

GRAPEVINE



Poole Hospital Revue

The Poole Hospital Revue held on 27 and 28 January was a huge success - turn to page 5 for a full report...

Pictured: Back row (L-R) Louella O'Herlihy, Alicia Watts, Sally Parry, David Coppini, Louise Darvill, Matt Thomas, James LaBourchardiere, Tessa Lambton; Middle row (L-R) Shalini Angunawala, Naomi Jayanetti, Heather Wilcox, Premila Fade, Carolyn Macfarlane; Front row (L-R) Becky Davies, Louise Collins.

Poole nurse wins award for diabetes work

James Abel, Inpatient Diabetes Nurse Specialist, has won the Dignity in Care award as part of the NHS Dorset Health & Social Care Awards 2009/10.

James was nominated for these awards by our own Trust Board for the enthusiasm, professionalism and high standard with which he carries out his role.

He was presented with his award on 14 January at a ceremony at Kingston Maurward House near Dorchester.

James implemented the Inpatient Diabetes Nurse Service in 2005 with the support of Dr David Coppini. The service was originally supported by pharmaceutical funding before the Trust took on financial responsibility for his post in 2008. The work James has done has shown a reduction in bed days for patients with diabetes and an overall improvement in inpatient diabetes care, and local surveys



L-R: Carol Greenland, Phil Hammond (GP & TV Personality), Jacqueline Swift (Chair of Dorset PCT), James Abel, Mike Masding

show that it has been appreciated by patients.

Nowadays the Inpatient Diabetes Service is a team effort, with Dr Mike Masding leading it with James and Carol Greenland, Diabetes Specialist Dietician. This award is a reflection of their continued work with diabetes care in our hospital. They have implemented speciality-specific

education sessions, with ongoing changes and improvements to the hospital diet, and have also introduced tools for the safer use of insulin and referrals to specialist services.

The care of inpatients with diabetes here at Poole Hospital continues to develop under the guidance of this small but dedicated team.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COLUMN



If I had a pound for every time someone asked me if I am counting the days before my retirement we would have solved our overspend! The answer, however, is no, I am not counting the days as I intend to remain focused and committed to doing the best for Poole Hospital until the very last minute. However, this is the last time I shall write the Chief Executive's column for *Grapevine* and I'm sure you will indulge me as I reflect on my time with you.

This is inevitably a very mixed message as I clearly feel very happy but sad at the same time. I have absolutely loved and feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to lead this wonderful hospital with such fabulous staff. Everyone without exception has made me feel very welcome throughout the last five years and I move into retirement having had one of the best jobs in the NHS. For those of you that do not know, I started my career in the NHS in 1970 as a dental nurse, after which I qualified as a nurse and midwife. Having worked my way up, I have been a board level director for over 20 years, of which the last 10 have been as a Chief Executive. My two Chief Executive roles have been very different. Firstly at UK Transplant with UK-wide responsibility for improving organ donation and transplantation, and more recently at Poole with a responsibility to lead and improve where possible the quality and safety of services for our local population.

Reflection gives us all a wonderful opportunity to look back and consider what has been achieved, which can be heart-warming, but at the same time to think about things that have not gone as well as we might have expected, so that we can learn for the future.

On my own personal reflection I am terribly proud about a number of things. Firstly, that we became a Foundation Trust. It is only the best hospitals in England that have achieved authorisation and I am delighted that our standards are such that we were rightly given FT status. I am thrilled that during that process we refreshed the 'Poole

Approach' which is so important to the way in which we work together, and with our patients. I am delighted that we re-vowed our commitment to provide friendly, professional, patient-centred care with dignity and respect. It has been fabulous to achieve recognition from the Care Quality Commission that both our clinical services and our use of resources have been excellent and to be named as the safest hospital in the UK was really the icing on the cake!

Securing practice development accreditation for so many of our clinical areas has been testimony to the hard work and commitment of all staff at ward and department level, and this will make a big contribution to the academic strategy, which I was so pleased to see launched, and which will, I am sure, lead to this hospital achieving University status in a short while.

It has been a pleasure to lead a team of staff so committed to constantly exceeding standards and targets to ensure that patients receive excellent, safe care and treatment. Our performance in infection control has been particularly impressive. It has also been a pleasure to enjoy very constructive working relationships with our governors, who so ably represent public and staff constituencies, and colleagues in primary care trusts and in local authorities, with whom we need to continue to work really closely to ensure that patients get the best possible care in all settings.

My disappointments are that I could not get the much-needed A&E and maternity development started before the end of this financial year and, in addition, the retirement which I had had in mind for the last 40 years (!) comes at a time when funding in the NHS is about to become much more difficult and I would have liked to support the organisation through this downturn.

I feel very proud of all that we have achieved together, but very sad that I must leave such a fantastic, committed group of staff, each and every one of whom has lit up my time with you in one way or another.

I would like to place on record my thanks to my Executive team, who work so hard, and the Board, and each and every one of you for your hard work and support, and for putting patients at the heart of everything that you do. You have made my job in Poole a real pleasure and a privilege.

Sue Sutherland, Chief Executive

e-Learning

Convenient computer-based e-Learning is being introduced at Poole Hospital for statutory patient and personal safety training, including fire, health and safety, and manual handling.

e-Learning is open to all staff. To start e-Learning you will need a SmartCard. The credit card-sized SmartCards will either be issued in your department or, to speed up the process, at drop-in sessions in the Board Room.

To get a SmartCard at one of the drop-in sessions, you will need to fill in form RA01, which can be downloaded from the intranet (search on 'smart cards e-learning') and have this signed by your line manager. You will also need to bring your passport/photo driving licence and proof of residence (eg utility bill) to a session, and pose for a photo. Your SmartCard will be issued shortly afterwards.



DROP-IN SESSIONS:

8 March	8.30am-12pm	Boardroom 2	23 March	7-10pm	Boardroom 2
11 March	2-5pm	Boardroom 2	25 March	2-5pm	Boardroom 2
22 March	8.30am-12pm	Boardroom 2	26 March	8.30am-12pm	Boardroom 2
			29 March	2-5pm	Boardroom 2



▶ The AFC Bournemouth squad pay a visit to Poole Hospital's Children's Unit

BOURNEMOUTH FOOTBALLERS DROP IN TO CHILDREN'S UNIT

Cherries stars make a Christmas visit to Poole Hospital

On 15 December, over 20 AFC Bournemouth players paid a visit to the Children's Unit, along with Manager Eddie Howe, to meet patients. The team brought presents and goodie bags for the kids, and took the time to talk to children and their families. The team visit the Children's Unit at Poole Hospital every year at Christmas.

