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Royal visitor for K&C

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall visits K&C's Osteoporosis Unit

The Osteoporosis Unit at Kent & Canterbury Hospital had the honour of a visit from HRH The Duchess of Cornwall yesterday.

The Duchess of Cornwall is the President of the National Osteoporosis Society. After meeting Chief Executive Stuart Bain, Medical Director Dr Neil Martin and Chief Nurse/Acting Chief Operating Officer Julie Pearce, The Duchess was escorted around the Unit by Dr Gregory Shabo, Clinical Lead for Osteoporosis and Consultant Physician in Nuclear Medicine, where she met patients and Osteoporosis

Technologist Jane Friend.

The Duchess also met Dr Shelagh O'Riordan, local representatives of the National Osteoporosis Society, Falls and Osteoporosis nurses Debbie Janaway and Joy Marshall and Nuclear Medicine staff.

The Duchess was served refreshments by League of Friends representatives Anne Baird and Robyn Kingston.

"It was great to have her come down because it gives a real boost for the service," said Dr O'Riordan. "It was really lovely - she



Dr Gregory Shabo escorts The Duchess to the Unit.

was very interested in what we do."

"She was genuinely

interested in everything we had to say," said Falls and Osteoporosis Nurse Joy Marshall.

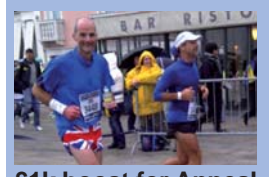
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Chief Executive Stuart Bain welcomes HRH The Duchess of Cornwall to K&C, accompanied by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Kent and the Sheriff of Canterbury .



League of Friends representatives serve HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.



HRH The Duchess of Cornwall meeting Dr Shelagh O'Riordan.



Chatting with patients.

EKHUT receives Top Performing Hospital Award

EKHUT has won the Top Performing Hospital Award in the 2010 Healthcare, Excellence and Leadership (HEAL) Awards.

Chief Executive Stuart Bain accepted the award on behalf of the Trust at an awards ceremony held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, this week.

"It is a great privilege to accept this award on behalf of the 7000 plus staff who work tirelessly, 365 days a year, to deliver their very best for all of the patients we serve," said Stuart Bain.

"Everyone comes to work to make a difference and I am really proud that this wonderful award acknowledges that they have managed to do that."

Photo: Chief Executive Stuart Bain accepting the award from Childline founder and television presenter Esther Rantzen.



News in brief

Flu vaccinations

Attached with this issue of Trust News is the schedule for flu vaccinations for all EKHUT staff. Please don't miss the opportunity to protect yourself, your patients and family.

Fund raising congrats

Congratulations to HCA Jenny Usher her husband David and Grandson Oliver who raised over £400 when they took part in the Mouth Cancer Awareness charity walk around Kensington Gardens on 18 September.

A well done also to Sue Honour CNS Head & Neck and nurses from the Maxillo Facial unit who also took part.

Caroline MacKenzie, Ward Manager, Rotary, WHH

Calling all staff!

Do you lead or are you involved in a Patient Safety initiative?

15 - 21 November is National Patient Safety week and the Trust is participating in this. Would you like to share your work? If so please contact us via Groupwise:

Stefa Buras-Rees - Patient Safety Manager, Helen Goodwin - Interim Deputy Director Risk & Governance, Sarah Coulling - Clinical Risk Manager or Dorothy Halpin - Administrator for Patient Safety (or call Dorothy on ext 74607).

Let's make patients safer together!

Putting patient safety first



Patient Safety Week
15-21 November 2010



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Project SEARCH launch event

Project SEARCH - the project that enables young people with learning disabilities to take on internships at QEKM Hospital - celebrated a successful launch event on Tuesday. The event gave an opportunity for members of Kent County Council, the Department of Health, Thanet College, line managers and parents to see a video of the interns in action within their internships and understand and express their learning and journeys so far. One intern said: "I never thought I would be doing a job like this. I have realised how capable I am and that I can do it. My confidence has already improved."

Graham Gibbens, Kent County Council Cabinet member for Kent Adult Social Services, said: "Project SEARCH is a genuine example of a partnership where people with learning disabilities have the opportunity of gaining real skills that employers value. Kent is very proud of the work of QEKM Hospital, Thanet College and Kent Supported Employment as this will ensure young people with learning disabilities get the right education to get real jobs and real lives." I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was a part of the launch, and made it such a success.

