



THE FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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Michael Fellingham

Chairman of The Friends of Holy Cross 1999 to 2007



There was great sadness at Holy Cross Hospital at the unexpected news that the Chairman of the Friends of Holy Cross Hospital, Mr Michael Fellingham, died suddenly on 27th November 2007.

He had taken on the role of Chairman of the Friends in April 1999 and quickly established a new Committee that proved highly successful in organising a wide variety of events that were both enjoyable for all concerned and most effective in fund-raising.

Michael brought to this role the strengths of an astute legal mind and an engaging personality combined with a deep personal commitment to the work of Holy Cross Hospital. It was a mystery how he found time in an exceedingly busy schedule to give attention to the details of the Friends' work and all who contributed to it. He always paid tribute to Jan, his wife, who shared the tasks and contributes herself as Secretary of the Friends. We will miss him greatly while remaining for ever deeply appreciative of all he gave with unstinting generosity to Holy Cross Hospital of himself, his time and talents.

Speaking after the Worldham Choir Concert on 24th November, Michael spoke for everyone present in saying that we had just enjoyed an evening among friends in the beautiful chapel that is at the heart of Holy Cross. He was indeed the best of friends.

Recent Fundraising Events

Golf Day at West Surrey Golf Club

Eight teams took part in the Annual Golf day on 20th September. The "Beat the Pro" competition at £5 a go was very popular and the day raised over £4,300 for the Friends. Our thanks go to Coutts, Pemberton Greenish, Bird & MacDondald, Buzzacott, Penningtons and Keats Harding who supported the day.

Sponsored Walk

It was a beautiful day for a walk on Sunday 7th October when a group of Friends undertook the 10 miles hike from Elstead to Rushmoor with lunch at the Pride of the Valley in Churt. Sponsorship raised £2,200.



Worldham Choir Concert

The Worldham Choir re-visited the Holy Cross Chapel on 24th November to put on a beautifully presented programme including works by Vaughan Williams and Mozart together with traditional carols. The concert was very well attended by supporters and friends of the hospital who were treated to a splendid evening of song, and a piece of Parkin cake at the interval. Our thanks to Robin Wilson Webb and the Choir for such a great entertainment and for raising over £850 for the Friends.

Boxing Day Fun Run

The 2007 Fun Run was a great success with an estimated 500 runners taking part over the five mile course. A cheque for £1,650 was presented to the Friends by Matt Dellar at the Committee meeting in January. Our thanks to Matt and all those who assisted in the organisation of the event, and also of course to all those who actually ran.

Occam Singers

Holy Trinity Church in Guildford was filled on Saturday evening, 16th February for a concert by the Occam Singers. The choir sang pieces by Francis Poulenc and Durufle's Requiem and the Orchestra performed Poulenc's Organ Concerto. It was a magnificent concert that earned the conductor David Gibson, the Organist, orchestra and choir tremendous applause. Chris Hinton made a moving address on behalf of the Friends and paid tribute to the late Chairman, Michael Fellingham. The evening raised over £2,300 for the Friends.

Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Holy Cross Hospital

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 30th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m in the Hospital Living Room. All members are welcome and there will be refreshments provided by the Sisters following the meeting.

Committee Appointments

Charles Sommer has kindly accepted the role of Chairman of the Friends. Charles has a wealth of experience in business and the local community and has been a long-term supporter of the Hospital. We also welcome Michele Arkell-Hardwick and Hilary Smith as new members of the Committee.

Angela Cash is leaving the Committee and our grateful thanks go to her for her contribution to the Friends over many years.

Projects for Funding

The Hospital has put forward a number of projects for the Friends to consider for funding. These include activities that are organised for patients. Recent successful innovations are performances by professional musicians and wheel-chair ice-skating. Both are thrilling for the patients and the helpers, who may be Friends or family. Another project, that is at the "ideas" stage, is the creation of a "sensory garden" for use by patients and their families.

The communication equipment is proving most valuable and more may yet be needed. Likewise the Visitor Accommodation is much appreciated and double-bookings are becoming a concern. There is more on all these items on the Hospital web site.

Hydrotherapy Pool

The building project is well underway and the walls are up to first floor level. Problems caused to the contractors by an underground cable have resulted in some delay and handover is now expected in October.

Unwanted Gifts

Do you have any unwanted gifts lying around your home? We are collecting good quality items for our stall at the Haslemere Charter Fair in May. If you have any items to donate please contact Gill Kenny on 01428 683140 or Jan Fellingham on 01428 683144 or alternatively items may be left at the Hospital.

Dates for your Diary

Haslemere Charter Fair	Monday 5 May
Tennis Tournament	Sunday 22 June
Golf Day—WSGC	Thursday 11 September
Sponsored Walk	Sunday 12 October

New Members

Please visit the Hospital website www.holycross.org.uk/support.html for an application form.