Eddie Howe said: "It's important that we give something back to the community. This is a really enjoyable day for myself and the players – it's nice to see the children's faces when they meet the team."

Steve Fletcher said: "As a father, I understand how hard it is for children - and their families - to be in hospital at this time of year. It's really nice to be able to come and cheer them up for an hour or two."

AWARD FOR ANDREW

Poole Hospital's Deputy Director of Finance Andrew Goodwin has received a prestigious award in recognition of his work in healthcare.

The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) is the voice of healthcare finance in the UK and represents the views of finance professionals and finance departments working across healthcare. They play a fundamental role in education, policy development and working with the Department of Health and other regulatory bodies.

Each year an annual award ceremony takes place. The HFMA Awards celebrate excellence in finance departments and recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals.

In December 2009, five honorary fellowships were awarded by HFMA to individuals who have made a substantial and sustained contribution to the life and work of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and to the finance community at large.

Andrew Goodwin, Deputy Director of Finance, received one of these awards for his work in the South West over the last 10 years. His award was achieved in recognition of his dedication to keeping the South West committee moving forward, embracing the need to develop a local branch report and ensuring that key business matters are fully addressed, in addition to his work at Poole Hospital.

Andrew received his award from Bill Shields, Director of Finance, South West SHA at the awards ceremony in December.



▶ Andrew receives his award from Bill Shields, Director of Finance for the South West SHA

What's On!

Every issue of *Grapevine* includes a list of handy diary dates for Poole Hospital staff, but we need YOU to tell us what's on! Please email grapevine@poole.nhs.uk or call x2269 with details of any sporting activities, training, fundraising events, staff social activities or any other events that you think people might like to know about!

MARCH

Friday 12 March

Recorder concert in aid of Poole Africa Link (see pg 8 for more)

Saturday 20 March

Black tie dinner and auction in aid of Poole Africa Link (see pg 8 for more)

Tuesday 30 March

Dining Room: T-jewellery

Wednesday 31 March

Dining Room: Nicola Lane handbags, jewellery and more

APRIL

Thursday 1 April

Easter Coffee Morning and Flower Arranging Demonstration Forest Holme, 10.30am-12.30pm Call x8600 for more info

Thursday 1 April

Dining Room: Kirsten Bellamy jewellery

Tuesday 6 April

Dining Room: Mental Health Awareness

Tuesday 6 April

Sue Sutherland Team Briefing

Tuesday 6 April

Poole Africa Link presentation, 12.30pm Lecture Theatre

Sunday 18 April

Woofers Woodland Walk in aid of Forest Holme Call x8600 for more info

Tuesday 27 April

Dining Room: T-jewellery

Friday 30 April

Dining Room: Kirsten Bellamy jewellery

Dates correct at time of going to press. Please check the intranet for final dates of Dining Room sales and Team Briefings

NEW E-ROSTERING SYSTEM TO LAUNCH IN APRIL

New web-based software will mean a fairer system for staff

Poole Hospital will shortly begin the process of rolling out a new electronic system for managing rostering, time and attendance.

The SMART software is designed to reduce workload for both managers and staff by streamlining the rostering process and cutting out paperwork. The new system also provides tools for time and attendance management.

It will provide a fairer and more transparent rostering system for staff, and hospital trusts already using the system are reporting a significant improvement in the accuracy of staff salary payments.

How will it work?

The software is a web-based product, meaning it can be accessed either from the Trust's PCs or by staff at home. The user-friendly system will allow staff to request their own shifts, annual leave and days off, which managers can then approve. The system is highly flexible and enables the creation of staff rosters quickly and easily.

When will it be introduced?

The new system is being rolled out on a phased basis, with phase 1 being implemented from April 2010. The implementation plan is designed to ensure that additional wards/departments introduce the system every three months, with the whole Trust using the system by the end of 2011.

Will I need some training?

The software is easy to use, but some brief training will be needed for all staff to ensure they can operate it correctly. Representatives from each ward and department will be trained as part of the phased roll-out, and they will then be responsible for ensuring all staff are fully trained.

Why are we doing this?

The new software will dramatically cut down on the paperwork and administrative work involved in rostering and time and attendance management. Other benefits include:

- Staff can request preferred shifts
- System can be accessed from home or work
- Ensures fairness and transparency in rostering process
- Improved accuracy in pay
- Frees up clinical staff for direct patient care instead of admin work

What if I don't have a computer at home?

An internet café is being put into the Dining Room, which will be for staff use only. The computers in the library can also be used to get

on to the SMART system. Staff can access the internet café and the library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by using their staff ID card.

I'm a bank nurse, does this affect me?

As a part of the first phase of the implementation plan, the current nurses' Bank Staff Management System (BSMS) is going to be replaced with the SMART Bank Management System. This will happen during May 2010 and bank staff will receive training in how to use the system during the 3-4 week period before the system goes live. All nurse bank shifts must be booked via the SMART system as the hours worked by bank staff will be automatically transferred to our payroll provider (McKesson) and staff will no longer have to complete timesheets. Bank nurses will highlight on the system when they are available to work and they will be automatically contacted whenever a suitable shift becomes available that matches their availability and particular competencies. For the time being, non-nursing bank staff will continue to book their work as they currently do and submit timesheets for payment. The e-Rostering Project Team are liaising with SMART with a view to transferring all bank staff to the Bank Management System as soon as possible.

I work 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday – does this affect me?

The system will have an effect on all staff across the Trust, regardless of whether they work shift patterns or not. Working hours will be recorded on the system's time and attendance module. This also includes recording whenever staff are away from work, whether that be on leave, on a study day, being off due to sickness or some other reason. The system enables staff to monitor their working patterns against their contracted hours, and identifies any periods where people have worked over or under their required hours so that any time owing can be addressed.

I'm a doctor – does this affect me?

Doctors' duty rosters are currently produced on another electronic system (Zircadian). However, to ensure consistency, the Trust will consider if it is appropriate to transfer medical staff rosters to the SMART system at some point in the future.

Will anything change in the way I request preferred shift patterns and time off?

All staff will have the option to make requests by using the self-rostering module of the system. These requests need to be received within a specific timeframe and will be



▶ The system's home page can be quickly accessed via a web browser

reviewed by the ward/department's rostering leads during the period in which they create the roster. Rosters will be published four weeks in advance of their start date, and they will usually cover a six-week period, rather than the 2-4 week period that is commonly used by wards/departments.

How do I find out more?

