

Happy Birthday to Iris

It's not a secret, I can tell you that one of our ward and clinic visitors has just celebrated a very special birthday. Yes, Iris Taylor is happy for you all to know that she was 80 years old on 12th April 2012. Yes 80 !!!

Some of our group went to a surprise party to help this young-at-heart lady celebrate with her family and many of her friends on the evening of the 12th April.



The evening was fantastic and many tales were told about Iris by her family, all were very interesting may I add. Whenever you speak to her you are sure to be amazed at her zest for life, her energy and willingness to help the club.

Iris by the way did tell her friends and family that she has all that she needs in life so if anyone was going to give her anything for her birthday she would prefer a donation to the Ticker Club.

We would like to thank Iris for this very kind gesture which raised £310.

Anyway, the story does not finish here. As a surprise from her family, Iris was taken on the weekend following her birthday to Oulton Park - no, not to watch the racing but to take part in the racing. Yes, as ever always looking for more challenges Iris went round the track in a BMW M3.

As we know this Ticker club member refuses to grow old. I can tell all club members that she has on previous birthdays ridden a Harley Davidson and piloted a plane over the French Coast. We are convinced that when this Mum of three had her bypass operation that some secret ingredient was put in at the same time. So very well done Iris, here is to many more birthdays.

Chairman's Chat

Hello and welcome to you all, this is my first Chairman's contact with you.

I can advise you all that I am very pleased and proud to take on the role of Chairman of the Ticker Club on this our 25th Year at Wythenshawe Hospital.

First, I want to thank my predecessor Jim Shillito for all the hard work and effort that he has put into the club over many years. Jim has assured me he wants to continue with his Clinic and Ward visiting which is fantastic for both the club and all patients.

I want to congratulate Cliff Clinkard who was re-elected as your Club Secretary at the recent A.G.M.

We have some new Committee members this year, with a good mix of experience who are fresh with new ideas, and we have also retained some experienced guys and girls.

I believe that the club has an excellent team in place to take us forward this year.

We have started very well this year, as on Friday 27th April 2012, the Hospital voted the Ticker Club the "Volunteer Team of the Year". I want to say thank you to all the volunteers and club members who came along to the ceremony to support us. (See article on front page of the Newsletter).

We have a very busy time ahead for the club, being our 25th year at Wythenshawe Hospital. Our 25th anniversary celebration day is on Saturday 15th September, and I really look forward to meeting many of you on your club's special day. We have a sub-committee chaired by Sue Clinkard, which is working very hard on the club's behalf to put together this special day for us.

The Executive Committee are looking to continue support for the work of Volunteer visitors and our members, so as to make a real difference for Cardiac patients and their families.

I am pleased to tell you that this year we will have completed 5 years of offering support to the patients and their families at Tameside Hospital.

I want to say thank you to our visitors Alan Munday and Eruch Cavasji and to our new team member Joan Dickenson who look after the Clinic at Tameside for us.

Thanks also to John Pimblett who is carrying on with the Clinic visiting at Wigan Hospital which has been running for over 8 years.

As you know we meet on the second Thursday of each month for a Member's monthly meeting at the Railway Inn, Hale. I would love to see you all at these meetings, so come along and join us, we offer a good social evening and you get the chance to meet up with other members, we really do need you to come along and support your club. We have some excellent events coming your way this year – see our future events notices in this Newsletter.

I want to extend a special thank you to Alan Imrie and his good wife Anne for their fantastic effort at the Holmes Chapel fete and the Alsager Golf Day in raising funds for the Ticker Club and also to Alan's team of helpers on both events. Both these events together raised £2,000 and as all members will be aware fund raising is one of the main aims of the club and provides vital funds to help Wythenshawe Hospital's Cardiac Unit.

The Committee are looking to give you an exciting year, so do join us when you have any chance to do so, as the club always needs its members support.

We will continue with the three main aims of the Ticker Club: to give patient support to patients and their families, patient representation and continue with our fundraising activities.

We are aiming to spend some more of the funds that we hold this year to enhance the patient experience at Wythenshawe Hospital.

I want to serve you well in my term as Chairman, so if you have any thoughts, ideas or questions you would like to ask, please come along to one of our meetings or email at the address on the Newsletter or write to me at the Ticker Club office.

