

# Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust

Looking after the vision of your community

Charity Number: 1100501



## GETT NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017

### Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter.

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer months, and dodged the showers! During this period Gemma has had a busy time visiting those community optometry practices who are using the tonometers which were funded by GETT. Each of these instruments now displays GETT stickers, front and back, and each of those practices now displays our newsletters for patients to read. In addition the practices have one of our collecting tins on display so that grateful patients and other members of the public can make donations to GETT.

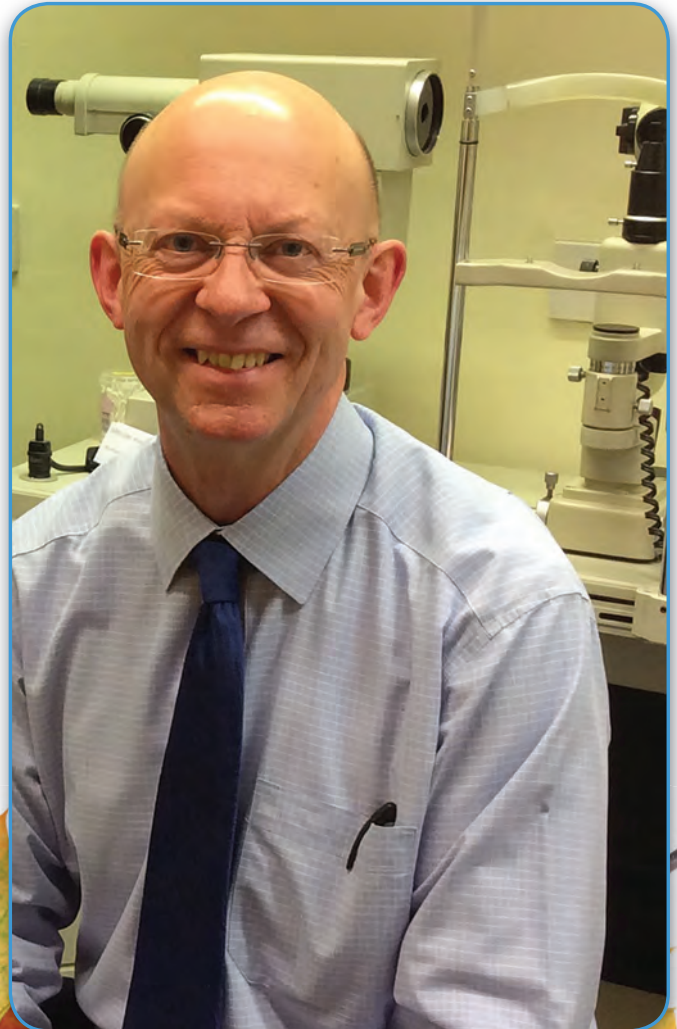
Gemma, accompanied by Andrea Smith, very kindly staffed a stand at the Bicknor Summer Fete where they enlightened everyone about GETT's activities and fundraising requirements.

Thanks to Gemma our Facebook page is now up and running. This form of communication is new to our charity and is likely to become popular. More information about GETT will appear on Facebook over the coming months. If you use Facebook, please support us by following us and sharing our upcoming posts.

Preparations are taking place for our annual Dorothy Fasey Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st April 2018. Details of this event are included inside this newsletter. **PLEASE NOTE:** We have changed the date of the Coffee Morning to the spring to avoid the Christmas rush.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in April.

**Steve Guilford**, Chairman



## Fundraising / Upcoming Events

# Collection Collecting Volunteers Required

The optometrists who are using our recently purchased GAT tonometers are promoting our charity to raise funds for us via collection boxes. Gemma has delivered collection boxes to those Optometrists.



Every few months we will require a volunteer to visit each of the optometric practices, to recover the collection boxes and to issue a replacement one. We are looking for supporters of our charity to act as volunteers and to work with Gemma in processing this task.

It seems appropriate for each volunteer to cover a certain area of the county; for example volunteers might cover areas such as Winchcombe, Stroud, Cirencester, Forest of Dean and south Gloucestershire. Please would you be kind enough to contact Gemma if you think that you could provide a service like this to our charity. We are looking for volunteers in Winchcombe.



## Upcoming Events for your Diary



### Sister Fasey Coffee Morning 2018

**You are all invited to attend our annual Dorothy Fasey coffee morning on Saturday 21st April 2018 from 10am-12 noon at Emmanuel Church Hall.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have changed the date of the Coffee Morning to the spring to avoid the Christmas rush.

Donations of cakes and good quality prizes for our wonderful raffle would be very welcome, as always. Please let me know if you would like me to come and collect.

This is our opportunity to thank our friends for their loyal support over the years. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Sister Fasey Coffee Morning 2016

2016 saw another successful coffee morning. We raised £1,500 and our inaugural cake stalls were a sell-out success. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Irving Trust and Cadbury Foundation for their generous donations.

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## Coffee Morning

**Saturday 21st April 2018 10am - 12 noon**

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Please contact Gemma,  
Administrator for  
further information



Contact the Elderly organises free, monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties for people aged 75 or over who live alone. If you are an older person who would like to try a tea party, or if you know someone who would benefit from coming along, then we would love to hear from you. Contact Emma McPhilbin (Emma.McPhilbin@contact-the-elderly.org.uk) or Miranda Buckle (miranda.buckle@glos.nhs.uk) for more information, or visit <http://contact-the-elderly.org.uk>

## Fundraising

# £940 10k Autumn Assault – Prof. Andrew McNaught & Family

On Sunday 17th September 2017 Prof. Andrew McNaught and family made their way to Cirencester Park to take part in the '10K Cirencester Athletics Club Autumn Assault' to raise funds for GETT.

The family covered the gruelling 10km run through the Gloucestershire countryside, courtesy of The Bathurst Estate. The team had fun whilst they ran and/or jogged the course. Well done Tom for completing it in under 40 minutes, and Laura who also came in under the hour! The weather favoured the team and thankfully stayed dry and mild.

To the McNaught Family and all those who donated, THANK YOU. We hope you all enjoyed being part of the GETT team! Thank so much for your

help and a special mention to Katie McNaught who organised the team with GETT t-shirts.

The Trustees are really grateful to Andy and his family for putting so much effort into this fundraising event, on the day and in training for several weeks beforehand, and we are delighted that they have secured £940 of sponsorship!

Please show your appreciation to Andy and his family by donating to this fundraising.



## Thank you . . .

We would also like to thank Heidelberg Engineering for supporting a recent event in September. Our Trustees like to keep aware of innovative and new engineering coming to market, whilst always considering future eye services throughout the county.

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## GETT Tote Bags on Sale Soon

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

We will soon be 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!

Stocks are limited! With only a few months until Christmas, our Shopping Bags make a perfect gift for a friend or as a stocking filler! Please pre-order to Gemma (please see page 4 for contact information)

*Courtesy of our 'Chief Fundraiser' Andrea 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

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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.



### By Post

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

## 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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## 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 £3 (minimum).

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