Several demonstrations of the SMART system have already taken place in the Lecture Theatre and more of these are going to be scheduled during the coming months. Look out for dates, which will be emailed to managers across the Trust for them to display on noticeboards in their wards and departments.

For further information please contact the Project Team:
Martyn Penn, Project Manager (ext: 8385) or
Mandy Sullivan, Clinical Implementation Lead (ext: 8348)

Alternatively please contact any of the following rostering leads for phase 1 of the implementation/rollout programme:
Kerry Porter, Longfleet Ward
Nicola Smith, Longfleet Ward
Karen Fernley, Acrewood Ward
Marion Potter, Bearwood Ward
Mandy Tanner, Dorset Breast Screening Unit
Shirley Langdon, Dorset Breast Screening Unit
Lynda Diffey, Nurses Bank



▶ Staff will be able to access the new system from work or home to input their preferred hours

Revue Group raises £4,545 for Poole Africa Link

REPORT BY SHOW DIRECTOR NAOMI JAYANETTI

As the nights drawing in and trees turning bare heralded the arrival of autumn, a motley crew of hospital staff could be found gathering in the Postgraduate Centre late into the evenings. Clad in fluorescent spandex and with an irrepressible fondness for jazz hands, their mission was to bring revue back to Poole Hospital for the first time in over thirty years, whilst raising money for a very worthy cause.

"The Poole Reproach: Dignity and Respect for None" featured a selection of comedy sketches, songs, dances and films written and performed by staff, and a new ten-piece hospital band. The show was performed to packed houses at Poole Grammar School on the evenings of 27 and 28 January. Well attended by staff and their guests from all sectors of the hospital, their support and generosity led to a fantastic donation of £4,545 to the Poole Africa Link.

For those who missed the show – and those who wish to relive their favourite scenes – a DVD will be available; look out for details on the intranet soon. There have been calls for the revue to become an annual or biennial event; it is certainly a great way to bring together people from all disciplines in the hospital, a



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1. The final curtain: (L-R) Naomi Jayanetti, Sally Parry, Louella O'Herlihy, Louise Darvill, Heather Wilcox, Sue Greenwood, Sony Vaidyan, Alicia Watts, Carolyn Macfarlane, Gary Cumberbatch, David Coppini, Nick Sharer, Mark Allenby, James LaBouchardiere

2. Together we will fight... MRSA! (L-R) Alicia Watts, Louise Darvill, Carolyn Macfarlane, Tessa Lambton, James LaBouchardiere, Louise Collins

3. They tried to make me go to rehab, but I said no, no, no! (L-R) Shalini Angunawala, David Coppini, Naomi Jayanetti, Heather Wilcox, Sue Greenwood, Becky Dav

4. Lock up your daughters... here come the Porters! (L-R) Ben Glover, Alicia Watts, Louise Collins

5. And now for the news: (L-R) Matt Thomas, Sally Parry

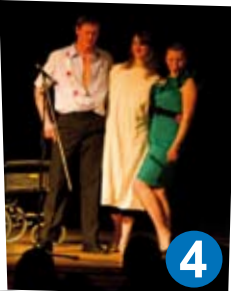
perfect remedy for those winter blues, and a fun means of supporting charity.

The Revue Group would like to thank all those who helped with the making and staging of the show, publicity and ticket sales, the MSC and Doctors' Mess committees, Poole Grammar School and all who came for their laughter and generosity. We hope to see you again next time!

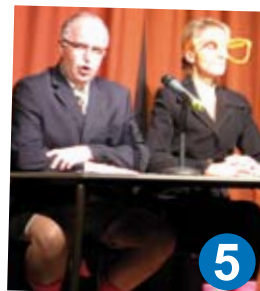
Photos courtesy of Andrew McLeod and Nick Stocks



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STOP!

THINK BEFORE YOU SIGN

In these recessionary times the credit crunch is biting, incomes are stretched, and the less scrupulous may turn to fraud to supplement their income. We have all heard about benefit fraud and insurance fraud but how many of us are aware that it may be the NHS that is also sometimes the victim of fraud?

So, before you sign off that invoice, timesheet or expenses claim, stop and think for a minute. Do you know that those goods have been ordered and received, and if so have you checked that you haven't been overcharged for them or already invoiced?

If you are signing a timesheet, are you sure that the member of staff was doing an extra shift or working extra hours on that day? And if you are authorising expenses, do you know if that trip was genuine or if the mileage is reasonable?

If you do not have personal knowledge of the goods, services or expenses that you are authorising payment for, make sure that you check before you sign. As a signatory you are the Trust's safeguard against fraud and are confirming that the expenditure is legitimate.

If you have a concern that any invoice, timesheet or claim that you receive is not genuine, please contact your Local Counter Fraud Specialist, Steve Plant, on 01202 851228 for advice.

SUPPLIED BY: **Steve Plant, Local Counter Fraud Specialist**

LEADING THE WAY IN TISSUE VIABILITY

Few NHS Trusts have recognised the importance and benefits that can be gained for patients by dedicating specific resources to the important area of Tissue Viability.

Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has again taken a lead and initiative by appointing a Nurse Consultant with a primary responsibility for developing this complex area of care.

The Trust, in partnership with the SHA, appointed Andrea Graham to the post of Nurse Consultant -Tissue Viability on 1 October 2009. Andrea brings 21 years of nursing experience to this role, including working in the specialist areas of burns and plastic surgery, and trauma and orthopaedics.

Andrea commented: "The main purpose of tissue viability is the prevention and management of pressure ulcers, which is often a marginalised, debilitating and misunderstood condition.

► **Andrea Graham, Nurse Consultant, talks to a patient about their care**



Pressure ulcers are often developed by patients when in hospital; they can complicate their recovery and frequently result in an extended stay in hospital."

Yvonne Jeffrey, Associate Director for Nursing said: "We are delighted to welcome Andrea to this important role. Having a clear focus on this area of clinical care will bring clear benefits to both patients and the Trust by reducing the amount of time they need to spend as in-patients."

For further information on this role and Tissue Viability, please contact Andrea Graham on 01202 442490.

Staff Excellence Awards

POOLE HOSPITAL STAFF ARE HONOURED IN THE 2009 LONG SERVICE AND MEGGITT STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Hospital staff, directors, governors and family and friends came together to celebrate staff achievements and success at the annual Long Service and Meggitt Staff Excellence and Bursary Awards on Friday 27 November.

2009 was the twelfth year that Meggitt PLC has generously funded the Staff Excellence awards and sponsored the Meggitt Bursary, so we were pleased to welcome back Philip Green, Meggitt Group Corporate Affairs Director, to present these awards. Our Chairman, Peter Harvey, presented 19 staff with their 25-year long service award and one member of staff with a 40-year long service award, and Sue Sutherland, Chief Executive, presented five members of the cleaning staff with a new Healthcare Cleaning Award.

