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End of an era, fabulous display from the Douglas Centre and car park updates are in this edition.



Douglas Macmillan coffee morning

An abundance of cakes, tea and coffee were on sale in the Douglas Centre at the end of September as they took part in Macmillan's 'world's biggest coffee morning'. Staff, patients and visitors tucked in to the delights whilst having a chat or just came along to buy the cakes to take away. An impressive £320.50 was raised and thanks to all who took part, not forgetting our volunteers who hosted the event.

Farewell to archive medical records

The archive medical records department closed its doors on Friday 30 September for the last time. Staff in their last week put on a lovely spread over two days for all hospital staff to pop in to see them. Tears and laughter could be heard coming from the filing room and staff who had left years prior came back in to reflect on past times. Staffing levels had reduced over the years but the 10 members of staff that were still there had completed over 154 years of service to the NHS between them and the vast majority of that was at Queen

Mary's Hospital. Rosalie Looe, Archive Records Manager had herself completed 40 years of service at Queen Mary's. Staff throughout the site collectively bought Rosalie a crystal vase, bouquet of flowers and a shopping voucher for her 40 years of dedication. The rest of the staff received a beautiful dwarf rhododendron for their garden as thanks for the service they had given to everyone at the hospital.



B Block entrance - reminder

Please remember that B Block entrance will be closed until May 2017. You can gain access to B Block via A or C Block entrances.



Out Patient Dept 3 (OPD) opens

The Bexley Adult Learning Disability Service (ALD) has now moved from Stuart House in Sidcup to the new OPD 3 in Queen Mary's Hospital. This now provides clinical facilities on the ground floor and offices on the third floor. The new accommodation includes: a spacious waiting area, sensory room, three consulting rooms and a gym. Later in the year, Bromley ALD service is also expected to move into the new unit at QMH.



Hospital Watch launch

On Friday 14 October, a Hospital Watch scheme is to be officially launched at Queen Mary's Hospital by the Rt Hon James Brokenshire, Northern Ireland Secretary and MP for Bexley & Sidcup, The Chief Constable for Bexley Jeff Boothe, Councillor Eileen Pallen, the Mayor of Bexley and Members of Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Executive Board. Hospital Watch works in conjunction with and feeds into Neighbourhood Watch, using the eyes and ears of the hospital, "all of the staff." Staff who are interested in becoming a Hospital Watch co-ordinator should contact Peter Bates on ext 3015 or via peter.bates@oxleas.nhs.uk for further details.



Car parking works

The entrance to staff car parks 7 and 8 have already begun. Please ensure that you follow the traffic plan as this is for your safety and that of pedestrians. Lining works have begun on the main car park outside B Block (car park 3). Bays will be segregated as required to try to minimise the amount of lost parking spaces for the public.

We would like to take this opportunity to

apologise for any inconvenience that these essential works may be causing and would ask that you be patient whilst the work continues. It is inevitable that some staff may find it difficult to park. Please be advised that not parking in marked bays or without a ticket within the pay & display areas will incur a parking enforcement notice which must be paid by the individual as unfortunately there are no exceptions to this.

News in Brief

Choir practice - Choir practice started on Monday 10 October in the Chapel from 12.30 to 1.30pm. All staff are welcome to join the choir and you do not need to be the perfect singer. If you enjoy singing then why not go along to the Chapel on a Monday and join in. Fun and enjoyment guaranteed.

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@oxleas.nhs.uk or you can telephone on **020 8308 3013**.