



## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2015

I am pleased to report that our fund raising remains strong. We have been the recipients of two large legacies and in addition receive funds from a variety of sources. Your membership fees are valuable. The book sales in the Out Patient department raised just short of £4,000 last year and may exceed that in 2015. Other charities contribute and we are grateful to the Burghley Family Trust for their continued generosity, and to the Royal Naval Association of Ketton and the Tangent Club.



We are also grateful to Geoff Hastings and his family for a very generous donation following the death of Geoff's wife Anne. Geoff has been enormously helpful to the Friends over many years and has arranged many charitable events. This donation was used to purchase heel protectors for immobile patients in the Van Geest unit, and there



was a formal presentation in July. *Pictured at Stamford Hospital (L-R) Staff Nurse Christopher Green, Geoff Hastings, Geoff's daughter Jackie Harris and grand-daughter Paige, Andrew Harwood (past president of Stamford Burghley Rotary Club) and Stamford Hospital Matron Susan Brooks.*

There was a marvellous garden party in aid of the Friends in Suzi Grigson's beautiful garden in West Deeping on June 16th. Thanks are due to Suzi and to Glenda Parsley, Viv Mitchell and John and Sheila Scholes for all their hard work in making this such a success. The weather was lovely, the attendance large and £1932 was raised for the Friends.





We are very pleased that Susan Sandall, the mayor of Stamford this year, has named the Friends of Stamford Hospital as one of her charities.

We do hope that you might be able to support some of the Charity events she organizes over the next year.

We are in a good position to support the new developments at Stamford Hospital and I will be meeting with Trust management soon to discuss how best we can do that. In the meantime we continue to provide funds for certain items of equipment and particularly recently a new ECG machine for the Minor Injuries Unit. This unit is one of the many prized services at Stamford and is soon to move to a new site adjacent to the Out Patient entrance. We are very pleased that there are plans to extend its opening hours.

Fund raising is an important part of what we do, but equally so is “friend raising”. We aim to articulate the strong support of local people for the Hospital and do that whenever we can. We are pleased that funds are at last being invested in the site but many of us do have concerns about the plans to sell off the western half, which will include the old Hospital building, the operating theatre and Ancaster and Exeter wards. We will continue to show a keen interest in these developments.

### **BILL PACKER MEMORIAL LECTURE:**

**7.30pm. Oct 21st 2015.** Seminar Room [access through out patient entrance], Stamford Hospital.

**Title: “Economics is really VERY interesting”  
By Carl Killgren.**

Carl has recently retired from the teaching staff at Stamford School where he had been an inspirational teacher of economics for 30 years. He will talk about how to master the subject in 15 minutes, how economics explains everything and some dismal failures such as black Wednesday and the 2008 financial crash. I can promise a very interesting evening.

NB. Just turn up. No tickets are issued.



With very best wishes and thank you for your support,

*Michael Dronfield*

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital