

## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

Dear Friends,

Those of you who have visited Stamford Hospital recently will have been impressed by the refurbishments. The Hospital looks so much better and spacious and many areas, such

as the phlebotomy suite, are now able to offer a much better service. We are very pleased that we have been able to provide funds to many departments so that they can purchase those extra bits of equipment that help make Stamford Hospital such a great place, and we are grateful to you all for your support. There is a comprehensive list of the recent items we have funded on our website [friendsofstanfordhospital.org.uk](http://friendsofstanfordhospital.org.uk)



You may also have noticed the time capsule in the café area, marking the 70th anniversary of the NHS, which was unveiled at a celebration in the summer. The capsule contains artifacts from the last 70 years including a copy of “The Story of Stamford Hospital” which we published recently.

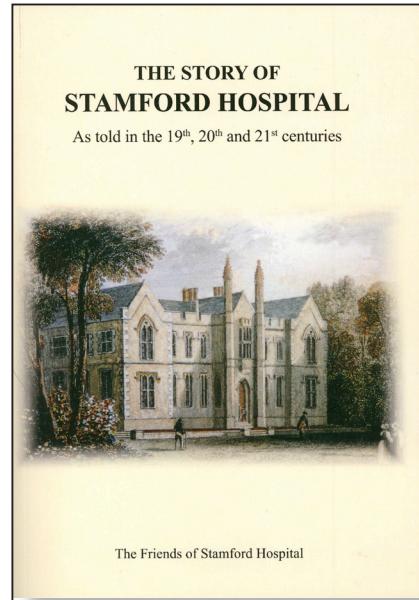
This capsule will be opened in 70 years time, and if you cannot wait that long to see the book, copies are available from the Friends’ desk at the Hospital.

### The future of Stamford Hospital:

There is nothing new to report on this subject. The Hospital Trust fully recognizes the important role the Hospital plays, as is evidenced by considerable investment in recent years. Stamford Hospital remains busy and the level of patient satisfaction is extraordinarily high, largely due to the high quality, committed and kind staff. We continue to articulate to the management the very strong support we all have for the Hospital and we wait with interest to hear of the ideas for the future development of the health care facilities on the Hospital site.

### Van Geest ward “outstanding”:

There was a recent robust review of the quality of care on the van Geest ward looking



at the quality of care, of leadership, of effectiveness and of responsiveness. The result was the top grade possible: it is the first medical ward in the Trust to have achieved this.

## **General Data Protection Regulation May 2018**

This new regulation relating to data came into force in May 2018 and we have created a privacy policy to deal with the data we hold about members. If we could ask you to have a look at the attached document and tell us if there is anything that troubles you about it. If you wish to be deleted from the database please inform the membership secretary on jandvm84@icloud.com or 01780481732

## **BILL PACKER MEMORIAL LECTURE**

I am pleased to invite you to our annual lecture entitled “The ramblings of an NHS farmer” which this year will be delivered by: **STEPHEN GRAVES**. Retiring Chief Executive of the North-West Anglia Health Care Trust.



During Stephen's time as Chief Executive the Trust has seen many changes and developments, not least the merger of the Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals with Hinchinbrook Hospital, a very considerable and complex undertaking. He was named in the Health Service Journal's 2017 list of the country's Top 50 CEOs and throughout his time here he has been a great supporter of Stamford Hospital, recognizing its importance locally and the high quality of care delivered here.

He will talk about his reasons for entering NHS management and reflect on the changes that have happened in the NHS during his career. He is an excellent speaker and I am sure it will be a fascinating evening.

The lecture will take place on:

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7.30 PM**

**VENUE; THE MEETING HALL, STAMFORD HOSPITAL**

I hope to see you there and do bring along family and friends, and particularly those who might become members of the Friends.

*Michael Dronfield*

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital