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LATEST NEWS

January 2023

Minor Injuries Unit

The Minor Injuries Unit has operated with extended hours over winter. It is an initiative put in place by the Integrated Care Board to support the winter pressures in A&E departments. The service seems to have worked out extremely well operating 7 days a week with very good attendance numbers over the weekends. There have been odd occasions when the staffing numbers have meant that may not have had the capacity to cover every weekend but on the whole it has. The current arrangement continues until March 31st 2023 and will be revised at that time. The community have certainly appreciated the longer opening hours and lots of plaudits regarding the service have been published on local media.

Haslemere Hospital Update.

We have been very busy in the hospital over Christmas and the New Year. We held a Carol service for patients on the 19th December. Outside on the patio between the two wards. Covid restrictions have been slightly reduced in the hospital for patients. This year we bought three Christmas Trees which were sited outside on the patio for inpatients, outside MIU and in the patient's sitting room. As usual re provided presents for patients.

It was the Centenary of the current hospital on the 20th January 2023. We provided cakes for all the services on site to mark the occasion and in addition all the patients had a special cup cake for tea. The cake was cut by Dr. Mark Hurst our president and Louise Stead Chief Executive RSCH was in attendance as well. There are still quite strict infection control guidance in place therefore the tea party numbers were kept to a minimum. The event was for patients and staff. Photo's were taken of the occasion for us to share with you all. As we were unable to do anything greater than a tea party on the 20th January we have arranged to participate in an event at the Haslemere Festival in the museum on the 19th May at 2.30pm on the history of 'Health Care in Haslemere dating back to the 1600s to Current Times'. Tickets are available from the box office at the Haslemere Hall

Purchases

- TV for health promotion MIU £300
- Centenary cakes Xs 3 & Cupcakes £450
- Artwork for centenary celebrations £1200
- Dementia clocks X 6 £700
- 3 trolleys for Physiotherapy £500

Donations

We have received a small legacy and recruited two new members to the LOF.

Mary and Elizabeth Holthouse

Sadly two of our long standing members have died over the winter months - Mary and Elizabeth Holthouse both well-known members of our community. Mary was a Health visitor at Haslemere Health Centre and Elizabeth the senior maternity sister who worked at St. Georges Wood and then Margaret Rose Ward in Haslemere Hospital when it opened in 1977 until her retirement.



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Haslemere Hospital Centenary Photos





Cutting the Centenary Birthday Cake.

Dr Mark Hurst President Haslemere Hospital League of Friends and Louise Stead CEO Royal Surrey County Hospital



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Haslemere Hospital staff



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Past and present Haslemere League of Friends members, Hospital staff and friends. Centre, Rose Parry HHLoFriends Chairman



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