



LEAGUE OF FRIENDS
EDENBRIDGE & DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Mill Hill, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5DA
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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Letter from the Chairman.

Dear Friends,

It was wonderful to be part of the welcome party for our re-opened X ray department towards the end of last year. The unit had been closed for almost a year whilst the search went on for a suitably qualified and experienced radiographer and we are all thrilled that the unit is now able to offer longer and more regular hours.



The MIU is proving to be an exceptionally valued department with people travelling from quite a distance to have their Minor Injury or Ailment looked at.

The Hospital has been selected to take part in some research conducted by the School of Public Policy at the University of Birmingham. The Study is entitled "Patient Experience and Community Value" and is looking specifically at the definition and role of Community Hospitals throughout England. I hope to be able to tell you more in the coming months of how this is progressing and how you the community and patients can be involved.

Thank you to all who, in response to my plea, emailed me with your experiences of the Day Centre. I am happy to report that the review has now taken place and that, once the financials and recruitment of more staff has happened, the centre should be able to play, yet again, a central role in the social and health care of patients based in the Community.

On a more disappointing note is the fact that the Ward has not been able to recruit sufficient qualified nurses. Despite 3 days of recruitment initiatives at the Hospital, by poster and by handing out leaflets in Shopping Centres, the Ward has still not attracted enough nurses to be able to fully open on both sides. This is very concerning and unfortunately reflects the shortage of qualified nurses nationwide. The safety of patients on the ward means that some beds remain closed until there are sufficient qualified nurses to care for them at all times.

Thank you as always for your support and I look forward to meeting you in person at our forthcoming AGM (see back page).

Jo Naismith

John Engleback. Hospital Gardener 1994-2015

Staff at the hospital were shocked to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of John Engleback last August. John had been gardener at the hospital for 21 years and although employed part time by the hospital, the rest of his free time was as an unpaid volunteer there.

John was an unassuming, gentle man, much loved by many and he is sorely missed. John loved his work in the gardens at the hospital, ensuring that visitors and patients alike benefitted from the pleasant surroundings.

To mark his contribution to the community his colleagues at the hospital have agreed to site a maple tree in the sensory garden. This has now been planted alongside John's bench kindly donated by John's family from his garden in Hever



More thank yous.

The League of Friends have received a number of shrubs and plants during the year and thanks are due to Ann Greig, Sally Jones, and George Harding. All these gifts have been planted in the grounds and are thriving.

Thank you all very much.



Please look out for us on Facebook!

If you 'like' and share our page then you will be kept up to date with all of our latest news, photo's and fund raising events. If you have anything you would like to share with us, or if there is anything you would like us to share for you please feel free to post it on our wall, or send us a message and we can post it for you. This could be local events, information or photographs of the hospital.

Subscriptions and Newsletter Mailing

We would like to thank our members for their continued support together with all those who have donated to the League of Friends. In the financial year to 29th February 2016 our charity has gratefully received over £68,000. Provisional figures for the year are:

Subscriptions	£12,365
In Memoriam Donations/Legacies	£51,492
Donations	£4,805
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2016/2017 subscriptions are now due – to renew your membership please fill in the enclosed subscription form and return it to **The Treasurer, League of Friends, Edenbridge Hospital, Mill Hill, Edenbridge, TN8 5DA**. Thank you to those members who pay their subscription by Banker's Order, a subscription form has **not** been included with your newsletter.

For queries, any changes to your personal/banker's order details, or if you would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter, please contact our Treasurer by e-mail (at membership@ehlof.org.uk), post or hand delivery to the address above.

Finally, if you are a UK tax payer, don't forget to complete the Gift Aid section to help boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Recent Purchases

Medical purchases	£10868
Table & Chairs	£1034
Fitting of arms to waiting room chairs	£633
Children's Chairs	£186
Knee Support	£55

The LoF also pays for the coffee machines in the Waiting Room and in the Astor Room on the Ward, the newspapers for the ward and the Chaplaincy costs for the Hospital.

In Memoriam Donations and Legacies received March 2015 to February 2016

Raymond Frank Allard
Eliza Clark Carey
John Engleback
Margaret Mary Everest
Eric Linton Green
Maureen Anne James
Margaret Mary Lee
Warren Meadows
Peter Thomas George Tingley

We give thanks for their lives and for the generous donations by family and friends.

Opening Hours

MIU- 01732 863164

8.30am – 6.30pm DAILY 365 days a year

For all Minor Injuries and Minor Ailments.

No appointment necessary. Available to all adults and children over 1 year old.

Ward Visiting Times

2.30pm to 5.30pm and 6.30pm to 8pm DAILY 365 days a year

X- Ray Department

8.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm MON, WEDS AND FRI ONLY.

The League of Friends AGM , Friday 10th June 2016, Rooms 1 and 2 of the Eden Centre, Four Elms Road.

NHS West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group, our Edenbridge GPs and Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, which provides our community health care, are working together to look at how they can join up services to improve care for local people.

Their aim is to make sure your contact with your GP, and the care you receive from a practice nurse, community matron, nurse or therapist in your own home or elsewhere is seamless and is delivered by the right team, in the right place, at the right time.

They want to hear the views of people who use their services, as well as the views of families, friends and people who might need local health services in the future.

In the coming weeks they will be passing on information about the different ways in which you can be involved in these discussions. Following our AGM there will be a chance to question representatives from each of the groups above and this will form part of the all important engagement process. The formal part of our AGM will commence at 7pm on **Friday 10th June**, with the open part of the meeting commencing at 8pm, after refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th June.

Each year we lose one or two people from our League of Friends Committee.

If you could spare some time, are interested in fundraising for the Hospital and could attend our meetings (just 5 a year) we would be interested in hearing from you.

Please give some consideration to joining our Committee.

Please call Jo Naismith on 01732 860148