

Barham & Kingston Group
League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital
AGM Report May 2026.

The group is made up of 6 committee members with 2 or 3 helpers.

We plan 4 events each year with very little additional commitment & would welcome new members from the local community to join us.

We raise money locally to purchase items for use by patients & hospital staff. At some point, many of us & our families will use the NHS facilities in Canterbury. The Minor Injuries Department waiting time may be as little as 15 minutes, unlike William Harvey Hospital or Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital.

In the last year we have held our usual events:

The Spring Coffee Morning at 74 The Street in Kingston, raising £170.

Our very successful Autumn Jumble Sale at Barham Village Hall raised over £300.

The Christmas Coffee Morning at Barham Village Hall raised almost £300.

In February this year our Jumble Sale at Barham Village Hall raised £290.

From this, we donated £250 towards the Surface Guided Radiotherapy Appeal. This piece of equipment, costing £800,000 is used to improve the treatment of cancer patients undergoing radiotherapy. The fund is already over half way to the total. A large legacy helped to kick start the fund.

Funds are also raised from the collection of postage stamps which are sold at auction. **Please leave ¼ inch around the stamp, otherwise they are of no use. Thank you.**

The Duck Race along the Nailbourne raised £1,400.

The sale of books left over from our jumble sales also brings in money.
Thank you to the Risby family.

Items bought for the hospital vary from things providing comfort for patients or relatives to expensive medical apparatus. Examples – Chairs for visitors on the wards; Physiotherapy equipment; Surgical instruments for

orthopaedic procedures. Our group contribute all or part of the cost to a variety of request, from our funds.

Our next event will be our Spring Coffee Morning & AGM at Barham Village Hall on Saturday 13th June 10-12hrs. This event will be in memory of one of our committee members - Jenny Carter, who died earlier this year. Jenny supported the League of Friends for over 30 years & will be sadly missed.

Please get in touch if you would like to join the group. It is a satisfying way of volunteering. We hope to see you on the 13th June.

Liz Gregory

Chair

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