

## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

The Hospital remains as busy as ever, with high activity levels. Particularly the outpatient department has increased its number of patients seen considerably in the last year, and the Hospital remains popular with patients and with staff.

Planning for the redevelopment of Stamford Hospital has been interrupted by the opening of the new Peterborough City Hospital, but now that is complete the Trust management is refocusing on Stamford Hospital. The Friends have been included in these discussions, and I will keep you informed of any significant developments. We have been very pleased to see the involvement of local councillors in these discussions as we feel it important that the politicians who represent us are in a good position to articulate the local support for the Hospital. Nick Boles, our new MP, has kindly agreed to meet the Friends committee, when we will take the opportunity of explaining to him the very strong local support for the Hospital.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, the Stamford Hospital Museum opened last August and is well worth a visit. The Friends have donated some funds to support the Museum project, and there is still a lot of archiving work to be done. Many of the old documents are fascinating. If you wish to visit the Museum, or arrange for a group to do so, please contact the Matron, Susan Brookes.

The committee of the Friends remains committed to supporting the Hospital by raising funds for equipment. We anticipate that any redevelopment will lead to additional activity and services, and we plan to develop a fund to support that. We are also very keen to expand our membership

numbers, and membership forms will be available at the AGM for you to pass on to family and friends.

The committee is grateful to you for your continuing support.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20 April 2011, 7.30pm

In the Dining Room, Stamford Hospital (Ryhall Road entrance)

Business Meeting followed by a Medical talk by

Dr Jonathan Roland, DM, FRCP,  
Consultant Physician

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

“DIABETES - A MODERN EPIDEMIC”

Dr Roland has worked as a consultant physician locally since 1986, and one of his main areas of expertise is in the management of diabetes. I can promise a fascinating and interesting lecture, and there will be plenty of time for questions afterwards.

Michael Dronfield

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital