

# **FRIENDS OF STAMFORD HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2008**

Stamford Hospital continues to enjoy a high reputation and strong local support. Local interest in the Hospital is shared by the Town Council through their representative on the Stamford Hospital Advisory committee and we are particularly pleased that the new Town Mayor, Cllr Maureen Jalili, has named the Friends as one of the two charities she will support over the coming year. The Hospital is often in the news, and almost always in a positive light, for example the recent article some of you may have read in "Stamford Living" about the highly valued minor injuries unit.

We continue to attract financial as well as moral support for the Hospital, and we are grateful to all those who help raise funds which come to us from a wide variety of sources. For example a group of anglers, regulars of the Northfield pub, recently donated £640 and we thank them for their hard work and generosity. Also we are grateful to Robert Conboy and all those involved in the concert at the Corn Exchange Theatre by The Pasadena Roof Orchestra for raising £1250 for the Friends. We continue to receive generous donations from a number of organisations, for example the Daniel Lambert Dining Club and the Burghley Estate Trust, and we also receive regular bequests. We are very proud of the volunteers who staff the entrance area of the Out Patient department. They welcome patients arriving, show them where to go and always with a smile, helping dispel the anxieties many have when coming to a Hospital. What is more they sell books on our behalf, and in recent years have raised over £10,000, a lot of books! Thanks also to all who donate books. I understand many return the books once read so that they can be sold again.

With these funds we purchase items for the Hospital which will help improve patient comfort and we are particularly keen to support requests for funds that increase the range of services available. For example this year we have purchased equipment for the very busy dermatology clinic to help the accurate diagnosis of skin cancer, surgical lights for the gynaecology clinic allowing better and more comfortable examinations and a new portable "slit lamp" to enhance the work of the eye clinic and allow patients who otherwise would have had to go to Peterborough to be seen in Stamford. Thus we are helping the Hospital acquire the very latest equipment and to continue to offer a first rate service.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

### **BILL PACKER MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Wednesday 22 October 2008 – 7pm for 7.30pm

#### **“LEONARDO – A GENIUS OR JUST WELL EDUCATION”**

Speaker – Simon Sharp, Director of the Leonardo Centre Uppingham School

To be held in the Dining Room, Stamford Hospital – entrance from Uffington Road  
Entrance free – everyone welcome

### **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Thursday 4 December 2008 7.30pm

To be held in the Dining Room, Stamford Hospital – entrance from Uffington Road  
Teams of 4 people - £12

Contact Kay Hircock to reserve a table – 01780 763333

**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!!**

### **AVONDALE WIND ENSEMBLE**

Concert to be arranged in the spring of 2009

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to meeting you at the above events.

Michael Dronfield - Chairman