



CHAIRMANS REPORT 2024/25

The Trustees have been preoccupied this year with replacing equipment now coming to the end of its useable life. There are a number of required replacements, notably portable 24hr blood pressure monitors and 24hr ECG monitors and these are expensive items. Originally, these were bought individually over a period of time and, so reached the end of their lives at different times. However the fire at the Surgery in 1969 changed that as all equipment was destroyed and immediately replaced by means of the insurance claim. These are now all coming up for replacement at approximately the same time. A bare minimum five year replacement programme has been agreed by the Trustees which will cost an estimated £45,000. Fundraising has therefore become an urgent priority.

We have had considerable success in this raising £3,025 from events (Quiz night, Run-Chid-Run barbecue, Surgery collection on vaccination days and Chiddingfold Fete). We have received a grant of £1,400 from the Chiddingfold Fund and £200 from Northchapel Parish Council. In addition we received many generous donations amounting to £4,110.

We have been displaying QR stickers in shops, pubs and other public places so that people can easily donate directly to our bank account via the free, online service provided by Wonderful. The response from the establishments which we have approached to display the stickers has been generally heartwarming. One, The Stag at Balls Cross, when asked, not only agreed but also offered to hold a quiz night in April to raise money for us.

We shall once again have our tent at the Chiddingfold Fete where people can get their blood pressure checked and children (from the age of about 5 to 85) will be able to play "Splat the Rat"

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