

*The League of Friends of the Paignton
and District Hospital 1948-1981*



It has been suggested that a small publication on the work of the League of friends since its inception, would be appropriate.

I hope this booklet will be of interest.

The work of the League is only made possible by the generosity of the people of Paignton, through Legacies, Donations and fund raising efforts.

Now more than ever we think our work is essential and in thanking you for your past support, I most sincerely hope you will continue to help us in the future.

DERRICK BRAD
(Chairman)

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Paignton Hospital was built and endowed by Sir Mortimer Singer and Mr. W. M. Singer of Oldway around 1900 and during the period from then until 1948 it had not only been maintained but also enlarged by voluntary effort.

In 1948 the hospitals were nationalised but a few of the then governing body were determined that voluntary support of the hospital was not to cease.

Thus it was that the League of Friends came to be formed and as far as we know PAIGNTON was the first League in the South West.

Since, under the inspired chairmanship of the late Mr. F. L. Green, followed by the late Mr. R. T. Letcher, M.B.E., the League has gone from strength to strength, but at the same time it should be remembered that had it not been for the work and enthusiasm of those gentlemen and others, there would be no hospital in Paignton today, let alone one of the present size and standing.

In just over 30 years the League has handed over something in the region of

£225.000

The following gives you some idea of how the money has been spent.

In the earlier days the OLD SCHOOL HOUSE and the then LABOUR EXCHANGE was purchased for £6,700. CROFT GARDEN which is now the swimming pool area was purchased for £3,250. £1,250 was paid for land now used for car parking at the side of the Geriatric Ward.

1959 THE OUTPATIENTS DEPARTMENT — £13,744 donated towards the cost.



Casualty Department

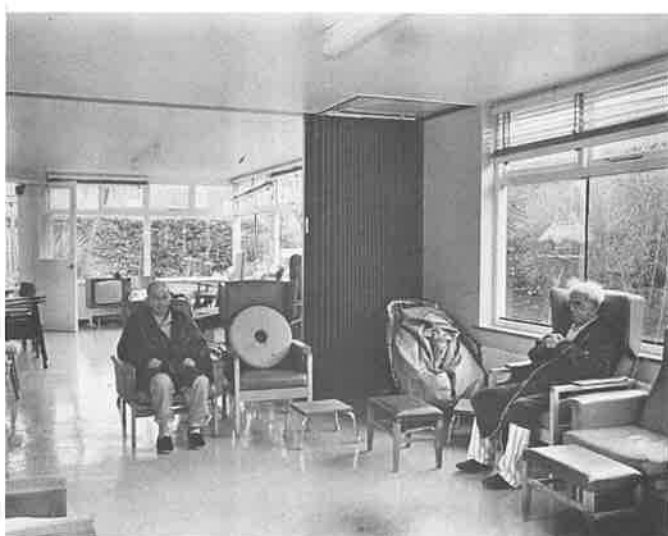


Casualty Waiting Room

1964 DAY ROOM EXTENSIONS to each of the main wards — £2,500



Ward Day Room Exterior



Male and Female Day Room

1966 THE NURSES HOME IN CHURCH STREET — Purchased by the League for £4,375.

A further £2,767 spent on modernisation, repair and furniture.



