



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2016

Dear Friends,

**The AGM of the Friends will take place on Thursday April 21st, 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Seminar Room at Stamford Hospital [access through the out patient entrance and follow the signs].

The agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be available on the evening. All members of the Friends are welcome to come and do bring friends or relatives if you wish.

Following the business part of the meeting I am delighted to report that **Mr Sunil Sharma, Consultant Urologist, will give a talk entitled: “BLOOD IN THE URINE”**



Mr Sharma works at Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals, and at Stamford runs a “one stop haematuria [blood in the urine] clinic which allows the rapid assessment of patients with this common and worrying symptom. This is one of the many much valued services offered by the Hospital and promises to be a very interesting talk. Mr Sharma was nominated at a recent awards ceremony held by the Hospital’s Trust as the “Stamford Hospital Hero” on account of his supportiveness, kindness and great sense of humour.

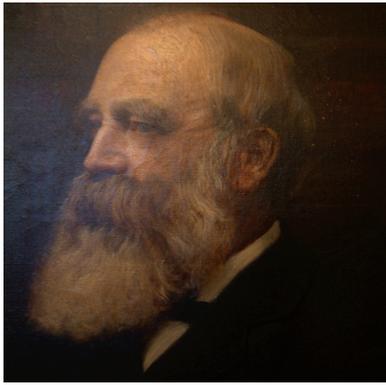
### THE FRIENDS

We are pleased to continue to fund equipment for the Hospital and other items that will improve the patients’ experience. A recent example is the funding of a new ECG machine in the Minor Injuries Unit which allows the staff there to transmit tracings to experts in specialist centres for advice.



We are also taking a close interest in the Hospital’s future and are looking forward to seeing the promised work start in the Out Patient department, Minor Injury Unit and Van Geest ward. We do have funds available to help support these projects. We remain concerned about the future of the Hospital site, particularly if some is sold, and are keen to articulate the views of local people wherever possible. For example we will be interested to know what you think about the possible demolition of the three fever blocks.

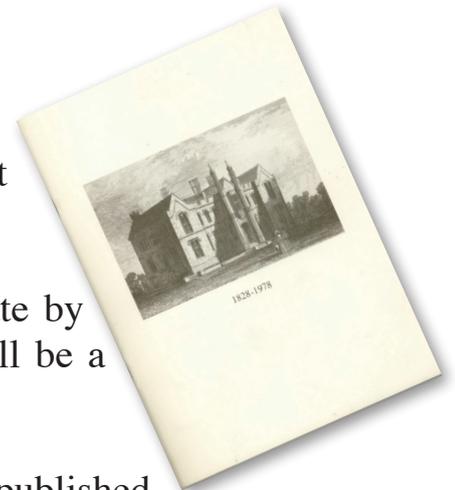
## “The Story of Stamford Hospital: as told in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries”



Dr William Newman, MD, FRCS

This is the title of the new book we will be publishing shortly. It consists of a reproduction of two previous histories of the Hospital with an additional account of the last 40 years. The first history was written in 1879 by William Newman, one of the surgeons at the Hospital at that time. There are few surviving copies of this history. It gives a very interesting account of the early days of the Hospital and of the nature of health care in the 19th century. We feel it important to preserve this account by reproducing it in a book.

The second history was published as a pamphlet in 1978 by the Friends of the Hospital to mark the 150th anniversary of the Hospital. Again few copies remain and it is an important account that should be preserved.



In addition to the above we have brought the story up to date by describing events since 1978. Also included in the book will be a selection from the Hospital’s fascinating archive.



We expect this book will be published soon and we will let you know when that happens. Any profits from sales will go to the Friends to support the Hospital. The main purpose of the book is however to help promote interest in the Hospital and remind people of the great benefit it has given, and continues to give, to Stamford and the local area.

I do hope we will see you at the AGM.

*Michael Dronfield*

[Chairman of the Friends of Stamford Hospital]