The Staff Excellence Awards were judged by a panel, including one of our non-executive directors and a governor, both of whom were very impressed at the quality of the nominations. Many congratulations to the 2009 winners who were:

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Jarek Sikora

Jarek Sikora of the Coronary Care Unit was chosen as a worthy successor to last year's winner, Mike Rowe. Jarek is Polish and came to the UK in 2006. He started working in the hospital as a cleaner on Cranborne Ward where his hard work and wonderful people skills prompted the nursing staff to suggest he join the nursing team, and in November 2007 he successfully applied for a job as Health Care Assistant on the Coronary Care Unit.

The Unit constantly receives complimentary comments from all hospital departmental staff, patients, relatives and medical staff about his positive manner, enthusiasm and dedicated commitment to his work. Jarek embraces everything he is asked to do and does it to the best of his ability. In addition, Jarek has completed his NVQ2 and is now working towards his NVQ3.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Ralph Vickers

The judges chose **Ralph Vickers** as 'Volunteer of the Year'. Ralph has worked in the Oncology Outpatients Department since 1997 and also spends an afternoon a week working for the PALS team. His boundless energy and bright cheery face bring a smile to the saddest of people but he works at all times with the greatest of sensitivity. His loyalty to his post has always been above and beyond the call of duty.

CUSTOMER CARE



Margaret Summers

The judges chose **Margaret Summers** of the Lloyd Adams Staff Development Centre as winner of the individual award for her consistently high standards of customer service to colleagues and staff, positive attitude and hard work ethic.



Day Case Unit Team

The team award went to the **Day Case Unit staff** for their professionalism, skill and good humour in maintaining their high standard of care during building work, and ensuring patient privacy, dignity and confidentiality was maintained throughout. Staff have also adapted to changing shift patterns and opening hours whilst continuing to provide creative ideas for the development and improvement of the patient journey.

The **Estates Helpdesk Team** was awarded 'Highly Commended' for the fantastic job they do in helping to keep the hospital running smoothly and efficiently throughout the year. Last year the team dealt with 85,000 requests, all generated from within the hospital and often made in a very impatient and demanding manner, but all dealt with calmly and efficiently.

PATIENT SAFETY



Infection Prevention & Control Team

The **Infection Prevention & Control Team** was chosen as overall winner in this category in recognition of their energy, enthusiasm and commitment in facilitating the Trust's outstanding performance in this area over the past year. We achieved a 100% reduction in MRSA bacteraemias, over 80% reduction in other MRSA infections and almost 50% reduction in c.difficile hospital-acquired infections.

The judges decided to award 'Highly Commended' to **Pat Eden and April Duncan**, the Resuscitation Nurse Specialists, for their review of the Poole Early Warning System (PEWS) and subsequent research, design, publicity and implementation of the new PEWS policy and a new Adult Observation Chart which will act as a source of education to all clinical staff. The new documentation will be used for all adult acute inpatients and will have multiple benefits in the care of acutely unwell patients, ensuring that "each patient gets the right treatment from the right person at the right time".

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

The judges chose the **CT/MRI Scanning Team** as overall winner in this category as they felt the whole team had worked to reorganise processes in order to cope with increasing demand and meet reduced access time targets. This involved not only reorganising the use of the scanners but also extending the working day and introducing Saturday working. Members of the team are also actively involved in the Scanner Appeal and fundraising activities.

The **Dolphin Community Midwifery Team** were awarded 'Highly Commended' for the successful pilot of the new maternity model of care and the development of an effective team of integrated midwives.



CT/MRI Scanning Team

MEGGITT BURSARY AWARD

The Meggitt Bursary is awarded to fund travel to other healthcare sites to further healthcare related studies. This year's winner was **Stephen Moloney**, a medical physicist in the Radiotherapy Department, who plans to use the award to fund visits to a number of centres already using a new technique called stereotactic body radiotherapy for the more accurate delivery of radiation treatment. We already have the necessary equipment at Poole so Stephen will use the Bursary to gain a better understanding of the methods used and the problems encountered in order to support the smoother and safer implementation of these methods for our patients.



Stephen Moloney

HEALTHCARE CLEANING AWARDS

These awards were presented for consistent Healthcare Cleanliness Audits scores of 98-100% every week; the number of compliment letters received from the public; and maintaining an excellent record of attendance:

Claudia Czerwonka (Acrewood Ward)
 Beata Gawrych (ITU/HDU)
 Maria Granja Goncalves (Day Case Theatres)
 Sylwia Malyska (Durlston Ward)
 Rustam Mannanov (Durlston Ward)

LONG SERVICE AWARD

A long service award was automatically awarded to the following staff for completing 25 years service in the local NHS:

Esther Andrious, Community Midwife, Community Midwifery
 Jackie Barnes, Midwife, Post Natal Ward
 Sue Barraclough, Children's Dietitian, Dietetics and Nutrition
 Lynn Cherrett, Lung Nurse Specialist, Specialist Cancer Nurses
 Lynne Clayton, Senior Respiratory Nurse Specialist, Respiratory Specialist
 Lynne Cullen, Unit Secretary, St Mary's Gynae Unit
 Susan Deuters, Staff Nurse, NICU
 Judith Dunning, Senior PMT, Clinical Neurophysiology
 Karen Fernley, Sister, Acrewood Ward
 Andrew Hunt, Head of IRIS, Medical Physics
 Susan Lewis, Sonographer, Ultrasound
 Sylvia Lowrey, Sister, Endoscopy Unit
 Tracy Lydford, Theatre Practitioner, Main Theatres
 Janette Morrison, Staff Nurse, NICU
 Flo Padmore, Staff Nurse, Portland Ward
 Denise Richards, Matron, Infection Prevention and Control
 Mandy Sullivan, HR Services Development Manager, Human Resources Dept.
 Gill van Hasselt, Consultant Anaesthetist, Medical Staff Anaesthetics
 Sharron Welch, Auxiliary, Ward B4



This year we also had one member of staff who completed over 40 years service:
 Pauline Barrett, Senior Receptionist, Pathology



Rachel Martin and Vicky Caim with one of the many patients who has now benefited from Home Therapy

HOME THERAPY SCHEME A GREAT SUCCESS

The orthopaedic therapy team continually strives to introduce new ways of working that will improve patient care and the efficiency of the service provided. A great example of this is the Home Therapy scheme.

