new microscope to the ENT team, which also gave Roary the perfect opportunity to have his own ears checked. Bess said: "It was a real pleasure to present Mr Robb and the team with their new microscope. A big thank you to President Mike Hallam and all at the Leatherhead Lions Club for their continued support. Thanks also to Roary for joining us for the big occasion – I am relieved to say he was given a clean bill of health!"

Mike Hallam President of the Leatherhead Lions Club, which donated £3,500 towards the new microscope, said: "The Lions had a very successful Christmas collection, touring the streets with our illuminated float, so we were especially glad to be able to give this sum to the hospital. It is always our intention that money we raise goes to helping people living in the area – being able to support EMEF and Epsom Hospital is an excellent example of how the club can help the local community."

The work of the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund is ongoing – we are currently raising money for a £54,000 ultrasound machine for Epsom Hospital. If you would like to know more about the work of the Fund, including how to make a donation, please visit www.emef.org.uk



Young people rise to the Challenge for EMEF

Young people participating in the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme have partnered with Epsom Medical Equipment Fund to raise money towards the purchase of a new ultrasound scanner for Epsom Hospital.

Eight 16 and 17-year olds came together to spend the day raising money in the Ashley Centre in the heart of Epsom town centre, with a range of posters, artwork and delicious cakes for sale. The fundraisers were also making decorative masks –

each one an original – for children. Epsom Medical Equipment Fund Co-ordinator and founder, Bess Harding MBE, explained: “This is the second year in a row the Fund has been supported by young people taking up The Challenge, and it’s been great to have their help!

“The Somerfield team set themselves a target of raising £300 on the day, and they certainly gave it their all to get there! Business was booming, with many shoppers stopping to admire the team’s handiwork, make purchases, and to find out more about the fundraising drive.”

As their time at the Ashley Centre drew to a close, the excitement was running high – collection boxes were filling up, passing the £100 and £200 milestones. But had they met their target? The team fell just short of their target, raising a total of £281.66. Bess said: “Although the team fell just short of the target they set themselves, they made an absolutely stellar effort and should be proud of their hard work. The money they have made will help make a real difference to patients at Epsom Hospital.

Team Perham - A second group of young people participating in the NCS will be raising money for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund in the Ashley Centre on Saturday 27 August. Bess said: “I am delighted that we have another group signed up to help this year, and look forward to spending the day with them, raising as much money as possible. I hope even more young people rise to the challenge next year!”

“Thank you to everyone involved, and I hope more young people rise to the challenge next year!”

Founded in 1979, Epsom Medical Equipment Fund has raised over £4 million for the purchase of equipment for Epsom Hospital. The Fund’s current major project is raising money for a new £54,000 ultrasound scanner. If you would like to know more, including how to make a donation, please visit www.emef.org.uk



BT MyDonate

Did you know that many "giving sites" charge a commission for their services? This means less money donated to the charity concerned which is not what the donor intended. Epsom Medical Equipment fund have now signed up to BT MyDonate as our online donation platform and making a #biggerdifference. Last month £5,168.692 was raised by charities through BT MyDonate. If commission had been charged this would have amounted to £258,434 less if they had charged 5% commission. If you wish to make an online donation, details are on our website under the Giving Page. Please visit www.emef.org.uk

Charity Car Boot Sales supported by AutoTest

Our next Charity Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday, 7th August at Epsom General Hospital. Cars £10, Small Vans, 4WD and MPVC £12, larger vans from £15. Trailers £3 extra. Sellers 7:30 a.m., Buyers 9 a.m. Hardstanding, toilets on site. Please note parking for our Car Boot Sales has changed and will be in the car park the opposite side of the actual Boot Sale. Please follow the signs. Paul our Caterer will be missing this week taking a well earned rest but will be back for the next sale.

Charity Dinner

Our next charity fundraising dinner will be on Wednesday, 28th September at 7 p.m. Details of venue to be confirmed and advised.