

Long service Chairman of The League of Friends of Teddington Hospital.

Mrs Pamela Bryant, MBE became the first Chairman of The League of Friends of Teddington Memorial Hospital in 1981. Before that she was Vice Chairman of a combined League of Friends.



She has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of the League. For more than 30 years, she has spearheaded campaigns to raise funds for a huge programme of improvements to the Hospital amounting to roughly £8 million which has been used to update and provide new buildings and to purchase new equipment.

In 1989 a new 22-bed wing was named “The Pamela Bryant General Practitioner Unit”, in recognition that she had rescued it from closure in 1983. It has since been renamed “The Pamela Bryant Ward”. This is just one example of the outstanding contribution she has made personally in supporting the Hospital. It also demonstrates the great success of the various fund raising appeals which she has organised to allow the hospital to be modernised and improved.

In 1992 Pamela was awarded the MBE for services to the Community and in 1994 the Rotary Club of Teddington & the Hamptons awarded her the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship.

In 1993 Pamela was appointed a non-Executive Director of the new Teddington Memorial Hospital NHS Trust by the Secretary of State and the North West Thames Regional Health Authority, and remained a Non-Executive Director through successive Trusts until 2006 when she stood down to concentrate fully on the League’s work at Teddington Memorial Hospital.

Pamela has been a President of the Teddington, Hampton and Parkfields (450Q) Division of St John Ambulance since 1999, and in 2009 Her Majesty the Queen sanctioned her admission as a Serving Sister in the Order of St John.

Pamela has supplied not only many facts and figures, but also strong support, for the writing of “The Story of Teddington Memorial Hospital” as she has an extensive collection of interesting memorabilia.

**Ron Lee** (Former Chief Executive and Finance Director of Teddington Memorial Hospital Community Trust which was formed in 1993) says:

**“During more than two decades working in the NHS, I rarely, if ever, came across anyone more dedicated and devoted to a particular cause than Pamela whose name has become synonymous with Teddington Memorial Hospital.**

At a time when Teddington, in common with many smaller hospitals across Britain, faced closure against a background of financial pressures, it was Pamela who led successfully the fight to keep the hospital open. Later, her leadership and determination, in particular, ensured that the country’s smallest NHS Trust was established at Teddington. From that point, the hospital never looked back”.

**Pamela Bryant** says:

“We will listen to the community’s concerns and play our part in retaining a strong respected organisation able to act in the best interests of Teddington Memorial Hospital and the community it serves, both now and in the future. **Your support is our strength**”.