Thanks to the hard work of the Orthopaedic Physiotherapists, a Home Therapy scheme for patients with ankle fractures has been established at Poole Hospital. This scheme allows patients to be safely managed in the comfort of their own home whilst awaiting surgery. Prior to the Home Therapy scheme, patients waited on the ward on average 4.5 days for their swelling to reduce enough for surgery and reported how frustrated they were.

Since starting in November 2008, over 60 patients have successfully been managed on the Home Therapy scheme. The average total length of stay for ankle fracture patients has reduced from 8 to just over 2 days, saving the Trust over £80k.

Patients are carefully assessed against strict criteria prior to discharge and telephoned on a daily basis by the physiotherapist to provide advice and ensure no complications are being experienced. The patient is then assessed in Therapy Services on the morning of their surgery, where the physiotherapy practitioner checks the patient's swelling is satisfactory and consents and marks them for the operation.

A recent audit has shown Home Therapy to be a safe and cost-effective scheme, with 100 percent of patients reporting they were satisfied with the service and felt well supported at home. Consequently, Home Therapy is now accepted practice and is also being extended to other lower limb injuries.

SUPPLIED BY: **Rachel Martin, Physiotherapy Practitioner/Team Leader**

SEND US YOUR NEWS

We welcome all contributions to *Grapevine* so if you would like to share your news, please contact us by writing to Karen Hollocks, Churchfield House or emailing grapevine@poole.nhs.uk

MESSAGE BOARD

Congratulations Chris!

Congratulations to Chris Martindale, who successfully completed his Level 5 BTEC Higher National Diploma in Construction with four Distinction level grades. This was a hard-earned diploma, and well deserved, and it took many years of study. Chris has now expanded his skills to encompass minor project work, which includes brief development, tendering and project management. He is a valued member of the team and we all welcome him sharing his newly found skills in the workplace!
Clive Radestock, Head of Estates

Fiona Cramb graduates

Seen here with her parents – Mary & Ivor Lloyd – Fiona Cramb, an Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (ANNP) working on the Neonatal Unit, graduated from Southampton University on 16 December with an MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice (Neonatal Studies). Fiona has been working at the Trust since 1985, and has worked as an ANNP since 1992. She self financed and undertook her studies on a part-time basis, fitting it in around a demanding full time job.



NICU Donation

Thank you to Claire and Justin Ellery, their friends and family for their kind donation of £1,500 to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The donation was made in memory of Hannah Ellery. Pictured are Justin and Claire Ellery with ANNP Carole Ingham, Deputy Sister Wendy Baccus and Consultant Neonatologist Kiran Khambekar



Thank you for swine flu help

The arranged swine influenza sessions have now come to an end and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Specialist Nurses who have helped out at the vaccination clinics – we couldn't have done it without you all. Also thank you to Joy Janati and her wonderful volunteers who supported us in the administration work at the clinics. I think it's fair to say that both sets of volunteers ensured that the mood of the clinics was always upbeat and friendly, which hopefully made having the injection more pleasant for our 'victims'!
Diana Ford, Senior Occupational Health Nurse

Thank you to Endoscopy team

I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to the Endoscopy Admissions team for all their hard work over the last few months. I really do recognise how very hard they work in an extremely busy department and their commitment is very much appreciated.
Suzie Scaddan, Screening Programme & Admissions Manager

POOLE PEOPLE

MEET THE STAFF OF POOLE HOSPITAL IN THIS REGULAR FEATURE

Kathy Whitehead has worked in the WRVS Lilliput Coffee shop for the past 10 years.

As manager, Kathy organises the 43 volunteers Lilliput has to cover its opening hours, with each volunteer working an average of three hours in a shift.

Kathy prides herself on creating a good atmosphere for her customers and thinks of it as "a little oasis".

"Our customers are not here because they want to be, so Lilliput needs to be a happy place."

When asked her opinion of Poole Hospital, Kathy says, "It's an excellent hospital and I am proud to be associated with it."

"Poole Hospital cares about its volunteers, just as it is a caring hospital. I have amazing job satisfaction and think helping people is important."

Originally born in Lancashire, Kathy moved to Dorset as a girl following her father's promotion in the Dorset Police. She has now lived in Bournemouth for the past 30 years, and says "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Each direction has different scenery."

Kathy makes the most of this scenery through the Ferdown Camera Club, of which she is the secretary.

"I enjoy taking landscapes and often drive out to the New Forest to walk and take pictures. I can lose myself."

Kathy has even had two prints displayed in the annual exhibition in the Dolphin Centre this year.

INTERVIEW BY: **Claire Murphy, Bank Communications Assistant**



LEAGUE OF FRIENDS UPDATE

Now that we are well into the New Year, hopefully it won't be too long before more "green shoots" appear, promising that winter will soon be over and showing that there are good things to come. If spring inspires you to take on something new, why not get in touch with us and tell us your fundraising ideas?



We really need organisers and helpers to fundraise for us so that we can continue to give equipment and help provide extra facilities to wards and departments throughout the hospital to benefit both patients and staff.

There are lots of ways to raise funds: organise a coffee morning; a charity sale; attend a car boot or table-top sale; take part in a sponsored event such as running, swimming, slimming etc, run a social event in aid of the League of Friends etc.

We'd love to hear from you so please either email me at betty.chapman2@ntlworld.com or ring me on 01202 772382 - there is an answerphone if I am not available when you ring.

Now a BIG thank you to four young men who recently helped us by taking part in Wimborne Rotary Club's Santa Fun Run on a very cold Sunday morning in December at Badbury Rings on our behalf. Our grandson, Dan Miles, was Team Captain and recruited three of his friends, Sam King, Adam Riach and Phil Day to make up our team. Between them they raised the Grand Sum of £260 which will go towards some of the equipment pledged at our last Committee Meeting - thank you all very much!

SUPPLIED BY: **Betty Chapman, Hon. Chairman, League of Friends**



▶ L-R: Simon Hill, James Abel, Daniel Holyoake and Mandy Legg

MEET OUR MARATHON RUNNERS!

On 25 April 2010, four staff members - Mandy Legg, Daniel Holyoake, Simon Hill and James Abel - will be joined by Justin Elliott to take on the challenge of running the London Marathon in April in one of the Wish List's five official places.

Mandy Legg is an ODP and has "never even run before, but I'm turning 50 this year and wanted to do something amazing to mark the occasion". Mandy's training started last March, and she took part in her first race, 5K in June, and 10K on Boxing Day and has entered a half marathon in March. She hopes to finish in 5.5 hours, but "would be more than happy to just cross the finish line".

