



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2021

Dear Members,

I hope you are all enjoying our new freedoms but like me you are perhaps disappointed that the infection remains prevalent and is still causing illness and so many hospital admissions. We clearly need to continue to be cautious and I fully understand the restrictions on using Hospital premises.

Annual General Meeting:

We had hoped to hold a live AGM for Friends in the Meeting Hall at Stamford Hospital in September and the Trust's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rege, had agreed to speak. Understandably though the Trust is remaining very cautious about opening up Hospital premises to anything other than clinical work, and the restrictions of numbers allowed to attend would make our meeting inappropriate.

We will therefore again conduct our AGM as we did last year by newsletter. We will post our financial statements on the website <http://friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk/about-us/> along with minutes of the last meeting. If you have any comments or questions please email them to info@friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk

Stamford Hospital News:





The work of the Hospital has been affected by the pandemic, perhaps the most striking change being the closure of the Minor Injuries Unit. I understand it will be re-opened in October and we are very pleased that the Trust has made that decision. The reasons for its closure were explained in my previous newsletter and had our understanding. The MIU is of course a much valued service in Stamford and its reopening will be widely welcomed.

There is no further news on the details of the plans for the west end of the site which has been sold. We will continue to show a keen interest in that. Understandably the pandemic has affected other non- urgent plans such as the future of the Hospital Museum. We will keep that under review.

The main focus of our grants this year have been to support the staff in the pandemic by providing PPE and face masks, and also outdoor furniture for their breaks. These donations have been warmly received.

Membership Numbers:

We are keen to increase our membership. Recently we designed and had printed a flyer encouraging membership that was delivered to around 400 households, mainly in Stamford. This resulted in 6 new membership applications. We do not feel that the cost involved in extending this leaflet distribution is justified but the leaflet is included with this newsletter and you might consider showing it to family and friends.

Future Events:

We hope to hold the Bill Packer Memorial Lecture later this year or early next year, depending on the restrictions of the pandemic. I will circulate details in due course.

Friends Committee:

Margaret Anderson has left the committee. We are grateful to her for all her support, particularly with the volunteers.

New committee members: Eric Gibbon; Dr Anne Banner.

I am pleased to report that the present committee members are all prepared to continue to serve.

Mary-Clare Miller [consultant plastic surgeon] has been appointed “Clinical Lead” for Stamford Hospital and has kindly agreed to attend our meetings as an observer.

If you have friends or family who might be interested in joining the Friends please pass on this newsletter,

With very best wishes and thank you for your support,

Michael Dronfield [Chairman, FoSH]

If you agree Stamford Hospital

- provides an efficient and friendly service
- is an important part of our local health care
- should be sustained and supported

then become a member of the Friends of Stamford Hospital

The Friends of Stamford Hospital was established following a public meeting in the Stamford Town Hall on October 11th, 1962.

It was not though till December 1963 that it was registered as a charity and started to undertake its main task of providing amenities and comforts for the patients and staff of the Hospital.

At this time the NHS was only fifteen years old, and there were still many gaps in what was available to make the Hospital more comfortable

and convenient for patients young or old. The objects of the Friends remain as relevant today as they did in 1963.

Particularly the Friends work hard to foster and reflect the support of local people in the work of the Hospital, for example by encouraging membership, providing regular information and holding meetings.

They are also active in raising funds, which have been used for a wide variety of purposes, and increasingly to fund extra pieces of equipment to help develop further the services offered at the Hospital.



*Cystoscopy equipment
(for examination
of the bladder) provided
by the Friends.*

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OVER 50 YEARS OF GIVING

We organise regular events including a presentation on a medical subject at our AGM and the annual Bill Packer Memorial Lecture. Our members receive Spring and Autumn newsletters, and previous newsletters can be found on our website.

Please consider supporting the Friends of Stamford Hospital. Have a look around our website. We would be pleased to help if you would like any further information. The annual membership fee is a minimum of £5.

A few recent acquisitions by the Friends.



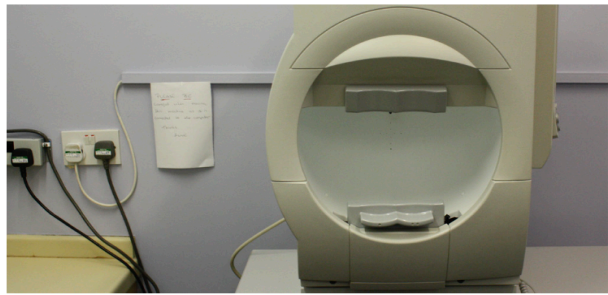
A wall mural specially commissioned for the children's waiting area.



A toy box and activity table to pass the time while waiting.



A Bariatric trolley designed for our larger patients.



Visual field analyser for the assessment of patients with glaucoma.

HOW TO JOIN FoSH

Complete your details below and send to FoSH, 84 Tinwell Road, Stamford PE9 2SD. We will then send you an application form, standing order mandate and gift aid details.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Alternatively down load an application form from our website,

www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk