**FLEET HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY FRIENDS**

Charity No: 1109526

**NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023**

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are keeping well and enjoyed the festive season.

We had our Christmas Bazaar at All Saints Church Hall again this year, our thanks to those of you who made it along and helped us raise £700 plus. We held our annual quiz again in February and the winning Team were Ower Gang who were ably led by our own Phil Waterborne (ex-Sister from outpatients). We think everyone enjoyed the evening and we raised almost £350.

Harrie Glossop and I did a talk about the History of Fleet Hospital. The group have said how interesting and informative it was and off the back of that we have now been booked by several other groups.

It's been a fairly quiet year for us on the spending front. As the future of the services at Fleet are part of a service review across the Frimley Park Hospital Trust, we are awaiting firm plans before investing funds. We are at present looking at the health needs in the community. We are aware that there has been a large donation to the Frimley Park Hospital Charity which is ring fenced specifically for Fleet Hospital.

**Sasha’s Project** - We have however supported Sasha’s Project in Fleet – this is a charity which has been set up to give the young people of Fleet aged between 13 and 25 somewhere to go and talk to someone in times of crisis with their mental health. It’s run out of the Point and operates as a drop-in centre. We felt it was an excellent way for us to help support Children and adolescents in the area.

**Staff at Fleet Hospital**

We bought chocolates for the staff at Fleet Hospital over Christmas to cheer them up, we must also thank the Lions Club and Rotary who decorated the hospital so tastefully with Christmas Decorations.

**Beds**

Unfortunately, we have no news about the beds returning to Fleet. We have had several conversations with Frimley Park Hospital. At present there are plans to review all the Trust sites, so no form plans at present. We still have major concerns about the beds returning and wanted to reassure you that we are constantly trying to get updates. You are entitled to put your thoughts and views to the Integrated Care Services which is managing and planning all the service in our area. We have been assured that the site is not at risk.

There is an amalgamation of Branksomewood Surgery and Fleet Medical Centre which is known as Hart Health Partnership – this means that you can be seen at either practice site.

Dr Clarkson – Consultant Cardiologist FPH is in the process of setting up Cardiac Hubs in GP surgeries across the area. GP’s will be given training in cardiology services. This should relieve the pressure on the Cardiology Department at Frimley Park Hospital.

**We would like to thank the children of All Saints School who have raised money for the Hospital and will be meeting us at the hospital to hand it over.**

We have recently lost a couple of members of our committee, anyone who would like to contribute to running the charity, please contact our secretary Helen Bellamy – helenmbellamy@aol.com

**Subs**

It’s that time of the year when subs become due. Please see attached paperwork. We have also over the last couple of years lost some of our members – we have had a few new members after our talks but if you know of anyone who might like to join then please do let me know. Thank you for your continuing support. Please remember you can pay by bank transfer; Fleet Hospital And Community Friends CIO, Sort Code: 20-16-99. A/C NO: 00566810

**AGM**

Our AGM will be held at All Saints Church Hall, Church Road on May 19th at 7pm – we will have a speaker so it should be interesting.

Website: Please visit our website [www.fhcf.co.uk](http://www.fhcf.co.uk) – and keep up to date with forthcoming events.

**Best Wishes**

**Ann Gotting – Membership Secretary**

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