



**THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS
OF
FAIRFORD HOSPITAL**
(REG. CHARITY NO: 1006416)

**WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT
PLEASE READ ON**

The last year has been a very busy and challenging time for the League of Friends.

Negotiations between us, the PCT, the local GP's and Shaw Healthcare, a private service provider, have continued towards the development of a new medical facility located in Jones Field near Cinder Lane in Fairford. This is now known as "The Fairford and Lechlade Hospital Project" .

The plan is for 10 Intermediate Care beds in addition to a nursing home, outpatients and other services for the community. The proposed new facility would provide residential care for those who need it. Detailed plans have now been drawn up and these will be considered by the new Gloucestershire PCT at the end of March. We hope for a positive response and thereafter discussions can take place between Cotswold District Council planners and the County Highways Authorities ahead of detailed planning permission being sought.

Without the past generosity of our supporters we would not be in a position to acquire a site or meet the considerable legal costs that we might incur.

Whilst there is much still to be done the League's Management Committee is very positive about recent developments and believes that a new medical facility in Fairford remains a definite possibility. We will provide an update at our AGM.

New outpatient services provided by Consultants from the Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust have been running at Fairford Hospital since the autumn. There are now 8 monthly clinics with the possibility of increasing these to 20 over the coming months with the capacity of handling up to 5,000 appointments per annum.

In addition to these exciting developments our work in the community continues and we rely entirely on donations and fund raising to support this. The House to House collection is our major fund raiser. Despite the loss of inpatient beds last year we raised as much from this source as in previous years. This was a magnificent achievement and I am sure that you will be generous to us again in 2007.

David Phillips, Chairman



Our volunteer drivers transport around 600 patients a year to the surgeries and hospitals.





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The **League of Friends** is a voluntary run registered charity working in the community. It provides active support including:

Volunteer drivers transport patients to the surgeries and hospitals

Home nursing for the terminally ill

Additional Physiotherapy when required for the over 60s

Support for Counselling Services

A free prescription delivery service for the homebound in outlying villages

Welcome-home help for the elderly discharged from hospital



First Responders

Thanks to a bequest by the late Edna Dawes the League is now supporting a new initiative by the Ambulance Service. First Responders are trained volunteers provided with high-tech life saving equipment. In a local emergency both an ambulance and a First Responder will be alerted where the latter can arrive at the scene first. There is a team of volunteers in place and the scheme is running successfully.

The Edna Dawes Lunch Club

The Club is held on Mondays at Fairford Hospital for the benefit of the frail, elderly and isolated in the Fairford and Lechlade areas. The initiative, funded by the Executors of the late Edna Dawes in her memory, has a full time organiser. For more information about the Club or to volunteer help with its running please contact Sally White on 01285 851161.



Clients at the Edna Dawes Lunch Club

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Home Nursing



For patients of Fairford or Lechlade surgeries who are very ill or prefer to stay in their own homes with close family or friends to care for them, helped by G.P.s and District Nurse, we provide extra nursing through the **Friends in the Community Home Nursing Scheme**, registered with: The Commission for Social Care Inspection, 1210 Landsowne Court, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AB



Who does the nursing or caring?

The team consists of experienced nurses, known to many of the patients. Some are mothers wishing to work part-time, some practise full time while others may be approaching retirement. They are able to support the patient and the family and work as a team with G.P.s and other medical services.

Who makes the contact?

The G.P or District Nurse contacts our Nursing Co-ordinator who makes all the arrangements.

Who pays for the nursing?

The Friends

There is no charge to the patient or family. Nurses and carers are paid by the League of Friends at N.H.S. rates.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED NURSE?

If you are a nurse and would like to join our team of paid specialists, please contact the Chairman or Co-ordinator.



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Physiotherapy

For many years the Physiotherapy Fund has met the cost of provision of additional Physiotherapy for older members of the community. This has supplemented existing NHS services resulting in lower waiting times. We now have a contract with the Physiotherapy Department of the Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust (Cotswold area) for the service to be provided through the Physiotherapy Clinic based at Fairford Hospital. This should ensure people receive the right type of service at the right time.

Fairford & Lechlade Hospital Project
Under discussion:
A new medical facility for Fairford & Lechlade including:

- * Nursing home beds
- * Intermediate care beds
- * Out patient services
- * Other local community services

Who is covered by the scheme?

Any patient of the Fairford or Lechlade Practices aged 60 or over or chronically sick who the GP considers would benefit from this additional service.

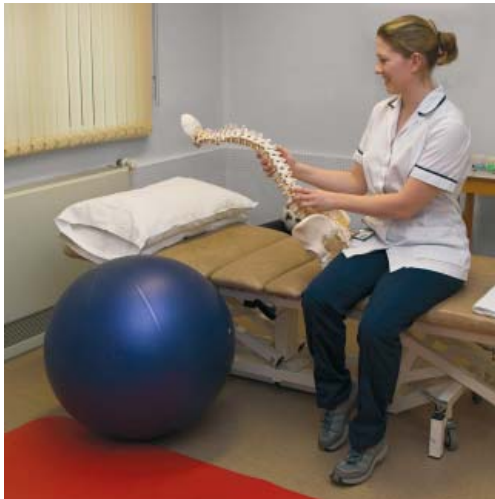
Who does the Physiotherapy?

Qualified NHS physiotherapists working at Fairford Hospital under the direction of the Locality Head of Physiotherapy services

Who pays for the physiotherapy?

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There is no charge to the patient or family.



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The League of Friends is managed by a Committee including a Chairman, Treasurer, Co-ordinator and a Doctor from each practice.

Chairman: David Phillips
01285 850322

Treasurer: Jim Barge
01367 850271

Co-ordinator: Gail Bloxham
01285 850261

Annual General Meeting

Members of the League are invited to the AGM at Fairford Hospital 7:30pm Thursday 10th May 2007.

Want to help?

To offer practical help or to become a Friend of Fairford Hospital, please contact the Chairman or Co-ordinator.

Friends:

Would you please complete the front of the collection envelope so that we can both keep you up to date with future activities and claim back 28p tax for every £1 you give, a very important source of revenue for the League.

Where does the money come from?

The Friends

We rely entirely on donations and fund-raising activities. The House to House Collection is our major fund-raising activity. The money we collect is not given to the PCT or other local hospitals.

THANK YOU

The League could not operate without the generous support from those we serve. On behalf of all those associated with the Hospital and our Friends in the Community services a very big thank you.



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I /We would like to become/remain a registered member of the League of Friends

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel. Code and No: _____

I/We would like to volunteer practical help (e.g. we always need more car drivers)

Please fill in, detach and put in collection envelope or post to: Gail Bloxham,
Co-ordinator, Mistle House, Ashbrook Lane, Ampney Crucis, Nr Cirencester, GL7 5SG

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BANKER'S ORDER

To: _____ Bank plc _____ Branch
(name of your bank)

_____ (address of your bank)

Please pay to Lloyds TSB Bank plc, High Street, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4AD (30-92-06)
for the credit of the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital Account No: 1093698

the sum of : £ _____ (amount in words) _____

on _____ and thereafter annually/monthly for _____ years*
* (delete as appropriate) until I instruct you otherwise*

Account No: _____ Sort Code _____

Account in the Name(s) of _____ (in capitals)

Signature _____ Date _____