Twyla Mart, Project SEARCH Support Manager, 07827983561



The Project SEARCH interns with members of the Project SEARCH team.

National Pathology Week 1 – 7 November 2010

Next week is National Pathology Week. This year's theme is 'mothers and babies' and is titled: Pathology – The Building Blocks of Life!

The Antenatal and Newborn Screening Coordinators, Hannah Horne and Pam Philpot have co-ordinated the week for EKHUT. Patient displays to highlight the important role pathology plays throughout life, even before birth, can be found across the Trust on the maternity units.

Spreading the news...



The eDN team manned eDN stalls at the three acute sites this week to tell staff more about eDN and offer handy hints, tips and short cuts...

The electronic discharge system (eDN) goes fully electronic in November. This means discharge information will be automatically and immediately sent to patients' GP surgeries.

If you would like more information on eDN or training, please contact Julie Stokes on ext 73618 or the helpdesk on ext 76000.

Mark Davison and Julie Stokes.

Rupert's marathon effort raises £1K



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breast cancer
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APPEAL

The Trust's Breast Cancer Appeal has been boosted by over one thousand pounds, thanks to the stamina of Fundraising Manager Rupert Williamson and his many sponsors.

Rupert ran for the Venice Marathon this week in aid of the Appeal.

"Venice was a fantastic magical place but at 22 miles it became gruelling and arduous!" he said. "There are fourteen bridges in the last two miles, they seemed like mountains!"

It is not too late to sponsor the run - please follow the links to the charity from the Trust website.

■ We are always on the look out for fundraising events in support of the appeal. Do you have an event in mind? Please get in contact with your ideas (fundrasing@ekht.nhs.uk).



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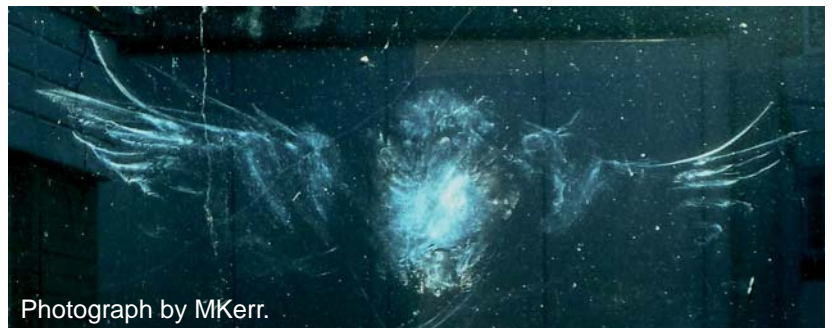
Highworth School
and the

Foyer shop at the William Harvey Hospital

For more details contact
Sue Heritage on 01233 633331 Ext 88394

T-witt t-who?

In our occasional series on uninvited wildlife visitors and following the recent visit by a bull, this ghostly imprint of an owl was left on an office window in the Education Centre at K&C last weekend - presumably the look on its face is a combination of fury and embarrassment...



Information for pension members over 50 years of age

Please see attached pension choice information on why some staff over 50 have not yet received their pension packs yet from the pension agency.

Staff and Associate Specialist (SAS) education event

On 16 November 2010, the SAS Doctors are hosting their 1st SAS Doctors' Education Event at 9:00 hrs at the Post-graduate Centre, WHH. EKHUT has around 250 permanent SAS Doctors who play a significant role in providing healthcare along with other NHS staff. Attending this event will be graced by the presence of the CEO, the Medical Director and the Director of Medical Education who will address the group on important issues facing the NHS and the medical profession.

Cathy Kidd, SAS Administrator, Education Centre, K&C, ext 73789

Shuttle bus fares

The staff shuttle bus charges will increase to 50 pence per journey from 1 November 2010. New books of tickets have been printed and are available at £5 per book of 10 tickets. The current yellow tickets will still be valid but from the above date 5 yellow tickets will need to be presented for each journey.

Nick Doe, Parking Services Manager, ext 62320

Change of contact details

Please note the amended email address for our ESP Musculoskeletal Paediatrics. Her correct name and address is jenny.seggie@ekht.nhs.uk

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