Daniel Holyoake is a Specialist Trainee and applied to run the marathon for the "physical and mental challenge". Daniel has also never run before and, although his training was derailed over Christmas, he is now "back on track" now. Daniel isn't sure what time he would like to complete the marathon in: "I know it won't be very impressive but I'll be happy to finish!"

Simon Hill is a Consultant Microbiologist, and at 55 years old has run "9 London Marathons and 10 others in the past". Simon hopes to finish in 3 hours 25 minutes, but "whether that's achievable or not remains to be seen".

James Abel, an Inpatient Diabetes Nurse Specialist, is running the marathon for the

first time. An annual challenge-taker with his brother-in-law, the marathon is the latest in sporting endeavours for James. He hopes to finish in under 5 hours, however "if it is over 5 I shall blame others for getting in my way!"

Justin Elliott works for Interserve Project Services Ltd, the Construction Partner for the new Maternity Hospital and is running the marathon to continue the legacy of his father and uncle. "I have never done this for any previous customer," says Justin. Hoping to finish in less than 4 hours, Justin's training has suffered some knock backs, but he is determined; his partner "thinks I am a bit obsessed with it!"

Calling all runners!

The Wish List would love to hear from anyone who has a marathon place and would like to run in support of Poole Hospital. We can provide you with a fundraising pack & t-shirt.

If you are inspired to dig out your trainers for charity, why not take part in the 2010 Poole Festival of Running on Sunday 6 June in aid of Poole Hospital's Maternity Unit? All are welcome to apply, from first timers to experienced runners! Races include Born to Run 5k charity race, the Poole 10k & a series of children's races. For more information and to register, please contact The Wish List on x8449 & fundraising@poole.nhs.uk or visit www.poolerunners.com/pfor/Entry-Details.aspx

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

Members of staff who have been commended in letters to the Chief Executive during October to December 2009 are listed below either in teams or departments, or individually in staff groups. These will be considered for the Employee of the Year Award, part of the Meggitt Awards for Staff Excellence 2010. Well done and thanks to you all.

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY UNIT

Dr Kim Greaves, Consultant Cardiologist

DORSET BREAST SCREENING UNIT

Miss Mella, Consultant
Michelle Pidgley, Clinical Nurse Specialist
Zebby Rees, Radiographer
Nicky Nicholas, Prosthetics Nurse

HEAD AND NECK SERVICE

Mr Lankovan, Consultant Surgeon
Dr Tian Ee She

OMF

Mr Ramchandani, Consultant Surgeon
Mr Sajed Walji, Consultant Surgeon

PAIN CLINIC

Dr Roger Packham, Consultant
Dr Burmeister
Sue Wigmore

WARD B4

Mr Andrew Clarke, Consultant Surgeon
Sue Turner, Sister

WARD C2 (CERNE WARD)

Camilla Wallace, Staff Nurse
Sarah Morris, Staff Nurse
Gilumul Byju, Staff Nurse

Local physiotherapists support campaign to get people moving

Chartered physiotherapists all over the country are highlighting the importance of exercise in maintaining good health and preventing illness, with a campaign dedicated to helping people become more physically active. The CSP's 'Move for Health' campaign aims to promote good health through encouraging appropriate physical activity and by highlighting how physiotherapists can help to prevent illness and obesity.

The CSP ACPCF Move for Health Champion and Physiotherapist Louella O'Herlihy is active here at Poole Hospital. CSP research shows that almost two thirds of UK adults are not

getting enough exercise, and only 1 in 5 parents know how much physical activity their children should be doing (1).

Louella reports: "Most people know that physical activity is good for their health but for many, exercise just isn't a priority. Physical activity is as important as eating five portions of fruit and veg a day, and people need to understand that you can't keep putting it off."

"We're working to raise awareness of the need for regular exercise by offering expert advice and free resources to help you find simple ways to be more active and reach your goals, without injuring yourself or overdoing it."

The 'Easy Exercise Guide' leaflets can be obtained from Louella (ext 8336 or bleep 0078) if you have patient groups you feel will benefit from exercise tips in an easy handout. Thank you for being 'Exercise Aware' and making the most of promoting exercise.

SUPPLIED BY: **Louella O'Herlihy, Physiotherapist**

(1) 63 per cent of those questioned said they were not getting enough exercise and therefore putting themselves at greater risk of serious health problems such as obesity, cancer, heart disease and stroke. Survey conducted by Opinion Research for the CSP, through an online poll of 2,084 UK adults between 9 and 14 April 2009. Results have been weighted to representative criteria.



CHILDREN'S UNIT NURSE VENTURES TO COSTA RICA!

It is dangerous to surf the internet! I was doing just that in April when I landed on the Raleigh (formerly Raleigh International/ Operation Raleigh) site. There was the advert: Volunteer project manager/medic needed for July to August. I spoke with my line manager and it was agreed that I could go, so come 5 July I was flying to San Jose.

Raleigh is a charity that works in India, Bolivia and Costa Rica/Nicaragua. Its aim is the personal development of young people - 'Venturers' (aged 17-24) - through community project work and expeditions in these countries. It takes all nationalities including representatives from the home country.

There were 32 Venturers and eight Project Managers (PMs). There was another medic as well as myself, an SHO from London, but it was made clear that we were primarily there as project managers, the medic role being in addition to this. We had two weeks of training before the Venturers arrived covering subjects as diverse as stakeholder analysis, coaching and map reading. The Venturers arrived and we were straight off to Jungle Camp for the night to teach them how to use the meths cookers, hammocks and tarps, and toilet facilities (digging a hole!) We also taught them how to use the radio, which was our main means of communicating with Field Base.

They were then divided into three groups. I was working with two OPM colleagues and so we had a group of 15 people altogether. Our project was in a village called Bajo Coen, a three-

hour trek into the Tanyi Indigenous Reserve in south east Costa Rica. The community had begun to assemble the wood they needed to build a new school and we were the labour.

It was hard physical work and we all lost a bit of weight as the diet was mainly boiled rice and black beans with fried plantains. We did have Sunday breakfast treats of 'aroz con leche' (rice pudding) which I used to cook on the wood fire: a welcome change!

The community were incredibly welcoming, most spoke some Spanish and we tried to learn their native language Qubecca. We lived as a group in a hut without walls that they had built, sleeping on a platform or in hammocks and getting our water from the river. The school was completed in just 2½ weeks and the Venturers organised a sports day and the community a party to celebrate. Then it was time to leave and start the next phase.

