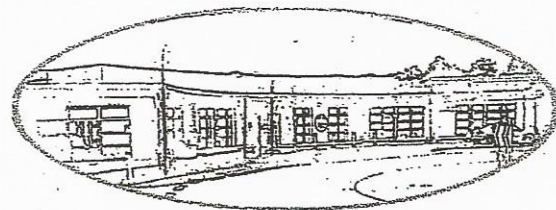


**The Friends of  
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# **NEWSLETTER NO.14**

## **WINTER 2017**

### **PROGRESS ON BETTER LOCAL CARE**

Further to the information in my previous Newsletters, plans for the better use of Fareham Community Hospital in the provision of local health care are moving on. Reorganisation of the Hospital management to streamline booking procedures for the various services to be offered has taken place, to be effective from April this year. At a meeting of the Task Force on 3rd February priorities were established for the new services to be put in place, and details will be available when these have been finalised. It was also confirmed that Rachael Samain has been appointed as the Hospital's Business Support Manager.

### **SWANWICK LIONS - A MOST GENEROUS DONATION**

At the same time, Swanwick Lions have made a most generous offer: they are dedicating the takings from their popular Santa's Sleigh at the Locks Wood Centre in December, and from their Burns Night Supper in February, to the purchase of new equipment for the Hospital. The item to be bought will be decided on with them when the new plans are announced by the Clinical Commissioning Group.

### **SUPPORT FOR THE MEMORY GROUP**

The weekly Memory Group held at the Hospital for patients with dementia and their carers is being helped by ASDA in Newgate Lane under their community support plan. It is also hoped to receive a donation from Waitrose, in Gosport.

### **THE HOSPITAL IN BLOOM**

More very welcome help is coming, this time for the neglected flowerbeds at the Hospital entrance. Thanks to the good offices of our Patron Councillor Brian Bayford, Fareham Borough Council's "Fareham in Bloom" team will be clearing and replanting the roundabout. Everyone is most grateful to the FBC's Horticultural Development Department and the Supporters of Fareham in Bloom for this much-needed improvement. It is hoped that work will start at the beginning of March.

### **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Our annual Christmas Coffee Morning was held on 13th December, as a thank-you to our hard-working Volunteers. Two of our Patrons, Councillor Sean Woodward and Councillor Brian Bayford, were there to express their appreciation, and a free raffle for the Volunteers was held. Our fund-raising Hospital Christmas raffle was also drawn, with £100 being raised.

### **FUND-RAISING TALKS**

Our January fund-raising talk at the Hospital, "Finding Practical Support for Care at Home" was well-attended, given by Debbie Kingshott, of the Princess Royal's Trust for Carers in Hampshire, information about which I included in my last Newsletter. The other contributor was Francesca Cunningham, an Occupational Therapist from Hampshire County Council, who provided some very helpful advice on what services are available to support carers and patients - details of these can be found by phoning HantsDirect on 0300 555 1378, or visiting the website <https://connectsupport.hants.gov.uk/information> and advice.

The next talk takes place on Thursday 30th March at 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, and the topic is "Diabetes - what it is and how to beat it". The speaker will be Raymond Hale, Chair of the Fareham & Gosport Diabetes UK Group, and will be a really useful guide for patients and their families on the latest methods for coping with this condition. Tickets are £5, including refreshments. Please pay on the door.

After a chilly few weeks, let's hope that spring isn't too far off!

Jill Sadler  
Chair