

Upcoming events:

- Saturday 18th June Childrens photographer event at Hospice Shop
- Saturday 16th July Eddlewood Bowling Club International Triples Tournament
- Saturday 20th August Fun Charity day at Playsport

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New Chairman appointed for Kilbryde Hospice

Following the sad loss of our Chairman and Founder, Tony McGuinness, earlier this year, the Kilbryde Hospice Board of Directors have now appointed a new Chairman to lead the organisation through the next phase of its development.

Dennis Gallagher, who has been a director for over six years, has taken on the role of Chairman, with Gordon McHugh, a long time supporter, fundraiser and director for the Hospice, becoming Vice-Chairman.

Dennis, a local businessman who has lived in South Lanarkshire for most of his life, said 'I am privileged to take on the role of Chairman for such a worthy local cause. This is a huge year for Kilbryde Hospice, as we progress



towards starting the build of our new Hospice.'

'We are now entering the second phase of our development, progressing from a charity appeal raising money for the construction of a hospice building, to an organisation that will be responsible for the provision of palliative care services from a new hospice in South Lanarkshire.'

'In a phased development, we will transfer and enhance the services currently provided from our Day Hospice at the

Red Deer Centre to our new Hospice facility and introduce in-patient palliative care services in a new six bedded unit.'

Our sincere thanks go to the people of South Lanarkshire who have provided the support and the funds over the last 10 years to allow us to now move forward on the construction process and we look forward to engaging with many more residents and businesses within South Lanarkshire as we step up our fundraising to provide an increased level of free palliative care support from our new hospice.'

I look forward to the challenge of leading Kilbryde Hospice forward, creating a new hospice facility in South Lanarkshire and ensuring our founding chairman's dream becomes a reality.'

New media floor opens at shop



Kilbryde Hospice shop new media floor

As part of our promotional day at the main shop in East Kilbride Shopping Centre on Saturday 14th May, we were delighted to finally open our new media floor upstairs in our main shop.

The new floor provides us with the ideal space to showcase the high quality range of books, videos, DVDs, vinyl and computer games we have donated to the store.

As well as having a wide range of excellent bargains, the new floor also offers a quiet haven for a peaceful break from a days shopping, by providing a relaxed seating area to browse our high quality goods.

A big thank you to the many local residents and businesses that all donated goods and support for our event.

And a special thank you to our

celebrities that joined us on the day to help highlight the Kilbryde Hospice cause, including Suzie McGuire from Clyde 1 for hosting the event, Michelle Mone, for donating prizes and keeping the customers chatting, and Carrie Mac, who kept us all entertained with her latest songs.

A big thank you to Tinto Tapas for providing such excellent food for our customers on the day.



Text Donations straight to Kilbryde



A new text donations service has been launched between Just Giving and Vodafone, giving charities the opportunity to use accept donations by text for free, and with 100% of the donation

coming straight to the charity.

To donate straight to Kilbryde Hospice just text:

HOSP44 £3

to

70070

Every penny will go straight to the fund to make our new hospice a reality. And with building due to start later this year there really is no better time to give your support!

Thank you

Kilbryde Hospice volunteer gets award!



Our very own Phyllis Robertson was named runner up in the Volunteer of the Year VASLan awards that took place on Wednesday (June 1) at Chatelherault, marking the beginning of Volunteers Week.

Phyllis, who has been volunteering at the Kilbryde Hospice drop-in centre since 2008, was presented with her award by Provost Russell Clearie.

Katrina Murray, from NHS Lanarkshire, nominated Phyllis. Katrina said: "Phyllis started out as a general helper in the day hospice where she welcomed patients.

"She then started the Arts and

Crafts group within the Hospice which makes cards, calendars and other general artistic activities.

This is a group for both volunteers and patients and it has been created as a therapeutic activity.

"Phyllis has always been keen to try something new in the hospice with the intention of benefiting the patients. The crafts group was Phyllis's idea and she was instrumental in getting finance to get the equipment the group required to begin with. She has banked the money from the group and continually will source new equipment for the group. She will give knitting lessons to patients - and also to me on a number of occasions!

"She automatically puts patients at ease and makes

them feel welcome. But probably more important, knows when it is appropriate to have a laugh with patients and when someone needs it to be a bit more sombre. Quite frankly she is a star and without her the unit would not be the same."

Commenting on the awards, chairman of VASLan, Ian Barcroft said: "For all the people who give their time freely and willingly throughout the year...this awards ceremony is a celebration and a thank you.

"In every walk of life there are people who stand out. Today is that opportunity to recognise our outstanding individuals and groups who give of their time and are truly extraordinary volunteers."

The directors and staff of Kilbryde Hospice would also like to pass on their congratulations to Phyllis. Well done!

Local cousins support Hospice

Cousins Carol Tennyson and Hugh Gavin from East Kilbride wanted to give something back to the charities that helped them get through cancer. And thanks to a hugely successful fundraising event the pair have been able to donate £1,900 to Kilbryde Hospice and £1,900 to Macmillan Cancer Support.

While they were suffering from

kidney cancer both Hugh and Carol attended the Kilbryde Hospice drop-in at the Red Deer Centre.

It was natural to them to recognise the hard work that the staff and volunteers do by contributing half of what they raised to the hospice appeal.



Donna Hegarty, of Kilbryde Hospice, said: "Hugh and Carol were so energetic and enthusiastic about their event. We are very happy with their contribution - it's fantastic."

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The objective of Kilbryde Hospice is to raise sufficient funds by voluntary donation to establish a Hospice for the people of South Lanarkshire and beyond.

The first stage of this was the opening of the Day Hospice Drop-in Centre within the Red Deer Centre in East Kilbride, however we are now on track to start building the new Hospice. The fundraising efforts that have taken place over the last 10 years to establish the new hospice now need to be increased to furnish the new building and introduce more care services.

Day Hospice No: 01355 593484

Main Shop No: 01355 571477

Kilbryde Hospice Fundraising Challenges

The month of June has seen several team challenges take place, all fundraising for Kilbryde Hospice. First up was the team below from RBS, completing 23 miles of the most rugged sections of the West Highland Way in 12 hours on the 10th June. The event, organised by RBS, with the team "take a hike" looking

to raise money for the hospice in memory of a team members sister who sadly lost her fight to breast cancer in April. To support this worthy cause you can donate directly or to find out more just go to

www.greathighlandhike.com/teams/1114

Then from the 19th to 22nd June, Team Nelson take on the Lands End to John O'Groat's Cycle Relay. You can find out more about Team Nelson at

www.justgiving.com/Michael-Nelson-End2End-challenge

And next, we have a team walking the El Camino De Santiago, a 180 mile old pilgrimage route in Spain, for the hospice.

A big thank you to all these participants. We hope your events go well.

If you would like to get involved in an activity challenge for Kilbryde Hospice please get in touch. We are keen to plan some more activity events for the coming year so look out for more information.

