

FRIENDS OF STAMFORD HOSPITAL

Autumn Newsletter 2011

Dear Friends

The Friends remain very active in our work to support Stamford Hospital. One of the great attractions of the Hospital is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and that is due in no small part to the work of our 15 volunteers in the Out Patient department who do so well in welcoming patients. We remain indebted to them for their time and kindness.

We have been alarmed by the temporary closure of the Van Geest ward, and there have been many who fear this closure will become permanent. We have therefore discussed this with the Matron of Stamford Hospital, and with the Chief Operating Officer of the Hospitals' Trust, and I am reassured that the closure has been necessary. Appropriate alterations to the ward are soon to be underway and the ward will reopen soon. We will keep a close eye on the situation.

Your committee has met Nick Boles, our local MP, and had a useful discussion with him. The purpose of this meeting was to explain the importance of Stamford Hospital to the local community, and he was prepared to listen and offered to give support where needed.

We are keen to expand our membership, and enclosed with this newsletter is an application form for new members. Please pass it on to friends or family, and photocopy more forms if you need them. The more members we have, the more powerful our message will be.

Forthcoming events:

BILL PACKER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Thursday 6 October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
in the Large Meeting Room [formerly dining room] at Stamford Hospital

'The Falklands War – Overview of RAF Involvement During and After'
by Patrick (Pat) King CBE FRAeS FIMgt

Pat is an old Stamfordian. He has had an eventful career, including as Station Commander at Wittering from 1981 to 1983 and after that Air Commander in the Falklands. I am sure his talk will be of great interest.

Coffee, tea, juices and biscuits will be served. Entry is free and there is no need to book.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Thursday 8 December, 7 for 7.30pm, Large Meeting Room Stamford Hospital.

Teams of 4. Entry fee £12 per team. Please contact Kay Hircock on 01780 763333 if you wish to enter a team.

This is always a very entertaining and pleasurable evening and we will welcome your support – don't forget your picnic!

With all good wishes,

Michael Dronfield [Chairman]