



## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017

Dear Friends,

I am sure you are all as delighted as I am that the substantial improvements at Stamford Hospital have now been completed. The clinical areas look so much better now and some areas, such as the phlebotomy department, have been transformed.

**There will be an open day at Stamford Hospital on Saturday October 14th from 11am to 3.00pm and everyone is welcome to come. It will be a great opportunity for you to see what changes have been made. Please do visit the Friends' stall.**

The Friends of Stamford Hospital have played a significant part in promoting and encouraging the improvements to the Hospital and it is very clear that the Hospital management listen to what we say and where possible act on it. We have also made substantial donations to help fund innovative and new services. A good example of that is our funding, along with the Burghley Family Trust, of a new bladder scanner to support the urology service, which provides an important part of the service for the whole of the Trust.

One recent Friends' acquisition, the "Grab Bag", has already proved invaluable. The "cardiac arrest team" may be called to a collapsed patient anywhere in the Hospital or the surrounding grounds. The "Grab Bag" contains all the equipment and drugs that might be needed, is easy to transport and is so well designed that the contents can be found very quickly.



**Membership.** We are keen to attract as many members as possible: the more we have the more convincing our views. Do please encourage others to join. There is a simple membership application form that can be downloaded from our website [[www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk)] and it is also available from the volunteers at the Hospital reception.

**Website.** We are currently revamping the website and hope to launch the improved site in the spring.

**Bill Packer Memorial Lecture: This year's lecture will be held on Wednesday 8th November, 2107 at 7.30pm in the Stamford Hospital meeting Hall**



It is entitled “**Burghley: a Working Estate**” and given by **David Pennell, Burghley Estates Director.**

I am delighted that David has agreed to speak at this annual lecture. Some of you may have heard him speak before: I can confidently guarantee it will be most interesting talk, There will be opportunities afterward to ask questions. The Burghley Estate has a very significant impact on the life of Stamford and surrounding areas, and Stamford Hospital was built on land that was originally owned by them.

I hope you will be able to attend. There is no need for tickets but I suggest you get there in good time so as to get a seat.

Do bring family and friends if you wish.

A date for your diary – **Thursday 7 December 2017 – The ever popular Christmas Quiz.**

Teams of four. £12 per team. Book early to avoid disappointment. Bring your own picnic. To reserve a place please call **Kay Hircock on 01780 763333.**



I hope to see as many of you as possible at the forthcoming lecture.

With best wishes,

*Michael Dronfield* Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital