

# Don't ditch hospital's history

REGARDING the changing of the ward names at Kettering General Hospital. Mrs Court you are not alone in your feelings about Agnes Jackson ward.

I started my training in 1945 when Miss Jackson must have been in her prime. Was she a disciplinarian? Too right she was, but then, her patients, nurses and her hospital were her reasons for living - in that order.

Management committee please do not

slight her memory like this.

I was saddened when St Crispin's ward was discarded. It was called St Crispin, the patron saint of shoemakers, as a tribute to workers in all of Kettering's shoe factories, who volunteered 2d to be stopped from their weekly wage until enough money was raised to build the ward.

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■ In reply to your letter "Matrons' Legacy", please do not take her name from Kettering General Hospital.

I was one of the first nurses to start my training under Miss Jackson. She was a strict disciplinarian and knew just what was going on in every ward, kitchen and many other

places.

Miss Jackson was in her day, a very modern matron. She started by taking us out of the old-fashioned uniforms and putting us into smart white dresses.

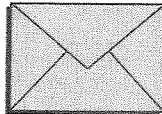
Over the years she was in charge of the hospital she and her sister tutor trained some excellent nurses,

some took their skills into the armed forces, others became sisters in many other hospitals, all proud to wear the training badge of Kettering General Hospital. So let us not forget Matron Jackson's name.

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I AM totally in support of the letter from Mrs G Court regarding the possibility of changing the name of the Agnes Jackson ward at Kettering General Hospital.



It must not be allowed to happen. Miss Jackson was Kettering hospital and ran the show most efficiently.

I WAS a patient in 1948 and found the photograph in support of Mrs Court's letter most interesting. Dr Pigott operated on me and Sister Bland was in charge of my ward. Miss Jackson visited me every day. I shall never forget how well the system worked.

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