

September 2016 - FCCHS NEWSLETTER - Number 23

Dear Friends



These are the fabulous guys from the **Big Yellow Storage Company, Fulham**, Christian and Patrick, who have worked so hard to enable us to have a **FREE** space at Big Yellow to store the things that we sell on the stall. This is a huge help as there is effectively no space at the hospital and having various boxes all over the place in different people's houses has been a nightmare for the volunteers who run the stall. This will not only mean that everything can be kept centrally in one place but it will also enable us to accept the offer of items to sell which we have sometimes had to refuse because of lack of storage space. The only 'cost' to us is acknowledging this help on our stall and website, via leaflets and notices. If anyone wants to rent space at Big Yellow, please contact me and I will put you in touch with these guys who I am sure will offer you the best rates available.

Very Sad News

Earlier this year our dear friend and volunteer Helena Steele lost her courageous fight against cancer. Helena had been a stalwart supporter of the Hospital School and for over 10 years had volunteered weekly on the Chelsea and Westminster stall. She fronted the stall while Ann was based in the Middle East, recruiting Melissa to help and, on occasion, doing the stall single-handedly. She is sorely missed by us all, and our thoughts are with her only child James and the other members of her family.

The Hospital Stall

The stall at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital has been run again for the past year by Ann, Melissa and Victoria. It has raised a total of £3492 and a further £2075 was raised by cake sales. A huge thank-you to them all.

The next cake sale will probably be held in late November/ early December so if anyone would like to contribute a cake please ring Ann for further details on 07803 000477, nearer the time. The stall volunteers would also love good, recent paperbacks, cookery books, complete toys and games, good bric-a-brac and kitchen items, unwanted gifts, unopened cosmetics, but nothing too large (as they have to store it and the punters have to get it home!) and only in good condition please.

Christmas Raffle

The Brompton Hospital stall and raffle is a Christmas enterprise, which runs from November/December, by kind permission of the Brompton Hospital. It is run by Trish and Su and they are always on the lookout for quality raffle prizes. Please contact Tricia on 07766 142020 if you have anything you could offer.

A very big thank to Kirstel who once again spent a lot of time contacting local traders and asking them to support the Christmas raffle by donating lovely prizes, which they did. Also, thank you to Su Brown for making Christmas cakes for sale on the stall and for the raffle. Last year the Brompton Stall and raffle raised £1600. A huge thank-you to Trish and Su all for their hard work and ongoing commitment.

Special thanks to:

- John and Jennie Procter of Scribbler for donating hundreds of cards and gifts to the stall – our chief money spinner – and for £736 from money boxes
- Cool Creative (Cool Cuts) for donating £223 from money boxes
- Alka Poole, proprietor of Chelsea Toys, Chelsea Green, for donating toys, books and games for the Christmas Stall
- Waitrose for donating £2161
- Sainsbury's for donating £65
- All the local traders who so generously donated raffle prizes.
- Roger Phillips for donating the proceeds of tours around Eccleston Square to FCCHS
- Andrew for setting up and putting away the stall each week, helped by Toby
- Steve at Firstpointprint, Vauxhall Bridge Road (for photocopying the newsletter for free).
- Su Browne for contacting Waitrose and other supermarkets for donations

THE 100+ CLUB

PLEASE TRY TO PERSUADE YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIONS TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE SHARES TO RAISE MORE MONEY FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

As people have been confused by us annually sending 100+ Club forms, we are not sending them with this newsletter but if you would like a form to give to a friend please contact Su Browne on **07888683678**.

We currently have **£1000** in our fund, which is the amount we set as our initial target, but we are very keen to increase the fund further, so if you have any friends who would like to buy a share/shares please encourage them to join the 100+Club.

A £10 donation per year (standing order mandate) purchases one share. You can purchase as many shares as you like. Each share is put into the draw twice a year. If you have five shares (£50) you will have five shares put into each draw and five times the chance of winning one of our bi-annual prizes. Prize money is always 30% of the fund. **This year prize money totalled £300.**

SPRING DRAW WINNERS 2016:

1ST PRIZE £100 – Charlotte Simmonds

2ND PRIZE £50 – Sally Yates

AUTUMN DRAW WINNERS 2016

1ST PRIZE £100 – David Nash

2ND PRIZE £50 – Roger Phillips

Some Hospital School News

The School is very sad to lose Marie Sherlock, who is leaving after 22 years to train as a radiographer. Marie has helped the FCCHS in many ways but in particular we would like to thank her for negotiating with the requisite authorities for Trish and Su to run the Christmas Raffle and stall at the Brompton Hospital each year. We wish her very best in her new career.

As usual the students and staff have been engaged in a huge range of fantastic events and opportunities over the last year. In no particular order, some of the highlights include:

- GCSE success
http://www.cchs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1434:we-celebrate-our-students-gcse-achievements&catid=11:news&Itemid=448
- Grand Opening of the art exhibition with works by students from Chelsea Community Hospital School in collaboration with the Brompton Cemetery and Wigmore Hall
http://www.cchs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1443:constellations-music-art-inspired-by-brompton-cemetery&catid=11&Itemid=448
- Launch of the Writers' Ink blog, led by Charlotte and Martin (ICT), to celebrate students' writing across the school
http://www.cchs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1474:writers-ink&catid=11&Itemid=448
- Winning the Cass Art Prize at the Leighton House Art Exhibition for schools across the borough
http://www.cchs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1480:congratulations-to-our-cass-art-prizewinners&catid=11&Itemid=448
- CCHS teachers attend the 10th International HOPE Congress in Vienna.
http://www.cchs.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1476:10th-international-hope-congress-in-vienna&catid=11&Itemid=448

For further news on this and other stories go to:
<http://www.cchs.org.uk/>

Once again, very many thanks to everyone for continuing to support the FCCHS.

Nicky Foy

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE AGM OF THE FCCHS

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8th 2016 AT 6.30PM

IN THE HOSPITAL SCHOOL ON THE FIRST FLOOR (LARGE RED BUILDING),
CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL,
369 FULHAM ROAD,
LONDON SW10 9NH

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Date of next meeting
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report and approval of annual report and accounts.
7. Election of Officers and Committee - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, three other members.
8. AOB