

The Rising Mercury (RM) Society was founded in 1950 by a group of ex-patients from Benenden Hospital who had forged strong friendships during the months and sometimes years, when they had been treated for TB. It was apparently a sign of recovery when the mercury was rising in the thermometer, hence the name.

The RM was granted charitable status in 2006, thus enabling anyone who wishes to support the work of Benenden Hospital to join the RM.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us. We issue a newsletter twice a year to our members in January and June, and these contain both updates on developments at the hospital together with news of RM activities and an invitation to our AGM, which is usually held towards the end of April.

The current annual subscription rate of £3.00 per person has been maintained for a number of years. Many of our members generously add donations when renewing their subscriptions, and this, together with our regular fundraising activities has enabled us in recent years to make a donation of up to £20,000 each year to Benenden Hospital Trust. RM donations have been used in the past to purchase specific objects of equipment for the hospital but in recent years the monies have been used primarily for projects that enhance the patient

experience when visiting the hospital rather than medical or surgical equipment.

By joining us today, you help us to provide tangible support to the staff of the hospital who always strive so hard to maintain and improve standards of care to all who pass through its doors.

If you require an acknowledgement of your subscription and donation please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
THE R M SOCIETY**

Your privacy is important to us so we will always keep your details secure. We use your details to send you information about your membership, newsletters, invitations to the AGM and renewal application forms. By completing this form you consent to the RM Society holding and processing your data in order to communicate with you in the ways indicated above. You may withdraw your consent at any time by writing to the Membership Secretary. Your details will be retained until your membership is no longer active or, in respect of gift aid, for seven years after the last claim was processed (in line with HMRC Rules). A full copy of the RM Society's Privacy Policy is available on request.

**THE RM SOCIETY
(Supporters of Benenden Hospital)**

Charity Number 1115715

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Annual basis)
AND GIFT AID DECLARATION**

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS THROUGHOUT

First name(s).....

Surname..... (Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Home Address

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Postcode

Tel.No.

Please complete this form & send it with a cheque payable to The RM Society to:

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TN30 6AR

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PTO for gift aid declaration

I enclose my subscription of £3 and donation of.....

Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address overleaf is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Rising Mercury Society (Supporters of Benenden Hospital)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title.....

First name(s)

Surname.....

Signed.....

Dated.....

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



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**AN INVITATION
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INFORMATION**