

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF HALSTEAD HOSPITAL

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51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019

7.00 p.m.

To be held at the United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Halstead

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Reg. Address: The Maltings, Rosemary Lane, Halstead, CO91HZ

President: Mr G Courtauld Vice President: Mr A H Frost

Chairman: Dr A J Symington, Vice Chairman: Mrs J A Pell

Treasurer: Mr ARG Green

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018

This is our 51st Annual General Meeting and I would like to begin my report by thanking the Officers, Committee, Members, Collectors and Volunteers for their longstanding commitment to the future of Halstead Hospital and medical services for our local community.

I would particularly like to thank our Vice Chairman for all her support and advice during my first year as Chairman and to our Secretary for answering patiently all my questions.

These are challenging times for the NHS and therefore our hospital and we must ever be alert to threats to services locally and nationally.

We need to try and keep open a constant dialogue with the myriad of agencies who are involved in the running of Halstead Hospital. This year we have had on-going meetings with NHS Properties, Mid Essex CCG, Colchester Hospital Trust and Provide. We are lucky to have a good communication with the Halstead Hospital staff through Bridget Couch.

The hospital had a major incident early December 2018 when 3,500 litres of water cascaded through the ceiling of the ward following a ruptured pipe. This occurred during the fire regulation upgrade work. All patients had to be evacuated but thanks to the rapid response of Halstead Fire Brigade damage was minimized.

NHS Properties worked full-out to return the ward to full working capacity within ten days and I would like to thank them for their hard work and excellent communication with us keeping us up to date with progress. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainties as to when the repairs would be finished we had to cancel our annual Christmas Carol concert and present giving and visit on Christmas morning.

I would like to thank Steve Barber who has kindly taken on the monitoring of the defibrillator on the High Street, outside Saffron Building Society.

We have received again several substantial legacies, money in memoriam and small donations, all of which we are most thankful for. These reflect how appreciative people are of the hospital and of the work and commitment of the League.

I would like to thank all for their hard work in running our annual Quiz night which is always well attended and a most enjoyable evening and this year raised over £1,000.

We held a tree planting ceremony and garden seat unveiling ceremony in memory of May Stone and Jean Humphries. May Stone had been a dedicated stalwart for the League over many years. The seat was donated to us from Halstead WI in memory of their member, Jean Humphries.

Both items now sit in the hospital grounds with a lovely view across the Homes of Rest and Box Mill and we plan to plant a small wild life friendly garden around them.

Again we have purchased furniture and items of equipment for the hospital and we also support the teams who work in the Out Patient Clinics. We have funded and supplied equipment for the volunteers who work with patients and who tend the hospital gardens.

We now have our website up and running and I would like to thank everyone for their useful comments which we have taken on-board and adjusted accordingly.

Thanks also to James Waters for all his work setting it up and keeping the website up to date

We are working with NHS Properties and Provide to arrange for air conditioning to be introduced in both the In Patients and the Rehabilitation Centre. We are also planning to fund a new patio surface and awning for the Day Room.

We continue on-going discussions with NHS Properties, Mid Essex CCG and Colchester Hospital Trust to try and maximize the use of the Out Patient facilities and try to increase the specialties' using the hospital as well as maintaining the buildings in good working order.

We would also like to work more closely with the local GP services to help support them through these difficult times due to increasing local population but inadequate infrastructure in the town.

I think there is a bright future for the League and we are well supported by the local community. I would like to thank them all.

I will continue with the committee to work to try and maintain and improve the medical services offered by our hospital and community services to the local area.

Alan Symington
Chairman

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman**
- 2. Apologies for absence.**
- 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2018.**
- 4. Matters arising.**
- 5. Chairman's report.**
- 6. To adopt the accounts for 2018 presented by the Treasurer and to receive the Auditors report.**
- 7. To elect an Auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2019.**
- 8. To elect the following Executive Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Company Secretary and the appointment of Directors/Trustees.**