

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CRANLEIGH VILLAGE HOSPITAL

2015 NEWSLETTER

The League has continued to work to improve and extend the range of health care services in Cranleigh. This year we have worked on the following projects:

- A grant of £10,000 has been made to Cranleigh Medical Practice to replace and improve equipment in the Health Centre
- The Ultrasound equipment purchased with a grant of £85,000 is installed at the Village Hospital. The local service which this has made possible is greatly in demand and will be extended as soon as possible. We have made a further grant of £500 for a sonographer's stool for this service.
- We have continued to support patients needing End of Life Services with a further grant of £20,000. This makes it possible to support more local patients who choose to end their lives in their own homes rather than in a hospital setting and also provides support to relatives and carers at a very difficult time. The service is now provided by Phyllis Tuckwell.
- The defibrillators we funded for the community are in all the village pubs and St. John Ambulance are happy to provide free Defibrillator and Cardio- Pulmonary Resuscitation training (Tel. 0844 770 4810). The machines can be used in absolute safety by members of the general public and are a vital tool in saving lives.
- Working together with the Patient Participation Group from Cranleigh Medical Practice and other health care providers, we have produced and funded a comprehensive information leaflet – 'NHS Providers in the Cranleigh Area and their Complaints Procedures'. The NHS can seem a complex organisation and we hope that this leaflet will help patients on the very rare occasion they need to use the complaints procedure. The leaflets will be available from the League's Secretary, Sue Camp (Tel. 07925975210 or e-mail: suecamp100@aol.com) or Cranleigh Village Hospital.

The planning of the new Cranleigh Village Hospital is now well developed. Both the old hospital site and the new Knowle Lane site will be used to accommodate a much wider range of outpatient services including diagnostic facilities and X-ray and a nursing home with some beds providing NHS care. The League will use its existing funds and will continue to fundraise to support patients in these facilities as well as supporting patients and services at the new Health Centre and the old hospital.

We can only improve and extend health care for our community with your ongoing generosity, encouragement and support. We are grateful to you for all your help and look forward to working for you as we develop better facilities and services for all our community.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday November 17th at 7 for 7.15 p.m. in the Band Room, Village Way, Cranleigh when our speaker will be the Chief Executive of Phyllis Tuckwell. We would be delighted to see you there.



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