

FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY: MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

You will have been reading a good deal more news concerning the re-organisation of the NHS recently and it is not easy to keep up with the many changes that are being considered. Over the next two years PCTs, as we know them today, will have disappeared to be replaced by Consortia within which local Health services will be merged together in larger units. Guildford and Waverley will assume a "Pathfinder" role and Chiddingfold's Dr Darren Watts has already been appointed to the Board.

The policy will remain to move control of commissioning medical care services to local sources and Chiddingfold and Dunsfold Surgeries are well placed and eager to grasp that role. These changes will continue to make the function of *The Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery* all the more relevant.

With this background it is a great pleasure for me to announce that your generous support towards our achieving our Appeal target figure of £30,000 has continued and we have now raised £27,000. This is excellent progress and we do thank all our supporters for their munificence.

Last summer *The Friends* purchased a new Holter Monitoring Machine at a cost of some £5,600. This machine measures a patient's heartbeat (ECG) over a 24-28 hour period and is used to look for any irregularities. This investigation used to occur at the hospital so it significantly reduces hospital attendance for the Surgeries' patients.

The Friends will again be running a "Silent Auction" at the Chiddingfold Fayre on 12th June. If you have any items that would be suitable for display and auction on the stall, no matter how large or small, I would be most appreciative if you would be kind enough to let me know. (We can also auction vouchers for items not suitable for display.)

Creighton Redman
Chairman