

*February 26th, 2015*

## **League of Friends' AGM**

The 66th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals will be held on Thursday, March 5th, at 2pm, in the Education Centre at South Tyneside District Hospital.

The League is one of the oldest NHS voluntary groups in the country and continuously fundraises to buy medical equipment and provide extra comforts for South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust patients, with much of the money coming from the shop at South Tyneside District Hospital, which it runs.

League of Friends Chairman Maureen Young said: "We are all unpaid volunteers and the loyalty of our members, who tirelessly give up their time, in all weathers, to keep the shop open, has to be commended. We had a bumper year in 2014, raising funds in excess of £59,000 and committing a further £26,000, with most departments benefiting in some way. At Christmas, we gave out more than £2,000 so that each patient had a card and a present to open on Christmas morning."

Copies of the League's 66th Annual Report are available free from the shop, which is situated in the main entrance of the District Hospital. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM.  
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