After a 24-hour change over back at Raleigh Field Base, we were off again. Both the Venturer and PM groups had been changed and we had a mission of trekking 90 miles in five days in the mountains in the centre of the country. The group were carrying all the food, tents and cooking equipment needed so the packs were around 20kg plus water: quite a weight to carry. It was a huge challenge for some who had never trekked before and for others who developed jungle foot rot and needed to have a few day's rest in the safety vehicle and a course of antibiotics. The highlight of this phase was reaching the top



of Cerra Bares (about 1,780m) for sunrise: awesome! Following our safe arrival and the end of the trek we travelled straight on to the final 'survival' challenge on an island called San Lucas off the Pacific coast. This island was once the 'Alcatraz' of Costa Rica, a high security prison for around 150 years with an appalling history. The last prisoners left in 1992 and the island became a nature reserve in 2000.

After a rest day, the Venturers were woken at 5:30 by the PMs (now dressed and acting as prison guards) to find they were now three bands of convicts with a mission to escape the prison, find clues, make shelters for the night, and the next day build a raft to get off the island. Great fun was had by all, with everyone really getting into their roles! Everything was completed with a BBQ farewell meal, the Venturers leaving for the airport rather sandy and salty, and the PMs heading back to field base to write up our reports.

Thankfully there wasn't much 'medic' work for me (a UTI, spider bite, infected bite and jungle foot rot being the main problems) although the other group did have a case of appendicitis and dengue fever!

It was an intense and tough two months for me with real highs and lows but it was also a real privilege to get to know the young people so well. To see them mature, bond as a group and how their behaviours and attitudes changed as time went on was a real joy.

Would I do it all again? Oh yes!

SUPPLIED BY: **Kate Piggott, SN, Acrewood**

Psychiatric Liaison Service

There has now been a Psychiatric Liaison Service based within Poole Hospital since September 2009. The team consists of a Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr Steve Taylor; Jan Matthews, Team leader; Janet Pattison, Senior Liaison Nurse; Patrick Ring, Liaison Nurse; and Gill Hayton Team Administrator. We accept telephone referrals directly from the Emergency Departments and the inpatient wards, and see patients from 18 years with no upper age limit.

A common cause for referral is following an episode of self harm, although a range of other mental health problems are seen such as adjustment disorders, depression, psycho-somatic conditions, and delirium and behaviour problems associated with dementia. Following referral a member of the team will be allocated to undertake a full mental health assessment. This is often a therapeutic intervention in its own right and the clinicians use problem solving, motivational interviewing or other

appropriate therapeutic techniques. Following our assessment we will offer advice and support to the person assessed and feedback to the referrer.

Often a one-off assessment is all that is required, but occasionally we may arrange to see someone again if they require further input whilst in hospital, or we may refer them elsewhere. This may include referral for psychological therapy, follow-up from community mental health teams or the person's own GP. For people who require more intense follow-up we can arrange home treatment via the crisis team or admission to St Ann's.

Much of our role involves signposting to appropriate health and social care services and we work closely with various related agencies. The team also provides regular training relating to mental health issues to both nursing and medical staff within the hospital.

To get in touch, contact us on ext 3073.

SUPPLIED BY: **Janet Pattison, Snr Liaison Nurse, Psychiatric Service**

Respiratory Function Suite continues to expand

The Respiratory Function Suite at Poole Hospital recently expanded into two adjacent rooms dedicated to respiratory investigations.

In addition, we have a room in the outpatients department providing a walk-in spirometry service.

We are staffed by two full-time Respiratory Physiologists, a Student Physiologist, and a Respiratory ATO. We work closely with a team of doctors lead by three Respiratory Consultants, and the Poole Outreach Respiratory Team (PORT).

Just a couple of years ago we only provided a range of the core respiratory investigations: spirometry (+/- reversibility to salbutamol and/or ipratropium); lung volume measurement by helium dilution; single-breath transfer factor; and the occasional histamine

challenge and LTOT assessment. With an increase in staffing levels and working space we have been able to add more investigations to the list. These include: ambulatory oxygen assessments; six-minute walk tests; skin prick allergy testing; exercise-induced asthma challenges; overnight oximetry; sitting/supine spirometry; and maximal mouth/nasal pressures.

Our workload has increased recently in line with our expansion and pressures to remain within waiting time targets. We currently see about 160 outpatients and 20 inpatients per month.

Although we aim to introduce new diagnostic tests in the future we are still optimising the services we currently provide. We have made good progress in improving our oxygen assessment service, despite a few set-backs. However, we are a victim of our own success, where any increases in capacity we have achieved have been matched by an increase in demand. Further refinements of the service are still planned.

In what little free time is available we are preparing a spirometry training program. This will begin shortly and aims to improve and standardise the manner in which spirometry is performed throughout the hospital. We have also been attempting to integrate our test results on to our Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system.

SUPPLIED BY: **Deben Harris, Respiratory Physiologist, Respiratory Function Suite**



L-R: Rachel McGoldrick, Student Respiratory Physiologist; Deben Harris, Respiratory Physiologist; Ella Higgins, Lead Respiratory Physiologist

NEW ANAESTHETIC TRIAL BEGINS IN POOLE'S MATERNITY UNIT

New research into pethidine and diamorphine could have significant impact on obstetric practice

In 2008, Prof Michael Wee (Consultant Anaesthetist, Poole) and Dr Jenny Tuckey (Consultant Anaesthetist, RUH Bath) won an open competition from the Research for Patient Benefit, a large grant to undertake research in the two maternity units in Poole and Bath.

The research is based on evaluating the efficacy and safety of pethidine when compared with diamorphine for both the mother and baby. Pethidine historically has been the most widely used opiate analgesic for women in labour and has been approved for independent midwifery use for over 50 years. However, there are many studies that question the effectiveness of pethidine and also its safety. Diamorphine has been used but not as widely as pethidine in the UK.

A national survey in 2007 by Dr Tuckey and Prof Wee showed that diamorphine use has been increasing, particularly in Scotland

and parts of northern England and some parts of Wales. The increase in use of diamorphine is largely due to anecdotal evidence that it is a better analgesic in labour and has fewer side effects to the mother and baby. In particular, unlike pethidine, diamorphine does not produce the active metabolites that can affect the baby for up to 72 hrs after delivery and may cause them to be sleepy and reduce breastfeeding success.

This large, two-centre, double-blind, randomised, controlled trial will enable women in the future to choose the opiate they would like to use for labour pain based on Grade 1 evidence.

The impact of this study is potentially huge, as it may change midwifery and obstetric practice of over half a century in the UK if diamorphine is indeed found to be more efficacious and safer for mother and baby. Pethidine is also widely used throughout the world. The large grant supported



by the National Institute of Health Research has enabled the investigators to employ two research midwives and three research assistants. The trial will take place over the next two years and the investigators would like to encourage women who would like to consider using pethidine to find out more about it and enrol into the trial.

