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## Emsworth Hospital Still Open

The Friends of Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital have helped ensure it remains open for use as a local health facility. The hospital is now busily utilised during the daytime. The in-patient beds were closed last year at short notice and with inadequate public consultation.

Clinics are now held for: Retinopathy; Phlebotomy; Podiatry; Vascular Surgery and Gynaecology. It is a base for Community Nursing staff, Occupational Therapy team, the Multi Disciplinary Team and the Red Cross have been able to relocate its equipment loan store. The Physiotherapy Unit has been very well equipped by the Friends but needs more PCT funding to provide trained staff to make best use of the excellent facility.

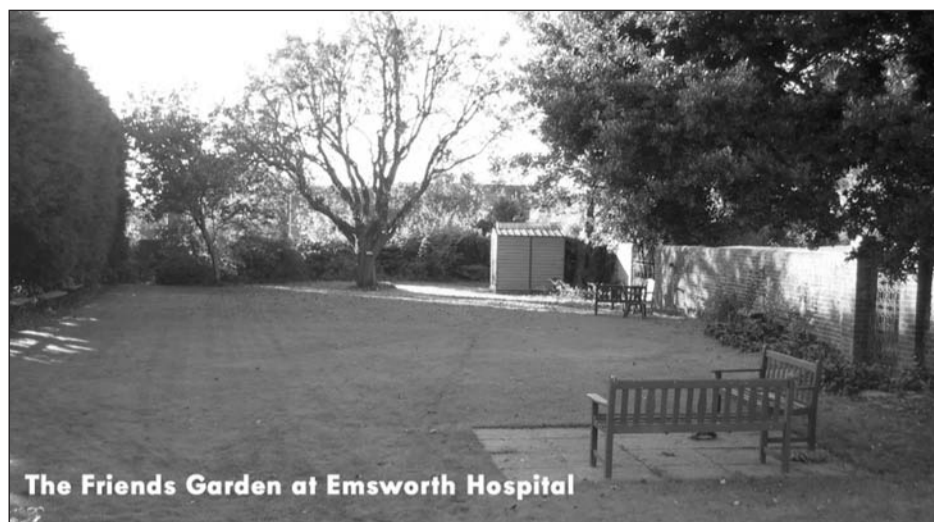
Our Charity exists not only to support the activities based in the hospital but also the provision of health facilities in the Emsworth community. In the current year, for example we have not only provided equipment for the Multi Disciplinary Team and Physiotherapy Department, but also a GPS navigator for the Emsworth Ambulance Rapid Response Team. We are therefore able to consider requests for the provision of items outside immediate hospital based requirements.

### Hospital Garden

The Friends own the freehold of the large garden attached to the hospital site. We would like to see this valuable asset proving an aesthetic and practical benefit for the town centre and we have approached local community organisations to offer the use of the garden area. The T'ai Chi group and the Brownie Pack are already involved and we hope more will find it useful in the coming months. We welcome enquiries from any organisation that would enjoy the use of the large and pleasant garden.

### Presentation on the Future of the site by the Friends of Emsworth Hospital at the ERA AGM

The future of the entire hospital site is a matter which now needs our close attention. The Emsworth community needs a Health Centre to be built that is able to provide comprehensive facilities in a central location. The development of the hospital site for this specific purpose - and no other - would be the ideal solution. We are aware of the important contribution the Friends could make and so are co-operating fully with local doctors to seek the best way to achieve this aim. Committee members are in contact with Emsworth Community Board, Emsworth Town Partnership and Emsworth Residents Association to promote awareness of this vital future development. Come to the ERA AGM on the 28 January to hear more about future options. (See page 2).



The Friends Garden at Emsworth Hospital

New members will be most welcome to support our increasingly important role in the community. Contact Joyce Baldwin, Secretary 01243 371476 or myself 01243 378470.

Peter Tier Chairman Friends of Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital

## British Red Cross Medical Loan Centre

The Medical Loan Centre has been in the Victoria Cottage Hospital for a year now. Being in the centre of Emsworth has been a great help to us all, as 700 items have been loaned during this time. We are able to help the nurses with items they need for their patients as well as local people.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Victoria Cottage Hospital who provided us with an outside store for returned equipment and Emsworth Food Festival who raised over £1000 for much needed equipment.

Naturally we are always looking for volunteers! If anyone could spare a couple of hours once a fortnight or even once a month, we would be very glad to hear from you.

We are always pleased to receive no longer required items of equipment, which could be reused by us for the benefit of local people.

Jo Thomas, Medical Loan Organiser



## St Richard's Hospital

### Meeting in St James' Church

The meeting on 30th October in St James' Church, regarding West Sussex NHS PCT re-organisation of services was attended by about 215 people.

I was very pleased that we had such a good turnout. I am sure it benefits Emsworth in general when people show such an interest.

It sounds as though plans have already changed somewhat but we will await the outcome when the PCT has reviewed the result of the consultation process which finished on 14 November. It has become obvious during the discussions at consultation meetings that the impact of any significant change at St Richard's will fall on QA Hospital, Portsmouth. It was therefore good to have the Chief Executive of Portsmouth Hospital Trust, Ursula Ward, at the public meeting in St James' Church as well as the West Sussex PCT representatives.

Chris Curry, Chairman ERA

### What happens next?

One hopeful option, which emerged from the meeting is that of St Richard's retaining an A&E department equipped to deal with all but the most specialist cases, even if it was downgraded to a Local General Hospital.

The next stage in the process is for Options Assessment Panel, lead by Sir Graeme Catto, to review all the new proposals which came out of the public consultation and present a final shortlist, together with a report on the consultation itself, to the West Sussex PCT Board.

The Board will meet in public on Thursday 31 January 2008 at 2pm at the Charmandean Centre, Forest Road, Worthing.

The final recommendations will then be further refined before being passed to the West Sussex County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee. They are intending to finalise the whole process in the late spring.

Richard Jannaway

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