

## **FRIENDS OF COLTISHALL & SPIXWORTH SURGERIES**

Treasurer's report for year ended 31 December 2018

As in previous years, may we once again offer our sincere thanks to Keith Owen for providing us with his time and expertise in the examination and production of the income and expenditure account. The account report is presented to the Friends / PPG members for their agreement.

At the Friends meeting in June, longterm Secretary to the Group, Ann Pulford said that she would be standing down - members recorded their appreciation of her commitment to the Group.

This year the Groups overall income of £2982.39 was set against expenses of £2259.13, which resulted in an increase in the end of year balance in the account to £5583.10.

Donations totalled £2002.00 - this figure represented another significant increase compared with the previous year, which have again has been gratefully acknowledged to the providers.

Books & puzzles contributed to the Friends account and they have seen another good year. The combined surgery total was £970.34 which is almost identical to the 2017 figure.

Expenditure for the year included the following items:

- \*Water Cooler Maintenance / Cups for Coltishall and Spixworth
- \*50% of Cryogenic Maintenance
- \*Six Home Blood Pressure Monitors and Cuffs
- \*Paediatric Sats Monitor for Spixworth
- \*Notice Boards for Coltishall
- \*Five CPR training "Annies" - CPR Training manikins

The Friends Group has seen another year where we have struggled to maintain membership numbers. This ultimately resulting in the Group members discussing the possibility of closing the Group at the Friends June quarterly meeting and, as mentioned above, the longterm Secretary announced that she would be standing down.

It was agreed that the Friends Group members should meet with those of the Patient Participation Group to discuss the future of the Friends. The meeting took place in September and, after discussion, it was agreed by those present that the Friends and PPG would be merged, with the Friends being "ring fenced " in respect of the financial aspects of the Group. The merger would see the Friends support bolstered by members of the PPG.

In respect of the merger mentioned above, a new Constitution was drawn up, and a new Committee has been agreed.

The Friends are invited to receive and approve the accounts for 2018.

Steve Kempson - Treasurer, Friends of Coltishall and Spixworth Surgeries