Full details of the trial can be obtained from the Poole Research midwife, Ms Chris Miller on ext 2948 or from Prof Michael Wee on ext 2443.

SUPPLIED BY: **Prof Michael Wee, Chief Investigator, IDvIP trial and Consultant Anaesthetist**

RECIPE CORNER

Carrot Ice Cream

INGREDIENTS

- 300ml carrot juice - ideally freshly squeezed from young, sweet carrots
- 300ml double cream
- 100g caster sugar
- 5 egg yolks

METHOD

- Place the eggs and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Whisk the eggs and sugar together with a hand whisk until pale.
- Pour the carrot juice over the egg and sugar mixture and whisk together well. Pour the mixture into a heavy-based pot and place it over low-medium heat. Cook the mixture, whisking it constantly for approximately 5-8 minutes until it has thickened to a light custard consistency. (It is able to coat the back of a spoon).
- Remove the carrot custard from the heat and pour it back into the mixing bowl, scraping the sides with a spatula. Whisk in the cream and set aside to cool to room temperature.
- Freeze in an ice cream machine.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **Capricorn**
2. **The Grinch**
3. **Blitzen**
4. **Earth Song**
5. **Christmas Crackers**
6. **Bob Cratchit**
7. **Under his beard**
8. **King George V**
9. **Raymond Briggs**
10. **The Derby**
11. **Cranberries**
12. **364**
13. **Twelve**
14. **Indian**
15. **It's a Wonderful Life**

Congratulations and a Dorset Apple Cake go to Brian Whitlock in Radiotherapy Physics who was the first all-correct entry drawn.

SUPPLIED BY: **Kevin Bailey, Catering Services Manager**

CROSSWAYS

As many of you know, I love 'Dr Who' and especially his tenth incarnation, who looks remarkably like David Tennant. I've been hooked on the programme since the very first episode in November 1963 and, apart from a short lapse in the Colin Baker period, have made it my priority viewing for over forty years.

With its re-introduction in 2005 with a much higher budget, dynamic writing, CGI monsters and amazing sets, it has become one of the BBC's flagship programmes. For me as an adult, the real attraction has been the way in which a group of Welsh atheists have created storylines that have tackled many, if not most, of the great Christian themes. In some ways the Doctor is a very Christ-like figure – a Time Lord in human form – fighting on behalf of the human race for whom he has great empathy, love and respect and, if necessary, being prepared to lay down his life for the people of Earth.

But the writers have also tackled the eternal struggle between good and evil, the potential that power brings for corrupting the individual who wields it, love, loyalty, true companionship, self-sacrifice, what it means to be human, loss, grief, the fear of impending death, redemption, repentance, forgiveness ... the list goes on and on. I think we underestimate the hidden theology and spirituality of much contemporary drama and ironically, much science fiction – it's not just nerdy escapism but a way of articulating afresh the ultimate questions of life and death.

At least Dr Who Mark 11 will be back at Easter ... I am waiting with eager anticipation although still in deep mourning for the passing of David Tennant – please be sensitive to my grief, otherwise I shall have to order your Ex-ter-min-a-tion!!

SUPPLIED BY: **Canon Jane LLOYD, Chaplain**

LOTTERY WINNERS

Congratulations to the recent winners of the Staff Lottery, who are:

August

1 st	£300	Valerie Jewer
2 nd	£150	Victoria Nowogrodzki
3 rd	£25	Geraldine Clifford
4 th	£25	Elizabeth Whittaker

September

1 st	£300	Barbara Shaw
2 nd	£150	Maureen Hawkins
3 rd	£25	Michelle Wilson
4 th	£25	Silvana Elliott

October

1 st	£300	Katherine Gardner
2 nd	£150	Jayne Cox
3 rd	£25	John Lawrence
4 th	£25	Diane Knight

November

1 st	£300	Ita Myers
2 nd	£150	David Goddard
3 rd	£25	Katie Harwood
4 th	£25	Ann Girling

December

1 st	£300	Susan Rushworth
2 nd	£150	Richard Finn
3 rd	£25	Marian Hallett
4 th	£25	Elizabeth Abbott

January 2010

1 st	£300	Christine Crowfoot
2 nd	£150	Dawn Singleton
3 rd	£25	Delia Cousins
4 th	£25	Lindamira Bourne

For further information on the Staff Lottery, please contact
Deborah.mcfarland@poole.nhs.uk

Poole Africa Link Events



A presentation will take place on 6 April at 12.30pm in the Post-grad Lecture Theatre for staff wishing to find out more about the most recent visit to Southern Sudan for the Poole Africa Link (PAL). Forthcoming fundraising events for PAL include:

- A concert given by the Serendipity Recorder Consort, at 7pm on Friday 12 March at St Nicholas Church, Winterborne Kingston. Tickets will cost £5.00 and are available in advance from Annabel Shaxson (Tel: 01929 471193) or on the door.
- A black tie Charity Dinner and Auction on Saturday 20 March at the Thistle Hotel, Poole. The event is being organised by students from Bournemouth University. Tickets cost £45 per person, which includes a three course meal and a drinks reception. A limited number of tickets are available from the Wish List Shop. If anyone would like to donate an item for auction, please contact: PooleAfricaLinkDinner@hotmail.com for more details.

Presentation to the trustees of the Scanner Appeal

Mrs Vivien Schuler and her daughter Louise recently made a cheque presentation in aid of the Scanner Appeal. She and her other daughters Debbie and Sarah decorated the outside of their house in Runton Road at Christmas, and other neighbours followed suit.

Mrs Schuler provided hot mince pies and mulled wine for visitors and a bucket collection raised £763.

The collection was in honour and memory of her husband George, who died of cancer in November. He had undergone many scans and was looked after exceptionally well by the staff at Poole Hospital.

It is remarkable that this lady should decorate her house and help organise such an event so soon after the loss of her husband. Her tribute to the Hospital and this appeal in memory of George is fully appreciated by the recipients.

SUPPLIED BY: **Norman Morris, Chairman, Scanner Appeal**



L-R Norman Morris, Janet Ballam, Cat Lee-Elliott, Elizabeth Webster, Vivian Schuler, Stuart Dean, Louise (Vivian's daughter) John Homer

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of *Grapevine* will appear in April 2010. Please send contributions to Karen Hollocks, Churchfield House or email them to grapevine@poole.nhs.uk by 2 April.

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