Chat again soon - John



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VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Ticker Club were invited to join staff and volunteers at the U.H.S.M Staff awards ceremony. We were advised that our hardworking team of Ward and Clinic visitors had been shortlisted for the Volunteers Team of the Year Award.

We are delighted to be able to tell all our readers that the Ticker Club were awarded the prestigious title at the University Hospital of South Manchester (Wythenshawe Hospital) Awards ceremony on Friday 27th April 2012 held at the Forum, Wythenshawe.

The event was hosted by the Trust Chairman Felicity Goodey and the awards were presented by Journalist and BBC radio presenter Eamonn O'Neal. We can tell you the Ticker Club volunteer's team were well represented at the event. All the team that were present went up on stage to receive the award and to be photographed with Felicity and Eamonn.



Pictured from Left to right :

Felicity Goodey, Mary Fagan, Keith Morris, Martin Merriman, John Phillips, Peter Jackson, Cliff Clinkard, Fred Pullan, Gordon Stubbins, Joe Travers, Peggy Crane, Brian Lewis, Muneeb Yassir, Paul Goggins (Wythenshawe MP) and Eamonn O'Neal, with Ian Spooner kneeling down.

Our Chairman told the audience what the aims of the club were, and how we had a presence at the hospital in Outpatient clinics and Cardiac wards 6 days per week. The Trust Chairman thanked the volunteers for their work in the hospital.

John Phillips, our Chairman, says this was a fantastic start to our 25th Anniversary celebrations and that he is delighted for our great team of volunteers, who carry out their work with such diligence and commitment.

Bill Sullivan



Sadly we report the recent death of Bill Sullivan who had worked as a volunteer visitor for the Ticker Club for over 20 years. He would visit the Cardiac Wards every week to reassure Heart Surgery patients and their families. Bill travelled in from Wigan whatever the weather. He richly deserved the recognition by Wythenshawe Hospital as "VOLUNTEER of the YEAR" in 2010. Bill was well known around the Hospital, a place he regarded as his second home. Together with John Pimblett, he started the visits to the Cardiac Out Patient clinic at Wigan Hospital in order to provide support to Heart patients prior to and following their surgery at Wythenshawe Hospital. Bill trained many of our volunteer visitors because he was the ultimate role model.

Bill will be sadly missed by the Ticker Club and all those he has helped over his many years of visiting.

Ticker team

Officers of The Ticker Club 2012-13



Chair :
JOHN
PHILLIPS



Vice Chair :
MARTIN
MERRIMAN



Secretary :
CLIFF
CLINKARD



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EILEEN BATE
ALAN IMRIE
SUE CLINKARD
BARBARA MERRIMAN
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Membership Secretary
HAZEL PHILLIPS

Co-opted members :
JUDY COOMBES
ANNE MORRIS
HAZEL PHILLIPS
Ward visitors coordinators :
CLIFF CLINKARD
JOHN PHILLIPS

AN OUTDOOR EVENT ON A BANK HOLIDAY??

What a chance we took!

There we were in a period of some of the wettest weather – even allowing for the fact that it was a Bank Holiday Weekend – so what did The Ticker Club do? We went out with our ‘stall kit’ to Holmes Chapel in Cheshire!

As our photo shows, however, typical ‘weather’ does not always materialise and we were more concerned with sunburn than ‘drying out’.



At a well attended Fair, eight intrepid Ticker Club volunteers (see our Chairman’s Notes for details) pitched up our wares and set about selling our selection of books, plants, club sweaters and bric a brac – and repeated last year’s bottle stall. All of the items offered for sale/raffle were donated by Ticker Club members and Wythenshawe Hospital staff so generating as much income was the order of the day.

As stall organiser, my thanks go to all the volunteers John names and to all of my readers who donated items – in particular the variety of bottles, ranging from salad cream to wine. Your kind donations enabled us to (a) spend a brilliant and most enjoyable (if tiring) day and (b) raise just over £200 for Ticker Club funds.

Well done ALL, Thank You!

