

FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY: NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

It hardly seems possible but it is now some twelve months since we launched our Tenth Anniversary Surgery Appeal with presentations in both Chiddingfold and Dunsfold village halls and the hope of reaching a target figure of £30,000.

Our thanks go to our many generous supporters in all the surrounding villages for giving us such an excellent start in this challenge to produce a figure of £18,000 raised by the end of September. To do this all within twelve months is a super achievement and hopefully provides a base for us to reach our target figure in the foreseeable future.

You will have read of the extensive re-organisation that is currently taking place within the National Health Service and over the next couple of years we shall start to see the replacement of the Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) by Consortia. This will give greater control to clinicians and a continuing movement of diagnostic, investigative and treatment provision to local GP surgeries. The Consortia will be created by grouping numbers of local Surgeries together so that they can become their own masters for commissioning the procedures, services and medical needs they require. This will continue to bring medicine closer to home by doing as much as possible in the community. Thus the call on the aims and objects of the Friends of Chiddingfold Surgery will increase rather than decrease.

Do remember that we are a local charity serving the requirements of you, the local people, and we do need to ensure that our surgeries have the necessary medical equipment to continue and improve the very high standard of care and service that all their patients receive. Let us give them the tools to do the job and avoid the management of our health care losing its local focus.

This cannot be provided without finance and we ask that you consider supporting us further in the second year of our appeal to achieve our target figure.

Julia Quaile, after a lot of hard work and effort for which we thank her, has handed over her secretarial responsibilities to Lynne Hamill of Chiddingfold, who we welcome aboard.

Creighton Redman

Chairman