

The main function of the League of Friends is to provide gifts and services, for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff, of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. The services in 2008 included four Hospital Shops, Ward Trolley Service, Mobile Library and Hospital Radio. To help generate funds for gifts the League has support groups in various areas of Canterbury and the surrounding villages.

Among the many gifts provided for the Kent & Canterbury Hospital during 2008 totalling approximately £275,000 were:

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Huntleigh Electric Profiling Beds – All wards	54,000
Overhead tracking hoists – Neuro rehabilitation ward	48,105
Bronchoscopes – Endoscopy unit	38,143
Ultrasound machine – Medical physics sonographer	22,453
Stacking wheelchairs - Out patient department	18,000
Ventilator – Intensive Care Unit	8,459
Various items – Little Friends Day Nursery	4,880
Artwork mural for new out patient discharge lounge	3,535
Wheelchairs - Occupational Therapy	3,056
Electric blood sampling chair – Out patients	2,009
Suction machine - ENT outpatients	1,669
ECG Machine – Kingston Stoke Unit	1,575
Laser probe – Hand therapy unit	1,440
Satellite navigation units – Occupational therapy home visits	1,105
Sofas and chairs – Taylor Ward	1,102
Gym and treatment equipment – Physiotherapy	877
Television – X-ray department	555
Dressing gowns – Breast screening unit	150



Opening of the new Birthing Pool at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital – League Chairman Dr Stuart Field, left, hands over the new birthing pool to Consultant Midwife Stephanie Mansell, right, watched by Canterbury South members and former midwives Barbara Nowell and Patricia Booth. Centre is Charlotte Perry and newly born William (Photograph Frank Hughes)

**2009 Summer Fair – Saturday 22nd August**

The League of Friends looks forward to welcoming all members of the community to the Annual Summer Fair, on 22nd August at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital at 12 noon.



# 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Presentation of the Ultrasound Machine to the Childrens' Assessment Centre. Mark Hanson (Medical Physics), Philip Coole, Jennie Seggi, (Physiotherapist), Janet Berridge, Peter Fairweather, Julie Gellatly, Pauline Bacon (Sonographer) and League Chairman Dr Stuart Field (photograph: Frank Hughes)

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The League of Friends exists for the benefit of the patients, visitors and staff of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. In spite of the economic downturn, I am pleased to report that our income for the year was maintained thanks to a number of very generous legacies. Increasingly, families are donating to the League in lieu of flowers at a funeral and this source of income is not only gratefully acknowledged, but a fitting memory to those who have passed away.

Twenty nine wards and departments have benefited from items purchased by the League ranging from a few pounds to £54,000 for electric profiling beds and £48,105 for overhead tracking hoists for the new neuro rehabilitation ward. Thanks go to all those who have contributed with time and money to facilitate these purchases and so improve care and equipment at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Following reorganisation the hospital now serves a much wider area than previously with patients coming from all over Kent. At the end of the year, plans were being formulated to create a new Foundation Trust, of which the Kent & Canterbury Hospital would be a part. This will present us with new challenges for the future, as well as the hope for significant further development and improvements on our hospital site.

The four hospital shops - based in the main entrance, the outpatient and fracture clinic reception areas and the Children's Assessment Centre and a daily shop trolley ward round - exemplify our commitment to serve patients, staff and visitors to the hospital. Once again, despite the gloomy economic market and internal competition, our shops' income has been maintained, and so a healthy profit was once again available to us for the purchase of equipment. To all associated with our highly successful shops we give our unending thanks. However we are always looking for new helpers to continue their success, so please join us if you can. The hugely important role of the volunteer shops' book keeper changed hands this year and I am pleased to report that this went very smoothly.

Nine city and village groups continue to raise money from local events - including bingo evenings, coffee mornings, luncheons, stalls, talks, jumble sales and walks. Thanks go to these volunteer groups based in Ash, Barham & Kingston, Canterbury South, Chartham, City Centre, Nailbourne, Rough Common, Harbledown & Blean, St Stephen's & Westgate and Sturry. Our hospital radio continues to provide valuable daily broadcasts for patients, including request programmes.

The Annual Joint Summer Fair brings together Hospital Wards and Departments, League of Friends Groups, local businesses, Canterbury Rotary, Lions Club and the Ladies' Circle, to provide an entertaining, fund raising afternoon in August, which members of the public enjoy. We were pleased to welcome a record number of hospital departments and wards this year to the Fair, which was opened by Cllr. Charlotte MacCaul, the Sherriff of Canterbury. The Fair was given a rousing start by a fanfare from Whitstable Brass Band, who also played during the afternoon.

There have been a number of highlights for me this year. The presentation of an ultrasound machine to the Medical Physics department that has been used to enhance the screening service for congenital dislocation of the hip in newborn infants was one. The purchase of this machine from funds raised from the hospital shops enabled the medical physics sonographer to establish a new accredited course for physiotherapists which, in conjunction with her physiotherapy colleague in the Children's Assessment Centre at the hospital, has resulted in a new and enhanced service. The final presentation of Electric Profiling Beds brought the number purchased by the League to 113 - at a total cost of £161,188. This now means that every in-patient and ward nurse at the K&C benefits from the increased comfort and ease of manoeuvrability that these electric beds bring. It was a pleasure to finally hand over the new Birthing Pool, purchased by Canterbury South Group, to the Consultant Midwife. It was a particular joy to have at the presentation two former midwives and one of the first mothers to have her delivery in the pool together with her three week old son.

We were sorry to lose Ann Whitbourn who retired after six years of outstanding service as Honorary Treasurer and Trustee. However we were pleased to welcome Robin Sanders, who came to us with a background in the financial services industry, in her place.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who volunteer and help the League of Friends. Without you, we would not be able to go from strength to strength and continue our support for the hospital staff, patients and visitors which in 2008 amounted to £275,243.

Stuart Field, Chairman

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### *FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008*

	2008	2007
<b>Incoming resources - restricted funds</b>		
Central	3,075	10,000
<b>Incoming resources - unrestricted funds</b>		
Central	5,501	19,873
Groups	37,036	36,018
Hospital Radio	426	175
Joint Summer Fair	6,412	6,301
Hospital Shops	629,929	606,348
Legacies	276,217	172,087
Investment Income	32,300	27,542
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Total incoming resources	990,896	878,344
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<b>Resources expended - restricted funds</b>		
Charitable activities (gifts to hospital)	9,378	
<b>Resources expended - unrestricted funds</b>		
Charitable activities (gifts to hospital)	265,865	262,059
Costs of generating funds	2,318	4,164
Establishment expenses	1,007	4,984
Shop purchases	432,106	418,457
Wages	109,853	105,173
Secretarial fees	5,387	4,733
Other direct costs	4,702	4,771
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,647	8,048
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Total resources expended	839,463	813,589
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<b>Net incoming resources for the year</b>	151,433	64,755
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Accumulated funds at start of the year	532,703	467,948
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Accumulated funds at end of the year	684,136	532,703
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The income from the Hospital Shops excludes VAT.

This summary shows the incoming resources generated by each section together with the total resources expended by the League. The summary is extracted from the full annual accounts and may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. The full annual accounts have been audited by Reeves + Neylan LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors and may be obtained from the League Office, Kent & Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NG or by telephoning (01227) 766877, Ext. 74131.

*Signed on behalf of the Trustees 11th May 2009 by Dr Stuart Field*

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