

Newsletter

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MP visit, a Royal response and Queen Mary's in the Poppy appeal are in this edition.

Progress check at QM

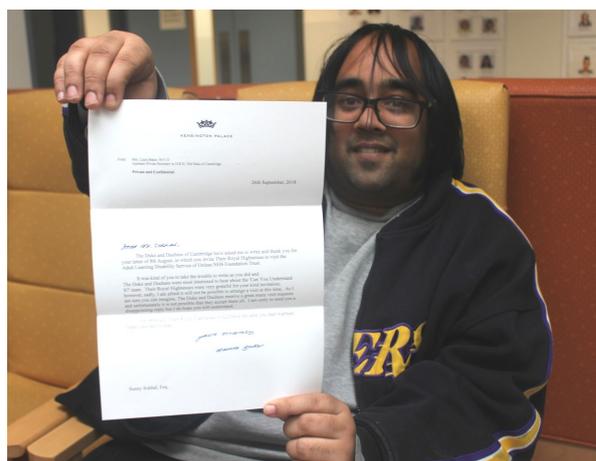
Matthew Trainer, Chief Executive of Oxleas NHS and Andy Trotter, Chairman, met with James Brokenshire, MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, to make a visit to Queen Mary's to check on the progress of the second phase of developments. They had a tour of the site which is being developed for the new state-of-the-art dental and ophthalmology facilities which are due to open towards the end of 2019. They were also given a guided tour around Acorns which provides a vast range of children's services where James was able to have a dabble with some of the equipment. Matthew said "These facilities are part of our multi-million pound investment in Queen Mary's . It's great to be able to visit the site and see the work that's underway to being our plans to life. The hospital is such an asset for local people."



Sunny's Royal reply

Sunny Sokhal was really keen to invite his Royal Highness Prince William to meet members of the Can you understand it? team (Oxleas Learning Disability Editorial Team). Based at Queen Mary's Hospital, the team review health information to ensure it is accessible for people with learning disabilities ('easy read' information). With the help of Steve Hardy, he wrote a letter to Prince William. Sunny was thrilled to receive a reply from Kensington Palace and even though Prince William is unable to visit, just getting a letter addressed to him made his day. Sunny is now

hoping to write to Prince Harry or Prince Edward and may even try the Countess of Wessex who is Patron of Mencap.



Thank you for your support

Marie Curie Fundraising would like to say thank you for your much appreciated support that you have given to their charity this year. Since coming to Queen Mary's in April, they have been able to raise over £600 which will provide 300 Nursing hours. An impressive £600 was raised in one day. They have also promoted their Lottery and have gained 23 new members playing 25 lines.



Transport for London (TfL)

The new TfL screen is now in place and according to staff, patients and visitors is working well and very useful. It pin points where the bus stops are around the QM site and what time the buses are expected. This is a huge benefit to those using public transport enabling them to check their bus times in the warmth of the hospital reception area.



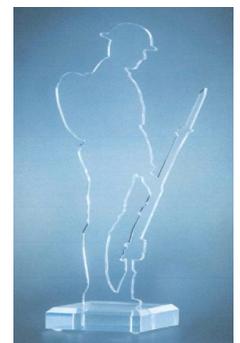
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This years poppy appeal was to say thank you to the WW1 generation. A six metre high poppy installation is the central point at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich with poppy threads leading from this and facing in the exact direction of poignant partner locations across the UK. Queen Mary's Hospital is proud to be one of these locations in marking this historic event. Other locations include: The Response Memorial, Newcastle; Training Trenches, RAF Halton, Aylesbury; The Big Pit National Coal Museum, Blaenavon; Ballyclare Football Club, County Antrim; No10 Downing Street, London; Women's Land Army Tribute, National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire; Deepdale Stadium, Preston; The Royal Pavilion, Brighton; African and Caribbean War Memorial, Brixton; Neasden Temple, London; The Library of Birmingham; Edinburgh Napier University, Craiglockart Campus and Jack Cornwell Memorial Park, Leyton, London. Go on the internet and look at [Poppy Appeal Launch 2018](#) for information on all the sites used.



There but not there

There but not there was an exhibition that was held at Queen Mary's in the main reception recently. The exhibition included a clear silhouette of a soldier and information on soldiers from WW1 that are named on Foots Cray War Memorial. The exhibition will also run at All Saints, Foots Cray at the following times: Thursday 8 November - 10am to 1pm; Friday 9 November - 10am to 1pm; Saturday 10 November - 10am to 4pm; Sunday 11 November - Service of Remembrance 10am followed by Act of Remembrance at Foots Cray War Memorial.



Your news and questions

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary's new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary's, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please do let us know. Contact details are: denise.webb@nhs.net or you can telephone on **02039 107391**