

**Thursday, 19 March 2009**

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH AT 3.00PM  
TO MEET OUTSIDE THE MATERNITY WARD**

**Corrie's Dev visits Warwick Hospital's maternity unit**

Coronation Street soap star and Baby Lifeline's Vice President Dev from Coronation Street, actor Jimmi Harkishin, will visit Warwick Hospital's maternity unit to donate equipment on behalf of Baby Lifeline.

This equipment was funded by the Kenilworth Round Table who responded to Dame Judi Dench's plea for local maternity support in South Warwickshire.

Maternity and special care baby units nationwide have requested various amounts of equipment from Baby Lifeline to help care for pregnant women and their unborn and newborn babies, totalling approximately £1.6 million.

The equipment will be presented to the midwives and neo natal staff at the maternity unit by round table officials.

Baby Lifeline is now a leading organisation within the UK maternity sector, and works with eminent clinicians, leading authorities including the Healthcare Commission, National patients Safety Agency and Royal Colleges to provide cutting edge for multidisciplinary health professionals and associated lawyers, as well as to provide equipment.

**Baby Lifeline's Founder Judy Ledger said:** 'Organisations such as Kenilworth Round Table are tremendous for the community, with their generous and caring support.

As a long term Kenilworth resident, I am delighted that this Round Table has supported this important appeal, as the first donors in the UK to do so. Others are now following this. Their donation of over £20,000 was a terrific surprise and will help to care for many of the local mums to be and their babies in this area now and in the future.

As a mother of three, and having founded Baby Lifeline after the loss of three babies who were all born prematurely and died shortly after birth, I cannot express enough how dedicated maternity health professionals are and how much donations like this will help their work to care for our mums and babies.'

**Richard Barratt, Chairman, Kenilworth Round Table said:**

'Kenilworth Round Table is always looking for local good causes and when Baby Lifeline approached us with an opportunity to support our local maternity unit we didn't hesitate to give the project our full support.

Knowing that this equipment is going to help save lives really does make us all very proud to be involved and our thanks go to Baby Lifeline for identifying the need.'

**Wendy Jones, Labour Ward Manager at Warwick Hospital** said: 'I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Kenilworth Round Table and welcome the new equipment. This will help us to continue to offer excellent services for patients at Warwick Hospital.'

#### **Notes to editor**

If you would like to attend this photo opportunity or would like more information then please contact Sophie Gilkes on 01926 495 321 ext 4673 or alternatively email [sophie.gilkes@swh.nhs.uk](mailto:sophie.gilkes@swh.nhs.uk)

Clive Skelhon from Baby Lifeline is also available to answer any queries on 02476 422135 [clive@babylifeline.org.uk](mailto:clive@babylifeline.org.uk)

#### **Attendees at the Photo Opportunity:**

- Jimmi Harkishin (Dev from Coronation Street)
- Judy Ledger and Clive Skelhon (Baby Lifeline)
- Staff from Warwick Hospital who work on the Labour Ward and the Special Care Baby Unit
- Representatives from Kenilworth Round Table

Please note that we hope to take some photos on the actual ward however this will depend on how busy the unit is on the actual day.

More information on Baby Lifeline can be found at [www.babylifeline.org.uk](http://www.babylifeline.org.uk)