



Odiham Cottage Hospital Redevelopment Trust
 (To be renamed Odiham Cottage Hospital Charitable Trust)
 Registered Charity 1068721

Newsletter Summer 2009

Message from the Chairman, Daphne Bolton

This is my second Chairman's report and what a year it has been! Listening to the media it is hard to imagine that there is any good news around, so it is particularly pleasing to report that Odiham Cottage Hospital has continued to provide excellent care and service to its community.

This is, of course, due the efforts of many people both in front and behind the scenes, whose dedication to their roles ensures the successful running of our hospital.

Perhaps the most important role is that of Sister, and we were delighted to welcome Sister Ana Pereira to Odiham last Autumn. Ana arrived from Frimley Park Hospital and immediately made a very positive impression on patient care delivered at the hospital. We are most grateful to the dedicated efforts of the whole hospital team, which does of course include its many volunteers.

Around the same time, Matron Jan Holden came into post – based at Fleet Hospital but responsible for Odiham as well. Jan and Ana succeed Matron Launa Watson and Sister Helen Russell, to whom we offer thanks for their work at Odiham and best wishes in their new roles.

Partnership with the NHS

Earlier this year, our NHS partner, Hampshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) devolved its healthcare provision activities into a new organisation called "Hampshire Community Health Care" (HCHC). HCHC are working towards foundation status, which will give management greater independence and financial focus. Clearly this is happening at a time of enormous financial pressure on the NHS, so it is of some comfort that we

continue our regular dialogue with the senior management of this new organisation, and are impressed by their commitment to this hospital.

Future Plans for the Hospital

Much work has been completed on the pre-planning stage of the extension to the hospital and we anticipate that an application will be made later this year. We have undertaken informal consultation with a number of hospital stakeholders in the community and it is most encouraging to receive such positive feedback. After much dialogue with NHS managers, GPs and clinicians, we are all agreed that what the hospital and its patients



Trustees pictured L to R: Lynne Blay, Ginny East (Secretary), Finlay Macdiarmid, Daphne Bolton, Max Wildsmith, Gillian Morgan-Brown, Delia Peppercorn, Ian MacDonald. Kneeling: Nick MacAndrew
 Absent: Sarah Wallis

need most, is additional rehabilitation space and facilities.

Achieving planning permission may be the more straightforward part of the process. Taking the decision to build will be more complex on two counts. Clearly the whole economic environment has changed dramatically since the project was first conceived and this will inevitably impact on a fundraising campaign. Secondly, the Trustees will not risk community funds until the legal commitment of the NHS to the new facilities is established and we continue to work towards this goal.

However, given the government's plans to see more care in the community rather than in the acute hospital setting, this project fulfils many key objectives for local healthcare provision, and we are confident that this is the right direction for the hospital.

Local Hospital Matters

Nursing recruitment remains a national problem but the local situation has been eased by the re-introduction of the bank team. These nursing staff may be unable to commit to regular hours but provide a valuable support role in covering occasional shifts. Recruitment to this team continues and if this is of interest to anyone you know, please contact Sister Ana at the hospital for further details.

The hospital continues to achieve good results with targets relating to infection control, deep cleaning and patient environment initiatives and a programme of internal redecoration was started in the spring.

Meanwhile, with the support of the League of Friends, the hospital team is making excellent progress on the program to develop best practice for patients, as established by Bournemouth University, and completion is expected this autumn. This project has enabled a number of aspects of patient care to be examined and improved and has been a very positive experience.

Community Support

This hospital continues to be reliant on the generosity of its local population and despite a difficult climate people have continued to dig deep to provide support. We are most grateful to you all; including individuals, clubs and parish councils but particularly everyone who supports the tireless efforts of the League of Friends.

Conclusion

The continual changes within the NHS are challenging for everybody, not least for the managers who have to implement them. However, I feel that the new arrangements will provide an excellent opportunity for focusing positive relationships and dialogue between the GPs and NHS management.

In turn, this will result in the continual development and improvement of community care. Odiham Cottage Hospital, with its enthusiastic staff and supporters, is well placed to be part of this and will do its best for the health of its population.

Thank you once again for your support.

Daphne Bolton, Chairman

You are cordially invited to the
11th Annual General Meeting

to be held by kind permission of the General Practice partners of Odiham Surgery at

**Odiham Health Centre, Deer Park View, Odiham
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th July 2009**

After the brief business formalities

Ms Cath Smith, Head of Adult Service for North East Hampshire,
Hampshire Community Health Care

will speak on "The changing face of the NHS and the role of Odiham Cottage Hospital"

Wine and canapés will be served

RSVP to Ginny East, Secretary, 01256 393603 or och1@btinternet.com

Treasurer's Report , Finlay Macdiarmid

When I wrote a year ago, few were predicting the economic storm clouds that lay ahead. Yet despite a most difficult background it gives us enormous encouragement that the hospital continues to receive such loyal and generous support from its community. For the year ended 31st March 2009, we received unrestricted donations of £52,172, most still coming from local individuals, clubs and activities.

The hospital's main financial supporter continues to be the League of Friends, whose success in their high street shops of Odiham and Hartley Wintney continues in spite of the economic situation. Their contribution for the year has increased considerably as they have committed to support the professional costs associated with the planning application for the hospital's rehabilitation suite. That support has given a kick start to the whole programme.

Against this background, the net surplus of £29,029, compared to £28,408 for the prior year, is a very satisfactory result.

However we have been unable to escape the effects of the recession on the financial

markets and our total investment portfolios showed significant reductions in value at the year end. All of our investments are held in funds run exclusively for charities and we remain committed to, and confident of, their long term performance.

Two significant gifts have been received from charitable trusts in the year and these have been added to our endowment fund to support the long term future of the hospital.

The Trustees have examined the guidance from the Charity Commission on "Public Benefit" and have complied with the reporting requirements in the 2009 accounts. It is the Trustees' considered view that, for the hospital to benefit the maximum number of people, it should remain under the NHS umbrella. However financial pressures on the NHS as well as our commitment to the ongoing improvement of the hospital facilities mean that this hospital will continue to be reliant on community support for the foreseeable future.

A copy of the full accounts is available from the Secretary, Ginny East at the Hospital on 01256 393603.

Statement of Financial Activity – Year Ended 31st March 2009

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total 2009	Total 2008
Income					
Donations	52,172		109,494	161,666	73,944
Legacies				0	30,666
League of Friends	60,226	1,815		62,041	45,851
NHS income	61,916			61,916	60,565
Investment income	69,954			69,954	64,741
	£244,268	£1,815	£109,494	£355,577	£275,767
Expenditure					
Cost of generating funds	110			110	0
Charitable activities	204,755	15,787		220,542	199,574
Governance costs	10,374			10,374	9,566
	£215,239	£15,787		£231,026	£209,140
Surplus	£29,029	£(13,972)	£109,494	£124,551	£66,627
Unrealised (losses)/gains	(21,686)		(162,141)	(183,827)	(81,658)

Summary Balance Sheet – As at 31st March 2009

	2009	2008
Fixed Assets		
Investments	1,084,650	1,158,983
Tangible	546,020	567,049
Current Assets	184,977	139,404
Current Liabilities	(18,623)	(9,136)
	£1,797,024	£1,856,300
Represented by:		
Endowment fund	989,301	1,041,948
Restricted funds	91,799	105,771
Designated funds	454,221	461,278
General funds	261,703	247,303
	£1,797,024	£1,856,300

Is this the end of OCHRE?

At the Annual General Meeting in July, the Trustees will be asking OCHRE's members to approve a change of name for the hospital's charity.

Why?

"Odiham Cottage Hospital Redevelopment Trust", abbreviated to "OCHRE", was a name adopted by the community during the campaign to save the hospital from closure ten years ago and reflected the work undertaken at that stage.

After 10 years of community ownership, the hospital needs to appeal to a wider supporter base, particularly to those who may not be familiar with its charitable status.

What?

After much thought and debate, the Trustees decided to keep it simple and have proposed the name "Odiham Cottage Hospital Charitable Trust". Although the name does not lend itself to a catchy abbreviation, it very accurately describes the activities undertaken by the community to support their hospital and will ensure that the charitable status is instantly recognisable.

Look out for our new name, logo and website.



A weekend of Jazz and Fun



Thanks to the kind hospitality of the owners of the Chalk Pit, August bank holiday jazz weekend returns to Odiham this year. This marvellous event has attracted a loyal following over the years and a talented cast of performers. Saturday evening is time for Party & Picnic, whilst Sunday is a family occasion with Lunchtime Jazz 'n BBQ.

This event is run for the benefit of Odiham Cottage Hospital and The Neurofibromatosis Association.

Fingers crossed for good weather, but good jazz is promised whatever!

Further details, and ticket information is available at www.odihamjazz.org.uk
Tickets will be on sale at a range of local retailers from 2nd July or on 01256 709903 and, based on previous years, will sell out fast. Don't miss yours!



Yes, I'd like to help Odiham Cottage Hospital continue its work

- By sending a cheque made payable to "OCHRE". I am a UK tax-payer and this donation qualifies for gift aid tax relief (please sign if applicable)
- By giving a regular amount – please send me details
- By joining the League of Friends – please send me details
- By leaving a legacy – please send me details

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