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Pancake race cash will help hospital patients

PROCEEDS from a revived Shrove Tuesday pancake race have been welcomed by a hospital charity.

Northallerton traders and businesses came together last month to compete in a fun race on the town's Applegarth playing fields. The event, which had lapsed for 20 years, was reinstated by gourmet foodstore Lewis & Cooper, with help from Northallerton Town Council.

Today [WED 17] Bettina Bell, Lewis & Cooper general manager, handed over £492.56 to Steve Lamb, chairman of the Friends of the Friarage Hospital.

The money will go towards the Friends' contribution to new radiology technology that will assist consultants and clinical staff to view high quality images while reviewing patients' case histories.

The cutting edge PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication System) diagnostic workstation and associated equipment will be installed in a room to be used for multi-disciplinary team meetings at the Friarage and will help ensure patients receive the most appropriate treatment and care promptly.

Bettina Bell said: "As well as being a fun event that was really well supported by the town, it provided a focal point for some great fundraising by individual businesses: I'd particularly like to thank Bags2School, IRS Recruitment and Boyes, who went the extra mile and raised almost £400 between them."

Steve Lamb said: "I'm delighted that Lewis & Cooper have revived the pancake race after so long, and that we were chosen as the first beneficiary."

Here is the full list of organisations which took part:

Consultant radiologist Sheamus Fitzgerald said: "This is a welcome contribution



towards equipment that will benefit our patients, many of whom will just have been diagnosed with cancer. Specialists at The James Cook University Hospital and Friarage Hospital will be able to jointly review and discuss our patients' scans and other investigations simultaneously. This will ensure that each patient receives the best treatment."

The full list of organisations that took part are: Armstrong Watson, Bags2School, Barkers, Belson Homes, Bettys, Boyes, Hambleton Leisure Centre, IRS Recruitment, It's Nut Free, Lewis & Cooper, Maxwells, Mitchell's Newsagents, Morrison's, Northallerton Town Council, Nigel Lightfoot Electricals and The Peppermill.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

* Please find attached a picture showing, from left, Friends of the Friarage Hospital chairman Steve Lamb; Fiona Harker, clinical manager, radiology; Lewis & Cooper general manager Bettina Bell; Louise Campbell, postgraduate medical education manager and Ann Sanson, academic centre manager.

* For press inquiries, please contact Gareth Dant at *maximedia* on 01609 760059 or 07929 869269.

* The Northallerton store is at 92 High Street, telephone 01609 772880; a second, new store is 109 High Street, Yarm, telephone 01642 784158. The Northallerton store is open 8.30-5.30 Monday-Friday, 8am-5.30pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. The Yarm store is open from 9am-5.30pm, Monday-Saturday and 11am-4pm on Sunday.

* Lewis & Cooper stocks more than 35,000 lines, including its multi-award winning hand-made plum puddings, luxury fruit cakes and massive range of world-famous hampers. For more details of these, and of their many awards, please visit www.lewisandcooper.co.uk.

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