Alan Imrie

25th Anniversary Celebration of the Ticker Club : 1987-2012

You should be receiving your Invitation to our 25th Anniversary Celebration, for which plans are well underway. We are holding it in the North West Heart Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital (Green building just after the Bus station) on Saturday 15th September. This will give Members an opportunity to see the wonderful New Heart Centre that was opened in 2009.

The Ticker Club is proud to have raised £100,000 for new equipment there.

The Event affords the opportunity to see old friends and to meet new and meet up with Cardiac Doctors and Nurses some of whom may have treated you.

Yourself and a guest are invited to join us for an Afternoon Tea (2 – 5 pm), totally Free of charge.

The Organising Committee are working closely with the Hospital Representatives to create what we hope will be “A pleasant afternoon of reminiscing”.

Places will be limited, so make sure that you book yours ASAP – please return the Reply slip which is with your Invitation, to the Ticker Club office.

Sue Clinkard

!?! IT’S AN ALSAGER RECORD!?!

Like ‘Topsy’, this popular event just keeps getting bigger and bigger and it was so heart-warming to welcome 120 (yes 120) golfers to The Ticker Club’s eighth annual Golf Day at Alsager Golf and Country Club – our ‘Spring’ venue.

On a dry, slightly chilly morning the day’s play started at the earlier than usual time of 0830, which of course meant that the Chef began serving/cooking the bacon baps about an hour before! Martin Merriman revelled in his role as Starter and soon got himself on first name terms with all the teams as they set off on their round on what everyone later described as ‘a golf course in great condition’. And he was there again later to assist his wife, Barbara who took on the brunt of selling putting competition and raffle tickets. Our stall selling plants, books and sweatshirts run by my wife (Anne) and our friend Sue did well with a total sell-out. All four still have writer’s cramp as the raffle proved so popular!



As the weather stayed mainly dry (just wee bits of rain!) scoring was quite close and the trial of a Pairs Putting Competition proved a success – one I will repeat. In first place with a super total of 102 points were ‘Fat Silver Foxes’ a team of ‘locals’ who play at ‘Alsager’ and here they are pictured receiving the trophy (one had gone home early). ‘Early Birds’, another local team took second place with ‘Prescaps’ claiming the Mixed/Ladies Team Prize. (This team comprised four Officers of the Golf Club who were a late entry – well you can’t refuse the President can you?)

As is traditional, Chef produced a buffet meal with sweets to match his extremely high standards and the unstinting service provided by Sue Powell, Bar and Catering Manager, and her staff were again a feature making this a highly enjoyable day. There is nothing like being ‘pampered’ a wee bit after a round of golf and the 120 intrepid souls certainly got that. Additional sustenance was, as always, the domain of Pat and Chris Fletcher who have been stalwart Club members. The ‘pit -stop’ after 9 holes is very welcome and would be sorely missed by all.

In conclusion, I repeat the thanks I gave to all our friends at ‘Alsager’, my six volunteers, the donors of our two major prizes (**Principal Hayley** for their two night/two person hotel break and **Sale Golf Club** for their courtesy 4 ball golf round). My greatest thank you, however, must be directed at the 120 golfers who took part. By their generosity the Ticker Club raised the truly brilliant sum of £1785, by far creating another ‘Alsager Record’.

Hope to see as many next May and, of course, as many golfers who can take part in the Club’s ‘Autumn’ event at Chorlton cum Hardy on 12 October – contact Cliff Clinkard for entry forms.

Alan Imrie

FUTURE EVENTS

SUMMER BARBEQUE



Martin and Barbara Merriman would like to invite you to a Barbeque on Saturday 23rd June 2012, from 3.00pm onwards.

Members, families and friends are all invited to an enjoyable social afternoon for only £5 per head, half price for children, includes Burger, hotdog, salad, etc and a great selection of desserts.

Vegetarian options also available on request, liquid refreshments will be available at a reasonable cost. Please let us know by Sunday 10th June to reserve your place.

Contact : 01625 877205 Venue: 88 Towers Road, Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 1DF

Its Party Time in Macclesfield

We are delighted to tell you that Mary Fagan, one of our ward visitors is holding a cheese and wine party at her home on Saturday 11th August 2012 at 6.00 pm and would like as many of you as possible to join her.

Mary’s address is : 14 West Bond Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK11 8QE.

There is ample parking at the Scout Hut nearby, Ticker club members will be on hand to show you where to park.

