



## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Dear Members,

We were delighted to be able to hold a public meeting for our AGM at Stamford Hospital in April, our first such meeting since the start of the Covid pandemic 2 years ago. Dr Rege, the Trust's Chief Medical Officer, gave a fascinating overview of the Trust's 3 sites [Peterborough, Huntingdon and Stamford] with particular emphasis on Stamford Hospital. It remains very clear that Stamford Hospital is an important part of the Trust's strategy, and there are clear plans for the further development of services there. The sale of the redundant part of the site is not simple, particularly for a number of archeological reasons and we hope to hear of progress in this area.

Our book fair in Easton on the Hill in July was a big success, with a strong attendance and attracted several new members. All told we raised £300 and in addition another £335 at the Mason's diamond wedding anniversary celebration: we are grateful to Trish and Jim for this generous contribution, and to Trish and her friends in Easton on the Hill for organising the fair.



We were pleased to be awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Charity Patron of the Trust, Craig Revel Horwood at an informal ceremony in the Staff Wellbeing Garden. This is a suitable gesture to our charity which has, amongst other support, raised and donated £331,736 to the Hospital over the past 21 years. We are grateful to our members for all their support.

**A date for your diaries:** We will be holding another book and craft fair at Easton on the Hill Village Hall on the weekend Nov 26/27. There will be an entry fee of £1.00 There will be plenty of opportunities to buy Christmas presents and there is space to park nearby.

### Bill Packer Memorial Lecture

Having missed the last 2 years, we are delighted to be able to hold this lecture this year at the Hospital on **16/11/22 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Meeting Hall**. There is no need to book a place and do bring guests, particularly if they are interested in joining the Friends..

The title of the lecture is: **“From Mars to NWAnglia Healthcare Trust: not as far as you might think’**, by **Rob Hughes** who recently completed 9 years as Chair of the Trust. In his past life he was Managing Director of Mars UK Foods. It will be interesting to hear of the differing cultures affecting the management of a large, successful business, and that of a large NHS Trust.



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