

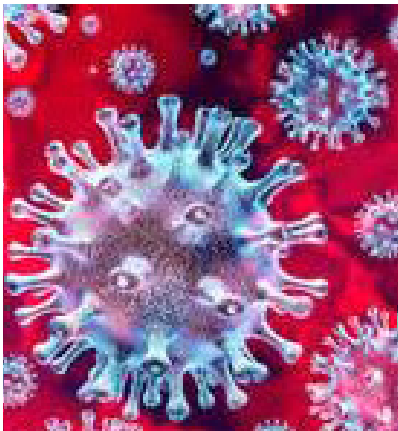


NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Dear Friends,

Annual General Meeting:

We were planning to hold our AGM in late April but the Coronavirus pandemic will prevent this from happening. We will rearrange the meeting for later in the year, hopefully sometime in the summer. We will keep you informed.

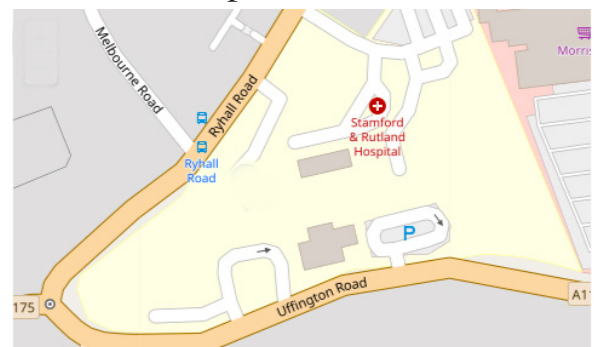


An important part of the AGM is the presentation of our financial report for the last year and this has been prepared. We will post this on our website along with a brief commentary, and I hope you will be able to look at this.

Our website address is ... <http://friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk>. If you have any questions about this report please email us at ... info@friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk

FOSH News: The Hospital Site:

The Trust's plans to sell some of the site have been well publicised and discussed at public meetings. The part of the site for sale has not been used by the Trust for some years: it is derelict and most of it is awaiting demolition. The Trust has no plans in the foreseeable future to use this part of the site. All public bodies with redundant land are under pressure to divest of it, and for the best possible price. It is promised that the revenue from selling this land will be used to further develop services at Stamford Hospital. Your committee has felt that the loss of this land might be regretted in the long term but we do understand the Trust's position and have given our support. We hope that if the sale goes ahead that the land will be used for a purpose related to healthcare.



Grants made:

We have been pleased to receive many requests for equipment and other items from the staff at the Hospital, and you will see details of the grants we have made listed in our annual accounts which will be available on the day of the meeting. The largest grant was for the wall coverings at the van Geest unit, which have proved extremely popular with patients, staff and visitors.



We have also agreed to partly fund a mobile echocardiogram machine which would be used part time at Stamford and would enhance our local cardiology service.

Book sales:

We have resumed book sales in the Out patient department and please do consider donating books which are in good condition.

Stamford Hospital Museum:

We remain enthusiastic supporters of the museum. The Trust has recognised the value of our museum which compares well with the best in the country. It is hoped that the museum will be relocated to the old chapel/morgue on the edge of the site. This will allow much easier access and hopefully the museum will then be open much more frequently.

I wish you all the very best over the next difficult weeks and months, and please do stay safe.

Best wishes, *Michael Dronfield*
Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital.