

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF SEVENOAKS HOSPITAL

COMMITTEE REPORT YEAR TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2008



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It has been very pleasing to see the promised upgrading of facilities at the Hospital being undertaken over the past 18 months. You will be able to see the new work on the Dining Room and Kitchens at the AGM but in all the PCT have spent over £750,000 upgrading the Hospital which gives us renewed confidence in the future.

Holmesdale ward still remains closed for the majority of the year currently only being opened in the busy winter months. However we do expect it to be fully reopened after refurbishment, when the new Pembury Hospital opens. Pembury is on target to start admitting patients at the end of 2010 and fully open in 2011.

During the year we agreed to purchase a new ultrasound machine to replace the one we previously provided but which had now become obsolete. Having the ultrasound machine in Sevenoaks enables patients to receive diagnostic services locally rather than having to travel to Tunbridge Wells. The machine has now been installed and is up and running. Other purchases in the year included a further chair for the Phlebotomy department - £800 and two Dynamap blood pressure machines - £3000.

We had another successful photographic competition and congratulations go to the winner Mary Allwood – all the winning photographs can be seen in the Outpatients Department. Our website is now up and running due to the efforts of Janet Weston – you can access it on www.lofosh.org.uk.

It was very sad to lose one of our long serving Committee members John Lawrie-Hutchings in 2008. He and his wife Miriam have provided the League with tremendous support over the years and we will miss him.

Our Secretary for the past 25 years has been Tessa Murray and she has been the focal point for everything that the League does. Tessa has been a great support to me for the past 16 years but has decided that the time has come for her to step down at the AGM - she will be a great loss to the League. Tessa will be difficult to replace. There will be various other officer changes announced at the AGM.

We would like to thank all those volunteers who help make the Hospital work and contribute to the lovely environment for patients and staff. In particular all those who staff the coffee bar, the ladies of Sevenoaks Flower Club for the flower arrangements in the Hospital and the volunteer drivers.

Roger Hope
Chairman

'To supplement the service provided by the Hospital for the health welfare and comfort of the patients and others in the community, by the provision of equipment and amenities for patients and staff.'