



## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2014

Dear Friends,

**Stamford Hospital remains very busy.** The figures show that in 2013 there was a total of 105,233 patient attendances, and this year the figure is likely to be 10% higher. There are many areas that are thriving, not least the minor injuries unit (MIU) where there are rising attendances and a remarkably high patient satisfaction rating. It may be that the opening hours of the MIU will be extended, including into weekends. The John van Geest unit remains busy, providing a most valued inpatient service for local people. Attendances in the out patient department may reach 40,000 this year, and there is a wide range of clinics provided.

The Hospital remains a very popular place to work and continues to attract large numbers of applicants for any vacancies. We are fortunate to have such good staff and the Friends do all we can to support them.

Thanks to the generosity of members of the Friends, to legacies, to book sales and to other donations we continue to raise substantial sums of money to support the Hospital, and we have supported a number of purchases in recent months.. Details of these can be seen on our website. ([friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk](http://friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk)) which also contains other



*Visitors' Room*

information about the Friends. We have also provided funds for a much needed refurbishment of the visitors' room on the Van Geest ward, and this has been greatly appreciated.

The plans for the redevelopment of the Hospital's site are proceeding slowly. All the indications are that these plans will be fulfilled, and we hope to play a significant role by providing funds to support new and innovative services. Hence at present we are limiting our spending and building up a "treasure chest" which will be used as soon as the developments proceed. We will continue to work to raise more funds and we are confident that these will be put to good use.

We are always keen to welcome new members and please encourage friends and family to join. (Details on how to join are available on our website or from the volunteers in the out patient department.)

## Christmas Quiz.

The annual Christmas quiz will take place on Thursday 4 December at 7.30pm in the Stamford Seminar Room (see Bill Packer Lecture below). Please contact Kay Hircock - 01780 763333 or [kayhircock@talktalk.net](mailto:kayhircock@talktalk.net) - to book your place. The Seminar room is slightly smaller than the meeting room so places will have to be limited to 12 tables. Book early to avoid disappointment! Don't forget your picnic.

## Norwich & Peterborough Building Society.

The Friends of Stamford Hospital were one of three charities nominated by the Norwich & Peterborough BS. Customers were asked to vote for the charity of their choice. The Friends were fortunate to come second and received a cheque to the value of £300. We are very grateful to all those who voted for us and to the N & P for nominating us as one of their charities.



## Bill Packer Lecture 2104.



This year's lecture will be held on Tuesday Nov 11th at 7.30pm in the Stamford Seminar Room at Stamford Hospital (note this is a different venue to previous lectures and access will be through the out patient entrance and will be clearly sign posted in the Hospital).

The speaker will be Miranda Rock, Director of Burghley House and one of our Patrons.

The title of her talk will be "Burghley ; The Last 30 years"

I do hope you can come, and bring with you anyone you feel might want to join our charity. No tickets will be issued.

*Michael Dronfield*

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital

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