

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

The Friends of Lydney and District Hospital were naturally very concerned with the NHS boards recent decision to accept the recommendation of the Citizen's Jury to site the proposed new Community Hospital in or near Cinderford. Their case seemed to rest on the perceived combination of a more central location and the high levels of health deprivation in and around that part of the Forest. However, site accessibility and growing future population apparently received little priority.

The members of the Jury were very genuine, interested residents who spent several days listening to and discussing amongst themselves large amounts of data in various formats. It was a thankless task with no clear-cut majority decision and as one Juror said to the Board "there was no single right location". We thank them for their dedication.

We are most grateful for all the support of local people during the recent public engagements exercise which resulted in over 50% of the responders choosing Lydney as their preference -twice as much as any other location, this too seemed to carry little weight with the NHS boards.

It now appears that it is planned for all new health care facilities to be situated in the north of the Forest, thereby severely disadvantaging those in the South. The Friends maintain that there certainly needs to be a second unit for provision for Minor Illness and Injury Units, Outpatients and other related services to be continued in the South as well as the North and will continue to campaign to this effect.

Meanwhile they will continue to support the staff at Lydney Hospital as well as the maintenance of the existing services.

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This year we focused more on the 70 Years of the NHS rather than fund-raising, and we were pleased to see that this change was generally well received by most of those present. Good fun was enjoyed by all ages, and it was especially important to show the dedicated staff who work at the hospital how much we appreciate their efforts.

Be assured that the Friends of Lydney & District Hospital will continue to campaign to ensure that the NHS meets its obligations in providing suitable health care for the ever-increasing number of people in the South of the Forest.



Recent Hospital Retirements and Events



Dr Gibbs



Brenda Dobbs



Tracey Green



"Lisa Bennett with Lydney Health Care Assistants who have recently been awarded Care Certificates"...

Recent equipment purchased by the Friends:

- 20 Affiniti Over Bed Tables £3,449.60
- 2 TV Stands (£200 each) 1 TV (£200) £600.00
- Items for in-patient physio £76.69
- 2 Rectangular Flip Top Tables £459.60
- Motomed Physio Equipment £4,880.00
- X-ray Machine £121,100.00
- Dementia Tablet & Accessories £5,495.00
- 2 x Attendant Wheelchairs £282.90
- Caterpillar Wall Panel £177.59
- Buddy Compact Day Bed £774.00



Motomed



X-ray Machine



Buddy Compact Day Bed

In addition, each year:

- Daily newspapers are provided for inpatients
- A small gift is given to long-serving members of staff upon their retirement
- Christmas gifts are given to staff and patients
- Financial support is provided for nurses' events at the hospital
- The Friends maintain the gardens in front of the hospital