

Benefactor's £500k gift to cancer centre

THE identity of a mystery benefactor who donated more than half a million pounds to a cancer centre has been revealed.

The late Doreen Elizabeth Partington of Deganwy, Conwy, gave almost £540,000 to the North Wales Cancer Treatment Centre at Glan Clwyd Hospital in recognition of the treatment she received when she was diagnosed 10 years ago.

Mrs Partington, who died in January and was originally from Lancashire, along with her late husband, Thomas Partington, a retired stockbroker from Manchester, had family and business connections with Llandudno, retiring to Gannock Park.

In her will she left the residue of her estate to be divided between 12 local and national charities, with the largest bequest going to the centre.

John Owen Jones, a retired solicitor and the executor of the couple's will, said: "The couple, who had never had children, wanted to give back to the area that they moved to almost 40 years ago. Mrs Partington was a private, reserved lady



■ Above: The late Mrs Partington
■ Left: Gill Connelly and Rachel Appleton, radiographers and Stevie Boyd of the North Wales Cancer Appeal

who was clearly very grateful for the treatment she had received a decade ago. I'm sure Mrs Partington would be immensely proud of the huge contribution that she and her husband have been able to make to the cancer centre. It's wonderful that so many people will benefit from her extreme generosity."

The gift will help to

fund a new £1.75m linear accelerator, a machine used to deliver radiotherapy. There are fully functioning linear accelerators in centre, and health bosses say the need for another is great.

Cathryn Wood, radiotherapy superintendant, said: "Staff and volunteers here are thrilled that this generous donation will help to speed up

the arrival of a fourth much needed Linear Accelerator. Fundraising is still ongoing, but we hope it will be installed within a year."

The North Wales Cancer Appeal, formerly known as the Ron and Margaret Smith Cancer Appeal, has already raised £950,000 to help fund the Linear Accelerator.