

FRIENDS OF STAMFORD HOSPITAL SPRING NEWSLETTER

The Friends of Stamford Hospital continue to provide financial and moral support to the Hospital, and remain committed to ensuring that this valuable and historic local resource continues to serve local people.

RECENT EVENTS

Bill Packer memorial lecture

We were saddened to note the death of Kitty Packer in 2007 . She had attended all the previous lectures and had always taken a keen interest in them, and she has been a strong supporter of the Friends for many years. We were pleased though to again welcome her daughter , **name**, and we intend to continue this lecture annually as it has been such a success. This year the lecture was delivered by Al Pinner to a packed dining hall, and his talk on the Battle of Britain aircraft was very well received.

Concert by the Avondale Wind Ensemble

This was held at the Lady Anne hotel. Again all tickets were sold for a splendid evening of food and music. We are very grateful to the Ensemble for giving their time and expertise for no fee, and to Geoff Hastings for his hospitality. Over £700 was raised.

Christmas Quiz

14 teams battled for the Shield in a most enjoyable evening.

Patron of the Friends

We are pleased to report that Miranda Rock has agreed to take over from her mother, Lady Victoria, as one of our 2 patrons. Since its foundation in 1828 the hospital has had a close link with the Exeter family and we are pleased that this will continue.

The Future of Stamford Hospital.

The Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is committed to retain services at the hospital, and has made impressive investments in medical and other equipment, some of which has also been supported with funds from the Friends. It is clear that the provision of hospital care has changed greatly in recent years throughout the country and Stamford Hospital has to adapt. The Friends policy is to show a keen interest in developments at the hospital and offer support for any new initiatives , whilst questioning any changes that might undermine the future [happily at present there seem to be none of these].

The Town Council is also showing considerable interest in the Hospital and is represented at the regular meetings of senior management at the hospital.

Allocated Funds.

Our main target last year was to provide funds to support the modernisation of gastrointestinal endoscopy equipment. I am pleased to report that this has been purchased and the Hospital now has the very latest "state of the art" equipment. Our contribution of £12,000 was a fraction of the total cost and it is reassuring to see the Trust management being prepared to invest over £100,000.

We have also supported a number of smaller items such as lamps for the out patient clinics and funds to support new facilities for the hard working medical secretarial staff. Our next target is to pay for a " Molemate", equipment that will be used in the dermatology clinic to improve the distinction between benign and malignant moles.

We do hope we will see you at the AGM (see below) and are grateful to you for your continued support

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16 April 2008 - 7.30 pm

In the Dining Room

Stamford Hospital

The speaker is Dr Dick Mallett who will give a talk entitled
"Moles and other dangers in the garden".

All welcome, including non members.

Michael Dronfield
Chairman