

# **NEWSLETTER**

### FRIENDS OF CATERHAM DENE HOSPITAL

Registered Charity No. 251089



Autumn/winter 2025

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Don't miss the Friends

## **Festive Bazaar**

United Reformed Church, 1 Harestone Hill, Caterham Saturday 15th November, 10am - 2pm

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#### Here's what's inside:

Chairman's Report: Catch up on all the latest updates and what's been happening.

**Events Spotlight:** A recap of past events and details about exciting ones coming up.

Supporting the Hospital: Find out about the items we've been purchasing.

**big News:** The future of our newsletter and website.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHAIR**

#### **News from the Chair**

As we are now in meteorological autumn, my thoughts turn to the Autumn/Winter newsletter. It's time to be thinking about our forth coming Christmas Bazaar, this year being held in the URC Church Hall Harestone Hill, opposite the mini roundabout at the entrance to Morrison's Car Park. Sonia Hunt, Caterham's esteemed Town Crier has kindly agreed to bring and ring her big bell and open the event.

It has been a bit of a mixed year as far as events go. The summer has been absolutely wonderful and we have been busy through the summer months with our Street Collection held in Church Walk, taking place mid-June and the Caterham Carnival and Car Boot Sale, both taking place in early July. More detail can be found on these events elsewhere in the Newsletter.

#### **Shop**

The hospital shop is now fully staffed and continues to generate a valued income for us, a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who keep it running. Donations of saleable items such as ornaments, vases, crockery, jewellery, toys all in good saleable condition are always welcome and can be left with the shop staff or reception.

Whilst we accept books, we have limited space for storage, any surplus book we are unable to retain are passed on to the Red Cross store in Redhill. They also take any foreign and no longer legal tender coinage that appears in the shop amongst donations and collection boxes.

### A New Chapter for Our Newsletter

Have you shared your email address with the Friends yet? It's more important than ever, as future newsletters will only be delivered by email. Therefore, please send your email address to chair@focdh.co.uk.

As mentioned in our Spring/Summer edition, the Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital now have a website — a simple, cost-effective way to share updates about the hospital and our activities. With just a few clicks, you can stay informed and connected.

After much thought, and in light of rising printing costs, the physical demands on our Wardens (who, like many of us, aren't getting any younger), and the ongoing challenge of finding volunteers, we've decided this will be the final printed newsletter. From Spring/Summer 2026 onwards, newsletters will be emailed to all members whose email addresses we have on file.

If you're not online or find computers tricky, we'd be grateful if you could provide the email address of a trusted relative or friend who can help you stay in the loop.

#### **Planned Events**

- Quiz Night on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Our AGM is on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at St Mary's church Hall.

### Items purchased for the hospital

These are detailed in other sections of the newsletter.

### **Ongoing Project**

We have been requested by the hospital to provide specialist storage cabinets for the refurbishment of the Drugs room. Having been approached previously by Rotary requesting if they could assist us with support to the hospital, we have agreed a joint project, Rotary will be covering the cost of the required cabinets and the Friends covering the cost of the required building works and new flooring.

Keep an eye on our Web site for updates on the project.

John Hazel, email chair@focdh.co.uk

Chair - Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital

### **NEW PURCHASES FOR THE HOSPITAL**



To the Friends of Caterham Dene.

Thank you so much for the oxygen saturation probes you have purchased for us. They will be a great help to the whole team and all our patients.

Nicola Parker - MIU Clinical Lead Caterham Dene Hospital Cost £402

### **EVENTS THIS SUMMER**



Caterham Fair was held on Saturday 14th June, on Westway common.

We raised £114.00 in donations, and entry to the 'name the bunny' competition being a very popular attraction, as were the free Bubble sticks we gave out.



Our Car Boot sale took place on Saturday 6th July 2025 on the Westway common.

We raised £74.86 from the vast assortment of bric-a-brac that was donated from our local community.

This was an event under the Caterham Festival.



Our street collection organised by Berenice Frith, one of our trustees, was held on Saturday 5th July and raised £222.25.

We would like to thank Mr. Stuart West, Administration Manager from First Community for acting as our independent counting supervisor.

