

Contingency Planning Team Report.

We are pleased with the recent report of the Contingency Planning Team in to the affairs of the Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and particularly that Stamford Hospital should continue to play a key role in the Trust's future. The senior management team has been given a vote of confidence in the report, which is almost certainly much better than the alternative, the appointment of an administrator. The way is now clear for the long promised development of the Stamford site and its services, and for the implementation of the business plan. We hope the time for promises is coming to an end and that we will soon see action, and your committee is giving all the support we can to the Matron and the management.



We continue to raise funds to support the work of Stamford Hospital and we are particularly keen to help fund new initiatives that bring in new services. Our volunteers continue to sell a remarkable number of books and all the proceeds go to the Friends. Please continue to support them by buying and donating books. Also recently we have been the recipients of a very generous bequest. We are looking forward to receiving ideas from the hospital's staff on how these funds would be best spent. Do look at our website [www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk] where you can find some interesting information, not least a very impressive list of items we have funded in recent years

The Hospital remains busy and all the feedback received from surveys indicate how

much patients value the services there. This of course is largely due to the high quality of the Hospital's staff, many of whom have been through a very unsettling time when the future of the Hospital was uncertain. Hopefully that is all behind us. I am sure the Members of the Friends will join me in thanking the dedicated staff of Stamford Hospital for all they do on our behalf.

Forthcoming events;

Bill Packer Memorial Lecture

The 19th Annual Bill Packer Memorial Lecture will take place on Wednesday Nov 20th at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Hall at Stamford Hospital.

The speaker will be Mr Will Phelan BA, MBA. Headmaster of Stamford School.



Will Phelan

Title: “ History and Characters of Stamford School”.

Mr Phelan is now in his third year as Head of Stamford School. He will talk of the research into the many interesting and able people who have worked at the school since its foundation 475 years ago. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

Christmas Quiz:



Our annual quiz will take place on Wednesday Dec 11th at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Hall at Stamford Hospital. As before, the contest will be for teams of 4 and the cost is £12 per team. We promise that the evening will be great fun and light hearted. Do bring drinks and nibbles with you. Please contact Kay Hircock on 01780 763333 or by email [kayhircock@talktalk.net] with details of your team. Early application is encouraged, as there is limited capacity.

We hope to see you at these events. Please continue to support the Friends and encourage people you know to join [details on how to join are on our website or can be obtained from our volunteers at the Hospital].

With best wishes,

Michael Dronfield

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital