

Update



Christmas

On behalf of the Committee, may I wish you all a good Christmas. The League will be arranging for small gifts to be made to the in-patients at Moorgreen at what is a difficult time for them.



We said some time ago that we would not issue 'Newsletters' on a regular basis, only when we felt there was something to say. We also do not spend huge amounts on printing costs!

The site
The changes on site are still 'evolving'. This is due to a number of reasons, among them funding problems as well as the economic difficulties about which we are all too familiar. Willow and Linden Ward at Tom Rudd Unit have both been extensively refurbished and accommodate some

30/40 patients.

Stoneham Unit and Hawthorne Lodge continue to be extremely busy.

Whatever the outcome, it is clear that the site will continue to be used for NHS purposes, indeed all indications are that the numbers of, particularly, outpatients will increase dramatically.

Coffee morning

We held a coffee morning, plant sale, etc, on Thursday November 27th.

The refreshments provided by volunteers were outstanding and we are grateful to all who helped organise it.



Bottle tops

The Physiotherapy Department at Stoneham has for some time kindly been collecting plastic bottle tops to raise money for the League. This area of fund raising does depend on volume to be successful and we would be grateful if you could donate any clean bottle tops to us, without stickers/paper. The League have now taken over responsibility for collection so please pass the message to as many as you can that we need tops. They can be left in the league office or given to a volunteer so long as the bag is marked 'League of Friends, Moorgreen'. Alternatively please ring me (01489 690086) and we can usually arrange collection for large numbers. Bottle tops of all colours are fine, if you can separate the colours we would be grateful



Decorating of Xmas Tree at St James's Church

The League were asked to 'sponsor' a Xmas tree at St James's, Church, West End. This was the second year we had taken part. The church would provide the tree and lights and we would be expected to decorate it, to a Xmas carol theme. Kevin and Sally Colgan kindly agreed to take part. The theme was "We wish you a Merry Christmas". It gave them an opportunity to say what was happening at Moorgreen which would be printed in the brochure which was given, for a donation, to visitors to the church. They decided on "Through fund-raising and donations, we provide extras for the patients at the Hospital". They had some minor problems trying to find items to hang on the tree, which represented their theme but in the end were lucky enough to find Xmas cards which conveyed what was required.



They decorated the tree on the Thursday, together with a number of others. People helped with suggestions, and small ladders etc, to get the "Fairy on top of the tree". They put on a Dove. A total of 22 trees were decorated, and when they went back on the Friday to see the finished articles, theirs looked very good, as did they all.

Unfortunately due to commitments, they could not attend the carol singing and concerts, part of the whole event. Our thanks go to Kevin and Sally for all their hard work, mind-searching, the trawling of the shops, looking at thousands of Christmas cards, etc, to discover suitable additions to the tree.

Summer/Christmas fete

We have not been able to hold our usual Summer and Christmas fetes due in part to a lack of venue but we review the position constantly.

New League facility?

As you are aware, Molly's Pantry (the League tea bar in Tom Rudd Unit (TRU)) was closed some time ago due to the changes taking place at TRU. We are in the process of preparing a Business Case to be submitted to the Trust regarding a League facility on site. It is envisaged that this will be a Tea Bar/shop. We recently conducted an extensive survey of staff and patients views on such a facility and are collating the answers at present.

Outing/Cream Tea

We had an outing to Poole in the summer followed on the way back by a cream tea at a garden centre in Christchurch.

Everyone enjoyed the day and we will repeat it next year.



Web site

We are in the process of setting up a web site for Moorgreen League of Friends.

Domestic news

Gwen Head has kindly taken over as manager of the main shop, Doris and Margaret who ran it for some time have left to concentrate on their voluntary work at the Royal South Hants and we are grateful to them and wish them well. It will take time for her to become familiar with all the procedures, etc. She will be responsible for, among other things, making sure the shop is always open so if you are unable to do your stint please ring her on 023 8055 6379 as soon as possible and she will ring round to try and find a replacement.

