

### **HISTORICAL FACTSHEET No 3**

#### **Dates in the History of the Hospital and its Founders**

- 1857** 28 June. Robert Jones born in Rhyl, North Wales.
- 1867** 31 December. Agnes Gwendoline Hunt born at Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Shropshire.
- 1891** Agnes Hunt qualifies as a nurse at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.
- 1900** 1 October. Florence House, Baschurch opens as a convalescent home for children, with Agnes Hunt and Emily Goodford as superintendents.
- 1903** Agnes Hunt consults Liverpool orthopaedic surgeon Robert Jones about her painful hip condition.
- 1904** Robert Jones becomes Honorary Surgeon to the Baschurch Home.
- 1916** The Baschurch Home becomes an Auxiliary Military Hospital.
- 1917** Robert Jones receives a knighthood.
- 1918** Official inauguration of the After Care scheme for discharged patients.
- 1918** Agnes Hunt receives the award of the Royal Red Cross.
- 1920** First patients transferred from Baschurch to a new hospital site at Park Hall, near Oswestry.
- 1921** 5 August. Official opening of the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.
- 1926** Agnes Hunt is created a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.
- 1927** Agnes Hunt founds the Derwen Cripples' Training College.
- 1933** 14 January. Sir Robert Jones dies at the age of 75.
- 1933** The Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital is renamed The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.
- 1935** £100,000 Appeal launched to rebuild the hospital and provide an endowment for the Derwen.
- 1939** The hospital is registered under the Ministry of Health Emergency Medical Service to take military patients.
- 1948** 27 January. A fire starting in the dispensary destroys half the hospital.
- 1948** 5 July. The hospital is incorporated into the National Health Service.
- 1948** 24 July. Dame Agnes Hunt dies at the age of 80.
- 1948** September-October. An outbreak of typhoid infection among patients and staff results in 116 clinical cases, including seven deaths.
- 1952** Official opening of four new wards to replace those lost in the fire of 1948.
- 1961** Foundation of the League of Friends.
- 1965** Opening of the Charles Salt Research Centre.
- 1966** Establishment of the Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries.
- 1971** Opening of the Institute of Orthopaedics.
- 1975** Establishment of the Orthotic Research and Locomotor Assessment Unit.
- 1978** Appointment of the first Professor of Orthopaedics based at Oswestry.
- 1987** Official opening of the Centre for Spinal Studies.

- 1991** Completion of the £7 million operating theatres and ward block.
- 1994** 1 April. The hospital becomes a self-governing National Health Service Trust. Its name is changed to The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital NHS Trust.
- 1996** Opening of the Leopold Muller Arthritis Research Centre.
- 2000** 1 October. The hospital celebrates the centenary of its foundation.
- 2001** Official opening of the rebuilt Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries.
- 2005** Opening of a new therapeutic swimming pool, the Pennill Pool, for which the League of Friends raised £1.3 million.
- 2008** Opening of the Musculoskeletal Tumour Unit.
- 2008** Transfer of existing children's diagnostic and research services to the newly-built TORCH Centre, dedicated to the comprehensive assessment of children with mobility problems.
- 2011** 1 August. The hospital becomes a National Health Service Foundation Trust.

Sources

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