



The Hospitallers' Club of Wales

Clwb Hospitalwyr Cymru

Patron: HRH The Duchess of Gloucester GCVO



Who Are We?

The Hospitallers' Club was set up on the 25th March 1965 more or less as a social fellowship for members of the St John Ambulance for Wales.

The Club takes its name and symbol from the Knights Hospitaller of St John, being the religious military order founded in Jerusalem in the 11th Century to care for sick and poor pilgrims.

The Club has branches across Wales and, alongside many members still drawn from the St John Ambulance Brigade (now St John Cymru Wales), it opens its doors to past or present St John members and to anyone sharing its aims who are invited to join one of the branches.



Pictures courtesy St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

What are the aims of the Club?

The Club exists to support the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and selected worthy causes within the branch areas, through social fellowship and other events. Most branches have regular evening meals, accompanied by a speaker and some form of fund raising (such as a raffle) to raise money for these aims. There have also been day trips/mini-breaks as well as larger social functions.



What is the point in joining the Club?

Aside from the social fellowship and the opportunity to dine well in good company while listening to a range of speakers on all sorts of issues, both serious and humorous, membership of the Club brings essential support to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in its vital work on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

What is the St John Eye Hospital?

The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, treating patients regardless of their ethnic background, their religion or their ability to pay.

The flagship hospital is in Jerusalem, with satellite clinics in Gaza, Hebron and Anabta, and the mobile outreach team travels across the West Bank bringing eye care to isolated communities. This work is carried out to the highest international standards and often against very challenging and difficult odds.

In the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the rate of blindness is ten times higher than in the West.



How can I find out more?

To find out where your local branch is and who to contact about joining the Club or attending one of our meetings as a guest, or for any other information, please either refer to our website www.hospitallersclubofwales.com or use the contact details set out below.

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