

# Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust

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## GETT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

The cold days and plentiful snow that defined last year's winter was nothing like the winter that we are now just emerging from. Those of us who are fortunate to have good colour vision are enjoying a feast of colour as all the plants, birds (and even butterflies!) announce the early arrival of Spring; and we've been treated to many blue skies too .... wonderful!

GETT have been busy, considering and now approving our financial support for the development of the ophthalmic out-patient area at Cheltenham General Hospital, and for the recently recommissioned Diabetic Eye Screening Programme. Please come to our Coffee Morning to hear more about those. We have recently offered part-funding for two new Hess Screens, one for Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and one for Cheltenham General Hospital. With GETT's financial help the optometry and orthoptic dept have been able to replace their old and battered equipment with some state-of-the-art versions made by Thomson Software Solutions. The new equipment will not only replace the old versions, but will enhance the clinical and record-keeping capabilities. Needless to say that none of this would be possible without your donations. We value every pound donated but sizeable donations, such as those received from the Cadbury Trust and the Charles Irving Trust, and bequests allow us to provide larger scale support. So please consider us if you are able.

Steve Guilford, Chair GETT



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We invite you to the Dorothy Fasey

## Coffee Morning

Emmanuel Church, Fairfield Parade,  
Leckhampton, GL53 7NT

Saturday 13 April 2019

10am - 12 noon

We are really looking forward to seeing you on 13 April at our coffee morning.

If any of you would be able to bring a gift for our raffle that would be very much appreciated. If however you are unable to attend but could still offer us a gift please contact Gemma and she will arrange to collect it from you.  
Thank you.



### Rob Johnston Fund:

Total to date: £6,300. We are still receiving kind donations in memory of Rob Johnston, Consultant Ophthalmologist. These contributions are from grateful patients, staff and all those who Rob had touched.

Again, a big thank you to the Eye Secretaries at Cheltenham General Hospital for baking and holding a Christmas Cake Sale again in December 2018 raising £138.

# Forest of Dean Easter Event

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## Andria Smith – Forest of Dean Easter Event

Please spread the word and support Andria  
who helps many charities and GETT  
continually.



Saturday  
13 April 2019

Sixteen Community Café,  
16 Bank Street, Coleford  
GL16 8BA

Gnome Hunt  
11am - 3pm

Prize Bingo 4pm - 8pm

## Equipment Purchases

# Funding approval for both Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals – New Orthoptic HESS Screen and Analyser Chart

**We have approved funding of £5,000 to aid the purchase of two new computerised HESS/BV analysers for Cheltenham General and Gloucester Royal Hospitals.**

GETT will be helping to purchase these essential instruments for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals. The current equipment is over 20 years old and is difficult to maintain. HESS screens are used in the investigation of simple and complex ocular motility disorders, monitoring changes and informing diagnosis. This innovative upgrade will be used for assessing eye movements with red/green dissociation glasses (rather than a mirror and pointer system currently used) and will enable staff to view, save, plot, back up, print and retrieve patient information for referrals, saving precious staff time. In addition to a variety of analytical tools to help form a diagnosis, the replacement HESS screen can plot single vision and is capable of measuring torsion. These important functions help determine how debilitating double vision is for patients and if surgical measures are indicated.

We are delighted to help patients and staff upgrade to electronic motility testing to improve speed and accuracy, reduce appointment times and provide overall improved services.



## Fundraising for GETT

# Exciting Proposals for Cheltenham General Hospital Ophthalmology Out Patients Department!

Professor Andrew McNaught will be presenting plans at our annual coffee morning.

For those unable to attend, we will be featuring and updating you all on our Autumn Newsletter.

## Gemma and Andria walk across hot coals to raise funds for GETT!

Our Administrator, Gemma and fund-raiser Andria will complete a fire walk in the Forest of Dean on the 21 September 2019. This is an adrenaline-fuelled challenge is like no other and will put their courage to the test as they hotfoot it across 20 feet of embers burning up to an incredible 1236°F.

They will be able to support each other during the individual walks, but if you want to help them put their best foot forward please help by sponsoring them. There are many ways:

On the internet:

Go to [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com), search for Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust and click through to our page.

In the post

At the bank

Please see back page for further information and reference GEFIRE



## GETT Tote Bags on Sale

£3.00 per bag or £5.00 for 2 bags! (plus £1 postage for single bags and £1.50 postage for 2 bags.)

We are selling Tote Canvas Shopping Bags! Our useful and strong bags can be used for shopping and everyday use. This is perfect way for local people across the county to see our logo!

*Courtesy of our 'Chief Fundraiser' Andria Smith and The Renishaw Group for their continued support!*



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# Please Support Us

## Ways to Donate

There are several ways you can support us and raise vital funds for equipment and research. Here are a few examples, but please contact us if you need any more information, call us today on:

07761 268010

### Gift Aid *giftaid it*

Gift Aid is an easy and effective way to maximise the value of your donation to GETT. Your donations could be worth an **extra 25%** without it costing you more.

### Donate online



Visit our web site, [www.eyetherapy.org](http://www.eyetherapy.org) and click through to our Virgin Money Giving Page.



Sign up to EasyFundraising to turn shopping points into cash for GETT. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

### By Post



To donate by post, please make cheques payable to Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust and send to the address below.

### At the bank



If you would like to update your annual subscription, set up a standing order or make a one-off donation, you can go into your local branch and use our banking information. Please advise Gemma [admin@eyetherapy.org](mailto:admin@eyetherapy.org) so we can thank you, keep our records up to date and remain in contact.  
Sort Code: 30-91-87 Account No: 04351549

## Fundraising & Events

In order to continue our valuable work, we need your support. Without you we simply wouldn't exist. There are several ways you can help, and in doing so, you too can help preserve the vision of the Gloucestershire community.

### Fundraising

Throughout the year we run several events, such as coffee mornings, open days at the hospital, awareness raising events etc, but as individuals you might be able to help too. Organising an event is a great way to raise funds for the equipment purchases and research we fund. If you are interested in planning a fundraising event for GETT, it can be anything from a coffee morning, quiz evening or charity dinner party, then we would love to hear from you.

### Personal Sporting Challenges

We are also interested in finding individuals who might like to set themselves a personal challenge, such as participation in a running or cycling event in aid of GETT or something more extreme such as a trek or parachute jump.

We also have a link with Virgin Money Giving on our website [www.eyetherapy.org](http://www.eyetherapy.org) so we can support you with a fundraising page.



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## To Become a Friend

By becoming a friend you will be joining other people county wide raising money for the Trust and you will receive:

- A twice yearly newsletter.
- An invitation to special events such as open days at the hospital to meet staff and see the latest equipment you have helped to buy.
- Invitations to fund raising days.

To become a friend the annual subscription is £5 (minimum).

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