



Royal Surrey Supporter

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News for our partners, members and communities

What's in this month's Royal Surrey Supporter?



[A Royal visit to Royal Surrey's maternity unit](#)

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales made a surprise visit to Royal Surrey Foundation Trust's outstanding-rated maternity unit this month to hear about the hospital's work with pregnant women and new mothers.

Her Royal Highness is passionate about raising awareness of the importance of early childhood experiences and wanted to find out how the maternity team, who were rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission, were supporting this. [Read more on our website.](#)

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In the news



Royal Surrey kicks off Research in the Community programme

Royal Surrey has launched a series of events to make sure voices from minority groups across Surrey have a say in its research activities.

The Royal Surrey Research, Development & Innovation (RD&I) team met with members of Surrey's Syrian, Kurdish, Pakistani and Nigerian communities in Woking in October, as part of its Research in the

Community initiative.

The Research in the Community programme is a partnership between Royal Surrey RD&I and the Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum (SMEF). It is funded by the NIHR Clinical Research Network's Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Space to Lead initiative. It is part of a nation-wide drive to increase research visibility among communities with low levels of engagement in research. [Read more on our website.](#)



More Research Success at the MATTU

Nabeel Merali, a surgical research fellow at the Minimal Access Therapy Training Unit (MATTU), has been awarded a Royal College of Surgeons of England Research Fellowship.

The research Nabeel is carrying out is focussed on the bacteria found in

pancreatic cancer tumours. Nabeel is looking at the types of bacteria present in the tumours of those long-term survivors and comparing them to the types found in short-term survivors. [Read more on our website.](#)



Welcome to cohort 43 of our overseas staff

Although our new overseas staff flew in from India and the Philippines on a chilly Guildford day, they received a very warm Royal Surrey welcome.

They were greeted by Tom White, Director of HR, Maria Chambers, International Resourcing Advisor, Ric Ellis, Resourcing Operations Manager and Venson Nuevas from our Practice Development team. Staff from previous overseas cohorts were also part of the welcoming committee, as well colleagues from Communications and Accommodation.

Our 43rd cohort of overseas staff include two radiographers and 17 nurses. [Read more on our website.](#)



Inspirational gold medallist steers attention to vital breast checks

Life has been far from plain sailing this year for Paralympic rowing cox Erin Kennedy MBE who found out she had breast cancer at the age of 29, just four days before competing in the first World Rowing Cup of the season.

The double World Champion, European Champion and World Record Holder cox for GB's mixed four rowing team is now receiving treatment at Royal Surrey and is keen to raise awareness of the importance of checking your breast for lumps, as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. [Read more on our website.](#)



Dietitians achieve double success awards

Two Royal Surrey specialist dietitians scored double success in the Complete Nutrition (CN) Awards 2022 and enjoyed a celebratory afternoon tea at the awards ceremony last month.

Winning 'Outstanding Achievement of the Year' Mary Phillips, HPB Specialist Dietitian, was recognised for her commitment to patient care and significant contribution to the field of pancreatic nutrition.

Lindsey Allan, Macmillan Oncology Dietitian, won 'CN Writer of the Year' alongside co-authors Dr Alison Culkin and Nick Bergin for an article about dietary management of bowel obstruction. [Read more on our website.](#)



Norwegian students receive big velkommen from Bramshott Ward

Staff on Bramshott elective orthopaedic ward welcomed Astrid and Helene, two third-year students from the University of Stavanger in Norway who joined the ward for a nine-week placement.

Victoria Wilding, Senior Practice Development Sister, said: “As a result of Covid-19, student exchange visits have been paused for a while so it’s really exciting to see the programme start up again.

“We are delighted to have Astrid and Helene join us. I think it’s the first time we have had students from Norway. I know Bramshott Ward staff will give them a very enthusiastic welcome.”

Support our charity



Strutting their stuff: Cancer patients take to the runway

Brave cancer patients strutted their stuff on the catwalk to raise money for charity.

Around 20 cancer patients receiving treatment at Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust took to the runway to raise much-needed funds for the Fountain Centre. The small independent charity is based at our Guildford hospital and supports those living with cancer by offering complementary therapies, counselling, information and support to patients and their families from Surrey and the surrounding areas.

The models showcased the latest collections from Marks and Spencer during the event which took place at The Mandolay Hotel, Guildford, in October.



Surrey Half Marathon 2023 registration is open!

Surrey's largest half marathon promises a high quality racing experience for every level of runner; attracting a perfect mix of new and returning runners back each year.

Register your interest early for one of our charity places in the [Surrey Half Marathon](#) on Sunday 12 March 2023 – we'd love you to join **#TeamRoyalSurrey** and help transform care for people living in South West Surrey and beyond.

To find out more about our up and coming events visit the [Royal Surrey Charity's website](#).

For more information on up-and-coming events or how you can get involved please visit the Royal Surrey Charity website or contact the Fundraising Department: Tel: 01483571122 ext 4438

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