

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

(Charity Number 247890)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above League of Friends will be held at the Church Hall, Aldeburgh, on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 2.30pm.

Mrs Jean Flick, President, will take the chair.

Before the formal meeting commences Alison Cherry, Parish Nurse will talk about her role and the First Responders. Also Christine Gale, North East Community Health Team Lead Suffolk Community Healthcare will tell us about the services available at the new refurbished Day Centre.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on the 6th May 2015, copies of which will be available at the AGM and on our website www.aldeburghhospitalfriends.org.uk.
3. Matters Arising
4. To receive accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015, copies of which will be available at the AGM and on our website www.aldeburghhospitalfriends.org.uk and to elect an examiner of the accounts.
5. To receive the Chairman's Report for 2015/2016
6. Election of the Committee 2016/2017

Nominations for the committee must be proposed and seconded and sent to the Hon. Secretary Mrs Mair Dawson by 27th April 2016. All nominations must be signed by the proposed new member giving his/her consent to be nominated. (Only paid up members of the Friends can be nominated.) Should nominations exceed the number of vacancies, an election will be held by ballot. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Hon Secretary or the Hospital. The committee shall consist of not less than nine members or more than eighteen members all of whom shall be elected at the AGM.

Valerie Simper, Linda Galloway and Jean Flick are retiring from the Committee. Further nominations will be welcomed.

7. Any Other Business

Following AOB, questions from members will be welcomed.

The Committee 2015/2016

President: Mrs Jean Flick
Chairman: Mr Tony Bone
Mrs June Bloomfield
Mrs Mair Dawson
Dr Tim Dudgeon
Mrs Linda Galloway
Mrs Nicky Gray

Hon Treasurer: Mr Michael Bone
Hon Secretary: Mrs Valerie Simper
Mrs Jenny Jones
Mrs Elizabeth Matthias
Ms Anne Parsons
Mrs Liz Scotchmer

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAY 2015/MAY 2016

2015/16 has again not been the easiest of years for Aldeburgh Hospital. There are still staff shortages and difficulties in recruitment which have made life difficult for all the hard working staff. The new matron who started in April last year has moved on for personal reasons and we now have David Mawson who is here on secondment. He (yes a man) is well liked by the staff. We also have a new ward sister.

Serco gave up running the contract to run Suffolk Community Healthcare (SCH) at the end of last September and now SCH is back in NHS hands. The bid was won by a consortium of West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust and Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust. Whilst on the face of it this is good news, it has caused its own difficulties with the staff reporting to three different organisations. Also the contract is only for a short time and will be retendered. Hopefully we should see a more joined up approach between primary and acute care which should in due course bring benefits.

As always the League of Friends remains focussed on improving patient care and keeping our hospital "state of the art" and this we continue to do providing equipment that is very much designed to enhance patient wellbeing. Thanks to Anne Parsons and her team, we have made further great improvements to the hospital garden which has received a very positive response from patients and their visitors. Our project to improve and expand the Day Centre is now complete at long last. It contains a reminiscence area to help patients suffering from dementia.

A highlight of our year was the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Friends. This was a reception in a marquee overlooking the river with drinks and canapés. Our Coffee Morning in November, was again very successful, held for the first time in the Church Hall

During the year we have received gifts, legacies and donations from many people, to whom we are most grateful.

I have been privileged to have a very able and enthusiastic committee, who have taken on responsibilities in different areas: selling goods from the trolley on a weekly rota; helping in the Day Centre each week; organising our fund raising events and collection boxes; maintaining gardens and hanging baskets and running our projects. All have given time and expertise freely. They have been invaluable and have offered their services so willingly and imaginatively. A particular vote of thanks to those who are leaving the committee – Valerie Simper and Linda Galloway. A big welcome also to those who will be joining us. It is a really worthwhile organisation to be part of - and enjoyable too!

Jean Flick is stepping down from the Committee but will remain as President for one more year. Jean has been the driving force behind the Friends for many, many years and organised the fund raising which led to the building of the new ward in the early 1990s. Her contribution has been enormous and we will be organising an appropriate event to celebrate her contribution during the coming year.

I can assure you we are doing what we can with your generous help to develop our hospital and maintain and enhance its vital place in our community. Very many thanks for all your support.



Tony Bone March 2016

*Dates for your diary: Summer Garden Party – Sunday 17th July Hospital
Coffee Morning – Thursday 17th November Church Hall*