Nurses Home Sitting Room

1968 STAFF SWIMMING POOL given by the League at a cost of £4,320.

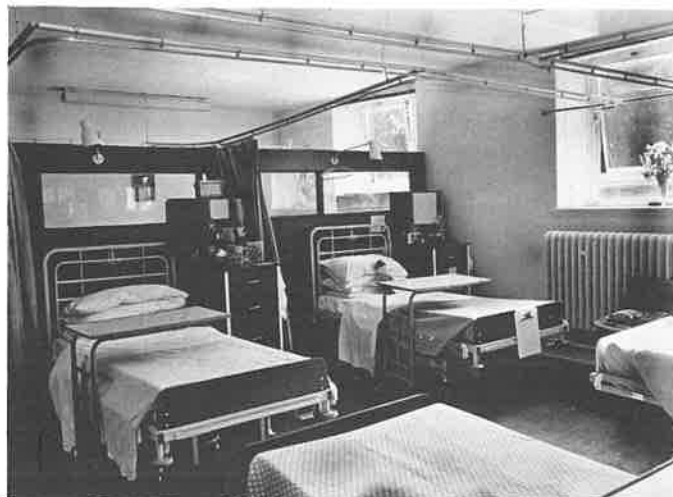


Swimming Pool and Changing Rooms



Nurses Home

1970 THE GERIATRIC WARD — £13,750 given by the League towards the cost.



Geriatric Ward



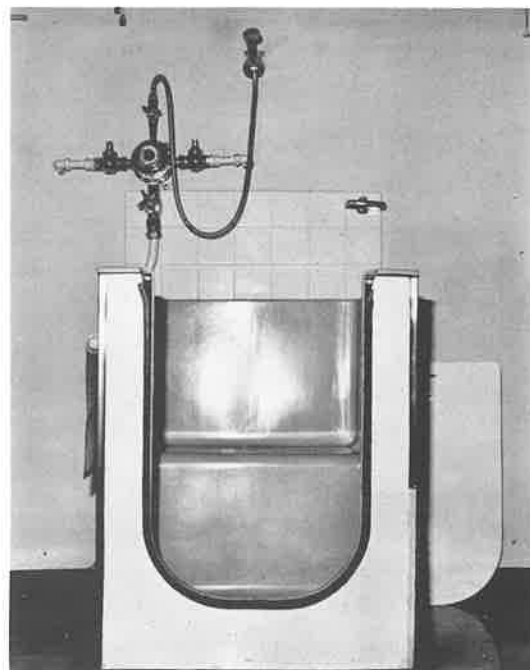
Geriatric Ward Day Room

1972 THE MATERNITY WARD —
£18,000 given by the League towards
the cost.



Maternity Clinic

1973 One of the baths in the
SANITARY ANNEXE — a contribution
of just over £9,000 towards the cost.



Sit down bath

1974 **KINGS ASH DAY ROOM** at a cost of £1,100.



Male Day Room, Kings Ash Hospital

1978 STAFF REST ROOMS AND SOCIAL HALL built by the League at a cost of £30,000.



Recreation Hall — Interior

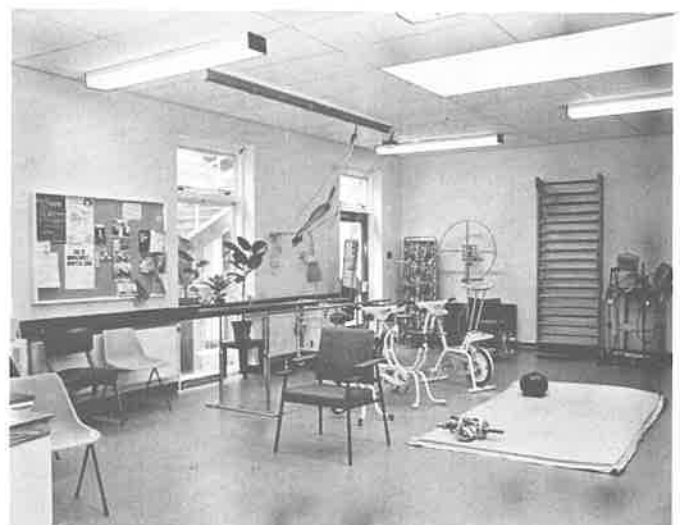


Recreation Hall

1980 The new PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT costing £69,000. The League's contribution—£31,000.



A physiotherapy class



Physiotherapy Room

Over the years the League has given to the Hospital numerous items of furniture and medical equipment . . .

£15.921

was spent during 1980 alone, for the following items, to name just a few:

20 Kings Fund Beds now throughout the Geriatric Ward and some in other wards costing £6,771.

A piece of equipment for use by the Consultants known as a SIGMOIDASCOPE, costing £5,189.

A number of combined Bedside Lockers/Wardrobes, costing £1,725.

New Curtains surrounding each of the beds in Cavell Ward and many other things.

In addition, we have an ANNUAL commitment to provide certain amenities including newspapers, telephones, television rentals, Christmas extras. This is in the region of £1,500.

We have other projects in mind, please help us to advance still further by giving a DONATION, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (min. 25p) or including the League in YOUR WILL.

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