### THE BEST BITS FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS

The friends have made some great achievements over the last 10 years, from the opening of the shop in the hospital reception, to putting on spectacular events each year, we have been able to raise enough money to provide the hospital with an outstanding amount of equipment, amenities and support.

Over the past 10 years we have provided £367,000 worth of equipment and amenities for the hospital.

Here are a selection of our achievements that stand out the most:

- \* £73,000 Air conditioning units and installation throughout the hospital.
- \* £40,000 Audiology booths and equipment.
- \* £38,000 Patient amenities.
- \* £25,000 Refurbishment of physiotherapy department.
- £22,000 Scanner for physiotherapy.
- \* £18,000 Permanent canopy, fencing, tables and chairs for courtyard garden.
- \* £12,000 Liver testing machine.



The Friends Trustees pointing to an Air conditioning unit inside the Hospital. 2021



The Friends Trustees with an Air conditioning unit outside the hospital. 2021



Jean Baker having a hearing test with the new equipment in the Audiology booth. 2018



Micheal Crebbins demonstrating the use of the ultrasound scanner on a calf injury. 2023



Part of the refurbished Physiotherapy department with some of the new equipment. 2016



The permanent canopy, tables and chairs and fence surrounding the courtyard garden behind the ward. 2017

The generosity of the local community and the hard work of our tireless volunteers brings in a continuous flow of funds, here's some of our finest moments from the last 10 years:-

- £60,800 is the amount the Friends Shop has made since opening in 2016.
- £9,800 is the amount we have received from Tandridge lottery.
- \* £9,800 has been raised from the Christmas Fair/Bazaar over the last 10 years.
- \* £71,100 from Membership fees
- \* £18,500 from the gift aid associated with the membership fees
- \* £3,000 was raised from the two choral concerts the friends have put on.
- \* £2,700 from baby jumpers knitted by volunteers and sold on Ebay.
- £6,300 all the Quiz nights in the last 10 years.
- \* £47,500 donated by groups and individuals in the local community.
- £9,000 from other events
- \* £143,000 from legacies bequeathed to us in the wills from local residents.



The Friends Shop in the hospital reception has made £60,800 profit since opening in 2016.



The Craft stall at the 2017 Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair / Bazaar has raised £9,900 over 10 years.



Berenice Frith, one of the Friends Trustees and her husband Chris, helping at the Friends Christmas Bazaar 2024.



Knitted santa's and snow men with kinder eggs inside are very popular and boost sales in the shop and at events.



Baby jumpers knitted by volunteers have raised £2,700 by selling them on Ebay.



Contestants at the quiz night April 2024. The quiz night has raised £6,300 in the last 10 years

## **NOTICE BOARD**

#### MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR NEWSLETTER

We're excited to announce that Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital is embracing a fresh way of staying connected with our community. As technology evolves and more people turn to online platforms for news and updates, we're moving forward by transitioning our Newsletter to a digital format.

This change allows us to share information more quickly, reach more people, and make the most of our resources — especially as we continue to welcome new volunteers and adapt to modern systems. From now on, updates will be posted on our new website and sent directly to members by email.

To ensure you don't miss a thing, please make sure we have your current email address. You'll receive timely updates as they happen, along with a regular round-up of news, events, and ways to get involved.

If we don't already have your email, please send it to: chair@focdh.co.uk

We would also like to take a moment to thank our loyal readers who have supported the printed Newsletter over the years. Your encouragement and engagement have meant the world to us, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you — just in a new, more accessible way.

To access our website go to - www.focdh.org.uk

Or use our QR code below, which will take you straight there by scanning with your phone camera or QR reader.





#### **DONATIONS**

**Don't forget**—we greatly appreciate donations of new gifts, jewellery, glassware, china and ornaments, to support sales in our shop and at the Festive Bazaar. You're welcome to bring them to our shop at the hospital reception between 10am and 4pm, or contact John Hazell at 07484726708 to arrange a collection.



## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**



To become a member of FRIENDS OF CATERHAM DENE HOSPITAL, please fill in this form and send to:

Membership Secretary, Friends of Caterham Dene Hospital, Caterham Dene Hospital, Church Rd, Caterham CR3 5RA

#### Please complete all information and sign at the bottom of the page

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