

ACUTE NEWS - FEBRUARY 2005

HOSPITAL MEDAL COMES HOME AFTER 87 YEARS

A MEDAL given to a nurse at Kettering General Hospital in 1917 has been returned to the Trust 87 years later.

Miss ER Wilshere sent the medal and a photograph of her late aunt, Olive Wilshere, to the Trust as a historical keepsake.

Olive received the medal, given to mark her qualification as a nurse, in 1917, after three years training in the then Kettering and District Hospital.

She was born in Leicestershire, the fourth child of a family of six, and spent most of her life in Kirby Muxloe, a village west of Leicester.

On completing her training at Kettering she moved to Ashbourne Cottage Hospital in Derbyshire and later became a member of the Leicester branch of the Royal College of Nursing and later a governor of Leicester Royal Infirmary.

In World War Two she was a volunteer in the Kirby First Aid Post and was on duty when two landmines were dropped on the village in 1940. She died of cancer in 1945.



League of Friends programme 2005

THE League of Friends is organising a variety of events in 2005 for people who wish to have fun and support the hospital.

A visit to the *Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew* is on Thursday, March 24, at a cost of £24 including entry fee.

The coach will pick up outside the police station in Elizabeth Street, Corby, at 7.30am, outside the police station in London Road in Kettering at 8am and at 8.30am in Cannon Street in Wellingborough.

For more information contact **Mr C Saunby** on 01933-383833. Bookings can also be made by sending a cheque made payable to the League of Friends of Kettering and District Hospitals C/O 24 Oakway, Wellingborough, NN8 4SB, or online at www.friendsfkgh.org.uk.

The committee is hoping to organise a "Night at the Dogs" and this is being planned for the end of April.

A visit is planned to "Gardener's World" at the NEC, Birmingham, in the summer.

While Christmas 2004 is not long past we are looking forward to Christmas 2005 and a visit is being organised to Thursford Christmas Show. More information in future editions of Acute News. A holiday in Ireland has been arranged in May and is already fully booked.

However if you are interested in future similar events contact **Mr Gordon Smart** on 01536-790135.

The bridge drive on Thursday, February 24, at Pytchley Village Hall is now full to capacity and so is the trip to the Palladium Theatre on Friday, March 11.

The harvest draw which took place on October 22 was a success and a list of the winners is in outpatients.

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