

Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust

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GETT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

As we prepare this newsletter we are very much looking forward to spring, after what has been a colder winter than usual. We particularly think about those people who have visual disability, for whom the snow and ice will have provided an even greater challenge.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone at our Dorothy Fasey Coffee Morning on 21 April. We are delighted that the Cheltenham MP, Alex Chalk, and the Cheltenham Mayor, Cllr Klara Sudbury, have both accepted our invitation to attend. We will also be joined by Prof Peter Scanlon, Consultant Ophthalmologist at Gloucestershire Hospitals, and he will be giving us a talk about his experience in China where he advises on matters of ophthalmic healthcare. We are very much looking forward to his talk. In addition we hope to be joined by Alison Gore; Alison has been very hard at work, fundraising for our charity by running a half marathon in London and we are most grateful for her efforts (please read more about Alison inside this Newsletter).

After many years serving GETT Charles Hartley has now decided to retire. Charles was a founding Trustee in 2003 and has been helping GETT with his knowledge, skills and dedication since then. We are most grateful to Charles and wish him well in his retirement. We now have a vacancy for a new Trustee and are very keen to appoint someone to act as Treasurer. If you know of anyone who might be willing to help us in this way we would be very pleased to hear from them.

We look forward to seeing you all on 21 April when, we hope, it will not be snowing!

Steve Guilford, Chairman



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Saturday 21st April 2018

10am - 12 noon

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As we go to print our four volunteers are going out and about across the county collecting donations from each of the optical practices who are fundraising for us. Each of these practices has one of our collecting tins and they are raising money for us by donations from their grateful patients.

Our thanks go to all of the optical practices who are supporting us, and to our excellent volunteers.

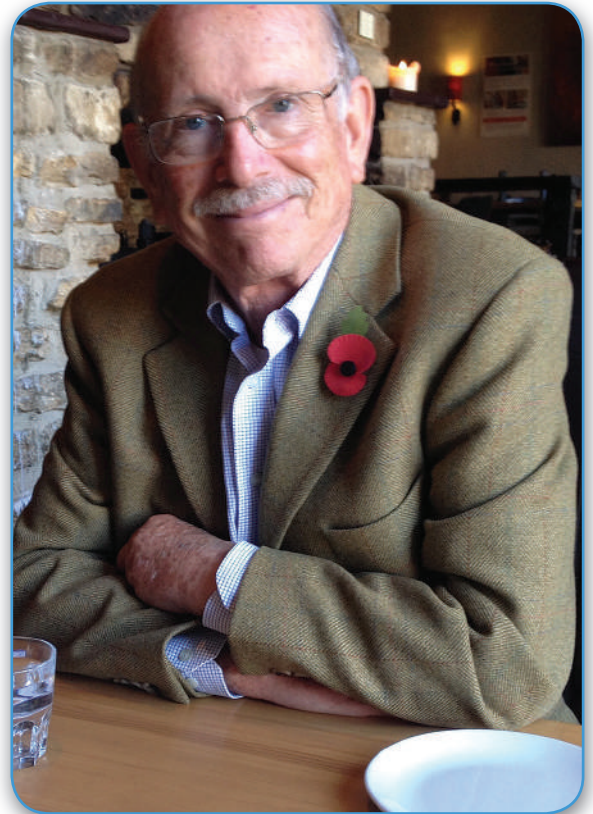
Mr Charles Hartley

Charles Hartley retires as GETT Trustee

One of the founding Trustees of the Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Trust, Mr Charles Hartley, has decided to retire.

GETT was established on 23rd September 2003, and was created by merging two previous charities: Cheltenham and North Cotswolds Eye Therapy Trust and the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital Eye Surgery Fund Charity. Charles had served as Trustee for the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital Charity. The Trustees of GETT very much enjoyed Charles' company and his significant contribution, including a spell as Chairman. His knowledge, experience and dedication to the task was invaluable to us all

Over many years and funded by everyone's kind donations Charles has worked with his fellow Trustees to support Gloucestershire's clinicians, enabling them to provide higher standards of eye care than would otherwise have been possible. Thank you for all your help and input Charles, and we wish you all the very best in your retirement.



Upcoming Events for your Diary

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GETT CAKE SALE!

After last year's sell out success, will be having our cake stall again this year. A big thank you to the all the Eye Department staff who donated their delicious bakes!

If you would like to donate cakes for 21st April 2018, we would be very grateful, please speak with Gemma or bring your donation along on the day (please label if contain nuts).

Thank you!

Clear your reading lists!

GETT BOOK SALE!

This year we will be having a book sale at our Coffee Morning. You will be able to acquire high quality books in return for a donation to GETT. Many thanks.

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>

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Fundraising for GETT

Alison of ABSOLUTE BEAUTY Salon ran The London Big Half - Half Marathon raising over £750 for GETT!

On Sunday 4th March 2018 Alison Gore of Absolute Beauty (Cheltenham) ran the London Big Half Marathon to raise funds for GETT. Alison has raised over £750 and still rising! Thank you very much Alison and all donors. Despite it being her wedding anniversary she was pounding the streets of London, starting at Tower Bridge and running across the City to Cutty Sark at Greenwich.

The team at Absolute Beauty (10 Prestbury Road, 01242 579600 absolutebeauty.co.uk@gmail.com) have been actively fundraising in the community, and nationally, for many years. They do not just complete physical feats of endurance but also hold pamper parties and many other events for causes such as Cobalt Health.

We are really pleased and grateful that Alison has chosen to support GETT in this way. Our thanks go to her and also to her clients who are sponsoring her and donating to GETT!

In our future Newsletters we will inform everyone about how much

she raised and what the funds will be spent on.

Please consider sponsoring Alison

There are three ways:

- Virgin Money – <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlisonGore1>
- Direct donation to GETT – please post to Gemma and mark as reference 'AB'.
- If you are due for some pampering or know someone who is, you can also donate in the salon. You might want to give Absolute Beauty a try if you haven't already!



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' 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 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.

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 so we can support you with a fundraising page.



Trustees

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- Professor Andrew I McNaught MD FRCOphth

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- Consultant Advisor Mr R. Caesar

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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