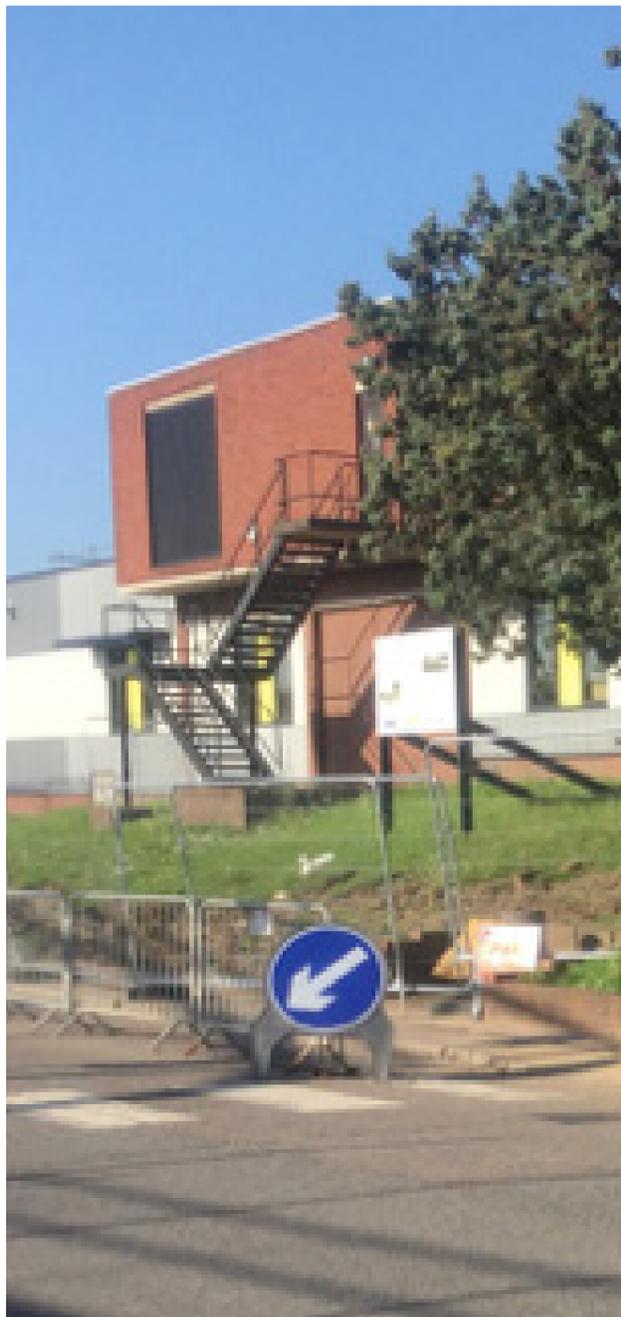




Trenches and railings

You will have seen the mounds of earth and the excavations around the Queen Mary's site. This is for essential replacement of cold water pipes and electrical cables. The old systems had been in place since the 70s and there had been several water leaks over the past couple of years.

Whilst the trenches were open, new cable ways were laid for the future street and car park lighting scheme for the site. For information please contact **Philip Kitchener 020 8302 2678 ext 4352.**



Queen Mary's Hospital Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Queen Mary's newsletter which we hope will be informative and enjoyable reading. The hospital is undergoing a £30m improvement project, led by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust which owns this site.

The aim of this monthly newsletter is to let you know the progress that's being made, what's coming up and what disruption there may be. If you have any news or items of interest about Queen Mary's that you would like to share with us then please do get in touch.

(Old photographs and historic items would be most welcome too).



Cancer centre under construction

New cancer centre update

Works continue to progress on schedule on the new cancer centre which will be ready for opening later this year.

The construction site area has now expanded so that works can commence on the new garden areas.

Road access into car parks

6 and 7 has now changed to allow these works to progress.

We thank everyone for their patience during this part of the re-build.

The new £200,000 Dimpleby Macmillan Support Centre will be an integral part of the new cancer centre, where Guy's and

St Thomas' will provide cancer treatment services. It will offer help to people affected by cancer in south east London and north Kent, allowing people to be treated more locally.

Supported by volunteers, the centre will operate five days a week.

Your news and questions

If you have any news 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, get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you, contact: denise.webb@oxleas.nhs.uk

Estates and facilities helpdesk

Help is only a phone call away for any concerns with car parks, cleaning issues, portering services or to report faults with equipment in general.

Please call 020 8302 2678 ext 4030

Young Carol Singers at Queen Mary's

A joyful sound rung out around B Block in December when some of the choir from Sherwood Park Primary School, Blackfen visited the hospital to sing in the main reception area. Staff, patients and visitors stopped to listen to the children as they sang a delightful compilation of carols and Christmas songs.

The children collect for the juvenile diabetes charity, JDRF and proudly give out stickers when people donate.

Demand for the children's singing has grown within Queen Mary's and they visited Meadow View after their lunch to sing again, much to the delight of the patients.

They are always impeccably behaved and such a delight to have at Queen Mary's.



They are so popular that during last year they came back at Easter and in the summer to sing special seasonal songs.

The children are a credit to their school and we hope they continue to visit us every year.

B Block redevelopment

Enabling works are now well underway for the redevelopment works in B Block. Strip out of cabling, pipework and ductwork are now complete. The demolition works have now started on site and are progressing to programme. A noise test was completed in 7 September where the sound levels of varying demolition techniques were used within B Block to test how disruptive this would be to the neighbouring departments.

A daily noisy works period is in place between 6.30am and 9.30am and between 4.30pm and 6.30pm to minimise disruption to patients and staff. Works still



continue throughout the day to move materials and carry out less disruptive work. The works are expected to complete at the end of February.

The refurbishment works are programmed to start in late

spring when the demolition and strip-out works are complete.

For information please contact the Project Manager **Phoebe Braidwood** 020 8302 2678 ext 2554.

Ties have been cut

Scaffolding has now been removed around the former Kent Women's Wing (Maternity Unit) and demolition works are taking place. This part of the site is not owned by us. The picture (right) shows the final tie between Kent Women's Wing and the main hospital has been cut by the separation of the hospital street, or tunnel as it was known by some.



Log henge

Currently there is a scheme underway involving the Community Payback Team. Through hard work and effort the area opposite B Block car park is having a 'makeover'.

The area was mainly weeds and stinging nettles and the team has cut this all back and is well under way with the makeover.

Logs from trees that have been recently cut down across the site are being used to mark out a perimeter, back drop and walk way. Features will be made with any remaining logs. The team has also made some circular flower beds with some of the smaller pieces of logs and will start planting soon. Digging out roots is proving to be a mammoth task and the team has gone through several gardening tools so far. But the team is keen to do this and not put off by the hard work. Other areas around the site will be looked after at the same time.