



## **FRIENDS OF CHIDDINGFOLD SURGERY**

Registered Charity No. 1080617

### **Chairman's Report for 2022-23**

This year has again been characterised by a lack of income and it is clear that we, like most charities, are still suffering from the effects of the pandemic. A comparison with the figures for 2019/20 shows that income more than halved from £14,088 to £6,768. Overall expenditure this year was £8,849 compared with £8,125. That said the figures for this year are a small improvement on last year and of course our income this year was boosted by the fact that we were once again able to hold our fund raising quiz night and be present at the Chiddingfold Fete. Clearly we must look for other ways of raising funds.

The quiz night, which was moved from Chiddingfold to Dunsfold, was a great success raising £1245. We are grateful to Elle Cremer at the Sun Inn for hosting the event and providing an excellent meal at a very modest cost. This relieved our committee members of a considerable amount of work without any loss of income. As usual Neil Denyer was our quizmaster and as usual some of my answers didn't quite tally with his.

This year we lost two trustees and gained two. Mrs Sandra Gilbert, who has been a staunch supporter of the Friends for many years decided that it was time to retire. Our secretary, Andi Wright, left us to pursue other more demanding interests and Deni Thompson took over as secretary. Matt Greenwell, a Chiddingfold resident, replaced Sandra. We are very grateful to Sandra and Andi for their valuable contributions to our work.

The only piece of equipment that we bought during the year was a Dopplex ABPI unit which measures comparative blood pressure readings which can indicate peripheral artery disease. This, of course, is a piece of equipment not provided by the NHS and patients who need the test would normally have to travel to the nearest hospital.

My thanks to all our supporters and donors and my fellow committee members.

Simon Inchbald