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Donations, new beginnings and great achievements, all in this month's edition



South East London Breast Cancer Trust (SELBCT) bought 6 Plum A Pumps for the chemotherapy unit on

Hockenden Ward. The pumps which help ensure safe and accurate infusions of chemo, were officially presented last week.

Christine Oliver says "Our charity was formed in 2010 as a result of patients leading a fund-raising campaign to buy a lymph node analyser for The Princess Royal University Hospital in Farnborough, Kent. We raised more than £120,000 for this project. Since then, our charity has evolved as we have continued with our fundraising and aim to buy equipment for local hospitals and chemo units." The charity has helped The Princess Royal, Queen Mary's and The Queen Elizabeth, Woolwich hospitals, Bexley & Greenwich Hospice and Harris Hospice Care as well as donating to the BRCA Support

Group at Guy's Hospital.

They also run a buddy scheme for patients who would like support during their treatments. All buddies are Macmillan trained. Please call the charity phone number 07796 543687 if you would like to speak to one of them.

On the last Wednesday of the month they hold a support group meeting at The Sloane, Beckenham, for all breast cancer patients, either NHS or private. They are able to come along and have light refreshments and a chat. On some evenings they have a speaker or some complimentary small treatments on offer like mini manicure/reflexology etc.

Christine said: "Our aim is to help breast cancer patients and their families in the South East London area. We would like to thank all staff, patients and visitors for their continued support in purchasing our goods within the hospital reception areas."



Staff Nurse Abigail Fox, SELBCT Trustees: Georgie De La Nougere and Christine Oliver with patient Janet Powell

Car Parks

The new staff car park 8 has now been completed and is open for use. This car park is behind the new Cancer Centre and is proving to be a hit with staff. Car park 12 is due to be completed at the end of August and will be for public use for those accessing the new children's unit. Staff car parks 4 and 5 are due to be completed in September.



Spotlight on our new E&F Manager

Peter Bates has just joined us as the Operational Estates and Facilities Manager (OE&FM) for Queen Mary's Hospital. He recently joined Oxleas having worked previously for Kent County Council. Prior to that, he served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces for 22 years in The Corps of Royal Engineers.

Our Estates and Facilities Department looks after the buildings, equipment and grounds so that staff, patients and visitors have a pleasant place to work, stay and visit. Peter said: "As the OE&FM, it is my task to co-ordinate the main contractors who operate on the site (currently CBRE, Rydons and OCS) so that there is minimal disruption to the hospital, ensuring that

the site is safe and clean. There are exciting developments here, including the new Cancer Centre, the newly-refurbished Children's Development Centre, along with the development of a new main entrance. I am proud to be a part of the hospital and I look forward to working towards helping to ensure your safety when you visit."



New garden area ready for the summer

The Expressions group has been working hard to create an impressive new garden area at Queen Mary's Hospital.

Expressions is a therapy group which supports members, who have had a stroke, to carry out a voluntary role within the hospital. The group was set up by Speech and Language Therapy Technical Instructor Sarah-Jane Mahoney and enables the members to practise their communication skills. Several voluntary roles include administration, assisting with the Friends' snack trolley and gardening.

The group members have been tending to the new raised flower bed for the past few months. Tasks in the garden have involved nurturing the roses that were re-planted from Kent



Women's Wing, planting new plants and clearing litter and weeds.

You'll find the new garden area alongside the Lord Wallace Memorial Garden just along from the Snackbox café and outside C Block.

News in Brief

Hot water: There will be no hot water in B Block on Saturday 13 August for the whole of the day from early in the morning. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Old Kent Women's Wing site: We have learnt that planning permission has now been put into Bexley Council for an 80-bed care home and 74 extra bed care apartments.

New Children's Unit: The new children's unit is due to open at the end of the month. This is an exciting development, providing tailor-made areas for children and adolescents.

Your news and questions

If you have anything about Queen Mary's new or old that you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around the hospital, please get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you, contact:

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