The cost is only £5.00 per head and includes a glass of wine and cheese. This is for a good cause, so please come along to join other members of the Club and bring friends with you.

So that Mary can organise her event, would you please let us know by Friday 3rd August if you would like to attend, either by phoning the club office on 0161 291 2873, or email us on tickerclub@uhsm.nhs.uk.



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**Members’ get-togethers**  
on 2nd Thursday of every month at **The Railway Inn, Ashley Road, Hale WA14 2UN** at 7.30 for 8.00 pm  
**Enjoy a drink, a chat & all the news**  
**FREE well-lit station car park opposite**  
**Light refreshments**

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UHSM NHS Foundation Trust - Wythenshawe Hospital HEALTH MATTERS EVENTS – EVERYONE WELCOME

Members of the public are invited to attend the monthly HEALTH MATTERS TALKS which are given on a variety of Health related topics, hosted by Clinical experts. All talks are held at 12 noon in the Education & Research Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital, refreshments are provided.

Wednesday 20th June 2012 – MEN’S HEALTH / CANCERS
Wednesday 18th July 2012 – DIABETES
Wednesday 19th September 2012 – ALCOHOL
Wednesday 17th October 2012 – BREAST CANCER
Wednesday 21st November 2012 – LUNG CANCER

For more information : call 0161 291 2357 or on WEB: www.uhsm.nhs.uk



DONATION IN AUDREY’S MEMORY HELPS TO REFURBISH NEW DAYROOM

We are really pleased to inform you that Ward F5 dayroom at UHSM has recently had a fabulous makeover. Patients can now enjoy the new TV, comfortable chairs and pictures on the wall in this newly decorated environment. This refurbishment was partly funded by some donations made in the memory of a much-loved Failsworth lady and Ticker Club supporter: Audrey Litherland and the Ticker Club

Audrey underwent a heart valve operation in 2005 under the care of the Consultant / Surgeon Mr. Tim Hooper, which proved to be a resounding success. In the five years following the operation Audrey shared even more happy memories with her devoted husband Jim and her loving children and treasured grandsons. Audrey lived life to the full in a quiet and caring way and enjoyed the fellowship at her local church (Holy Family, Failsworth), where she had many friends and had served on the Social Committee for some 40 years.

Grateful for these five fabulous years and thankful for the work of The Ticker Club, Audrey supported our fundraising and often bought our beautiful greetings cards to raise money for our charity. She also went out of her way to reassure and encourage people who were about to undergo the same heart valve procedure she’d experienced. Such acts of kindness came very naturally to this permanent ray of Failsworth sunshine. Not surprisingly, a substantial sum was raised when appeals for donations to The Ticker Club were made in advance of Audrey’s well-attended funeral service.



You will now see a plaque in Audrey’s memory in the F5 Dayroom. It’s very fitting that the life of someone so naturally friendly, generous and sociable should be remembered in a welcoming place, intended for conversation and relaxation in the company of others.

The Litherland family greatly appreciate the work of The Ticker Club and the exceptional care given to Audrey by the cardiac staff, both at the time of her valve replacement and also during her final days in Wythenshawe, in July 2010. They are very proud that Audrey’s beautiful memory will be associated with such an uplifting and practical facility for cardiac unit patients.

Pictured - **Back row** left to right : Ticker Club Chairman John Phillips, Audrey’s daughter Susan and Jim Litherland, Audrey’s husband. **Front row**, left to right : Support worker Pat Garrett, Matron Sharon O’Conner & Support worker Angela Malbon.

Can you be a volunteer?

We need to strengthen our Cardiac ward and Outpatient clinic visitors’ team. Can you Help ?

We would be absolutely delighted to hear from anyone who can give a little time each week to come and provide some patient support on the wards and in the clinics. Our presence on the wards and clinics is greatly appreciated by patients, their families and the Hospital staff.

If you feel that you want to give a little something back to the hospital please contact our Volunteer coordinator John Phillips at The Ticker Club Office on 0161 291 2873 and leave a message on the Ansaphone.

Club Subscriptions

Club Subscriptions are due for renewal before 30th June, please return your renewal form ASAP.

No increase - only £10 per member or £20 per couple