



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2015

Dear Friends,

**The AGM of the Friends** will take place on Tuesday April 28th, 2015 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.



Following the business part of the meeting I am delighted to report that Mr. Piers Mitchell, Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon at Peterborough, will give a talk entitled:

### “THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF RICHARD 111”

Mr Mitchell was involved in the study of the skeleton of Richard 111 after it was found under a car park in Leicester, and I can promise you that this will be a very interesting talk. Tickets are not required. All Friends are invited and will be very welcome.



I am also pleased to enclose an invitation to the Manor, West Deeping PE6 9HP where Mrs Grigson has kindly organized an afternoon tea with proceeds going to the Friends. Admission is £5 either on the day or by ticket. Tickets are available from either Glenda Parsley on 01780 762895 or Viv Mitchell on 01780 481732 or from the Volunteer in the Hospital.

### STAMFORD HOSPITAL

As ever the Hospital remains busy with very high patient satisfaction reports. The Peterborough and Stamford Hospital NHS Foundation Trust board has recently ratified the plans to develop the site, including the sale of half the land. The proposed development looks encouraging and this time it looks that it might really



happen. There is concern about the sale of half the land which seems to many to be short sighted and will limit the opportunities for expansion of services in the future. There are covenants on the land which limits its use and if it is sold it hopefully will remain part of a “health care campus”. We will watch with interest and be pleased to express the views of our members, so please let us know what you think. The AGM is a good opportunity for that.

## THE FRIENDS

We remain active and continue to fund items to support the work of the Hospital. A list of our donation can be found on our website [[www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstamfordhospital.org.uk)]. We are always interested in raising funds. When the redevelopment goes ahead there may well be new and innovative services that we can support.

The 20th annual Bill Packer memorial lecture was delivered by Miranda Rock, one of our two patrons. We greatly value the support of our patrons, and the Hospital’s link with the Burghley Estate goes back to 1828 when it was built on Burghley land. Miranda Rock is an expert in art history and has worked for major artistic collections in London and New York. She has been the director of Burghley House since 2007 where, amongst many other responsibilities, she is curator to the very extensive art collection. There was a very good turn out and we all learnt a lot from a fascinating account.



The volunteers in the hospital continue to meet, greet and guide patients when they come to the hospital. It makes such a difference to a visit to the Hospital when one is greeted by a smiling, helpful person. They also raise a lot of money for us through the book sales, so please keep the books coming, and you can always bring those you buy back again to be resold.

I hope to see you at the forthcoming AGM,

Yours sincerely,

*Michael Dronfield*

Chairman, Friends of Stamford Hospital





MRS. S GRIGSON OFFERS  
AN INVITATION TO AFTERNOON TEA  
ON JUNE 16TH FROM 2.30,  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING OF  
THE MANOR AT WEST DEEPING:  
IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF  
STAMFORD HOSPITAL.

TICKETS ARE £5 EACH.  
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