

Let's talk

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High Street set to come to BRI as new wing takes shape

THIS time next year, we will all be getting ready to welcome our first patients to our new £28m wing at the Bradford Royal Infirmary.

As you can see overleaf, the steel frame is going up at a pace and we can see the building growing every day.

Work on site is now into its 24th week, and even with the recent wet weather; our partner contractor BAM remains on target to complete on time – autumn 2016.

We have now received bids from well-known High Street retailers wishing to take space in the entrance and concourse areas. These bids will be evaluated in the coming weeks and a successful partner announced around Christmas time. We will let you know first who has been successful and what you can look forward to.

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What is the connection this week between Parliament and our very own robotic surgery centre?

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High Street set to come to BRI as new wing takes shape

October saw a lot of heavy construction work and this continues again this month as more of the steel frame is built and the concrete floors are poured into the upper levels. In addition the side walls will start to be installed.

A lot of work has been carried out underneath the existing ward 29, where our new intensive care unit is starting to take shape.

The Foundation Trust and BAM would like to thank patients, staff and visitors of wards 29 and 30 for their patience and co-operation.

In terms of occupation of our new spaces, user group engagement is good with final designs of interior spaces well underway. An interior designer will soon be appointed to work with the user groups in bringing

each area to life in the most striking and patient-friendly way.

Keep watching out for progress updates in future editions of *Let's Talk*, as there will be a special feature coming up soon on the new intensive care unit. ■

If you have any specific questions about this exciting development for us all, please let me know at lets.talk@bthft.nhs.uk or contact Shane Embleton, Programme Manager on [01274 364521](tel:01274364521).



Kidney team filled with pride after patient hits gold in transplant games

Members of our specialist renal team at St Luke's Hospital must be feeling very proud this week. And quite rightly.

THEY have just seen one of their patients win a gold medal at the recent World Transplant Games.

Kidney transplant patient and keen squash player Michael Gibbons added to his clutch of gold and silver medals with this latest win in Argentina.

The 79-year-old has been under the care of the dedicated renal team at St Luke's, after being diagnosed with chronic kidney



Michael with wife Ann and medal

disease. He underwent a kidney transplant in December 2007 after two and a half years of dialysis.

The operation changed his life, allowing him to continue with his passion for playing squash, as well as running – and leading to annual participation in a succession of Transplant Games.

So it's not surprising to hear that as a result Michael is a strong advocate for organ transplantation - in his case the donor was someone very special, his 76-year-old wife, Ann.

Consultant Nephrologist Dr Russell Roberts told *Let's Talk*: "Michael is inspiring. As long as I have known him, he has kept physically active



– all through dialysis and after surgery. His first question after any major health event is always 'how soon can I play squash again?'

"His efforts now to promote organ donations are wonderful and we are really appreciative of his efforts because the fact is that the number of people waiting for life-saving or life-transforming transplants still outweighs the number of people on the organ donation register." ■



New initiatives launched to make it easier to get your flu jab



PLEASE keep your eyes peeled this week for people wearing bright yellow T-shirts - they are our roving flu nurses and could help you stay well this winter.

If you've had your jab already, well done - that's great news. But don't forget if you haven't, you don't need an appointment.

Instead you can simply pop along to one of the drop-in sessions that are being organised. These are taking place at the Workplace Health & Wellbeing Centre, Field



House, BRI today (Wednesday) and Thursday, from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

And of course watch out for our yellow T-shirt-wearing roving nurses. They will be at BRI this Friday until 10pm. Please use both the phone hotlines [0797 4407404](tel:07974407404) or [0798 4014461](tel:07984014461) to locate them if you have a free 10 minutes and can pop out from your area. If there is no reply, please call back a few minutes later.

drugs fridge and will need to complete training before you are signed off to start vaccinating your colleagues. If you can join in please contact Heather.Bearpark@bthft.nhs.uk and Gillian.Wood@bthft.nhs.uk asap.

Don't forget you can also contact the flu co-ordinators to make local arrangements - please see the up-to-date list of coordinators and their contact details in the table overleaf.

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Our flu co-ordinators make a vital contribution to the programme and it is not too late for more colleagues to come on board to help.

If you are able to help, you do need access to a lockable



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The sooner we all have our flu jabs, the greater chance we have of reducing the effects of the virus on ourselves, our families, colleagues and our patients.

With your continuing support, I am confident that we can meet - and beat - our target of inoculating 75 per cent of our patient-facing employees. Thank you. ■



Name	Post title	Ward / department	Site	Extn number
Kath Nolan	Midwife	Maternity	BRI	4515
Paula Sharratt	Lead Research Nurse	Infectious Diseases & Sexual Health (covering Bradford Institute for Health Research)	Temple Bank House BIHR Room 14	3930
Stephen Anderson	Professional & Practice Development Manager	ICU (covering ICU)	BRI	6962
Charlene Bass-Woodcock	Staff Nurse	Paediatric Outpatients	SLH	5085
Francesca Hill	Matron	Orthopaedics and Trauma, Breast & Plastic Surgery	Room 260, Level 1 Daisy Bank, BRI	3025
Carol Hudson	Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	Neonatal, Maternity (covering Maternity)	BRI	3106
Anne O'Connor	Sister	ENT/ENT OPD (covering Audiology, All ENT OPDs, ENT Theatres, Radiology)	BRI	4114
Susan Tinnion	Theatre Practitioner	Modulus Theatres	BRI	3050
Kirsty Astin	Staff Nurse	Paeds, Ward 17	BRI	4394
Sonia Metcalfe	Midwife	Community Midwives	SLH	4533
Carol Marira	Staff Nurse	OPD Maternity (covering Labour ward, M2/M3/M4, Antenatal/Sanographers)	BRI	4515
Jane Saunders	Mobile Flu Nurse	See Poster with Times on OH Website		07984014461
Julie Ashcroft	Mobile Flu Nurse	See Poster with Times on OH Website		07974407404



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Bosom Friends brighten unit for patients

THOSE of you who have visited The Dales Breast Care Unit recently will have noticed how its walls have been brightened up with some truly beautiful artwork.

This is down to the generosity of a group of volunteers – Bosom Friends – who really are wonderful supporters of The Dales at St Luke’s.

Bosom Friends is a voluntary organisation made up of women – all former patients at the unit – who provide their time freely after breast cancer treatment to provide support to new patients, and to improve the facilities and environment offered to patients.

Members got together with local artist Christina Harris, herself a breast cancer survivor, and together they have gifted six paintings.

Christina, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011, told me: “I just wanted to give something back because I cannot praise highly enough the treatment I received both at St Luke’s Hospital and at BRI.

“The staff were absolutely marvellous and it is thanks to them I am now fit and healthy. That’s why

I am really pleased to be involved in enhancing the Dales Unit for other patients in any way I can.”

Bosom Friends generously donated £800 to purchase three paintings, and a further three pieces of art have been given for permanent display by Christina.

Three feature Christina’s trademark woolly sheep while three take an abstract, quirky and colourful look at the Yorkshire Dales.

Sue Hodgson of Bosom Friends told *Let’s Talk*: “Our aim is to contribute as many personal touches as we can to the unit so that it has a comfy and homely look. We have always said we would like to give some artwork for the walls and Christina’s pictures seemed perfect.

“One of the sheep pictures even has pink ribbons, which of course are a symbol of breast cancer awareness.

“Those of us who are involved just feel we would like to give something back for all the help and support we have all received,” she said.

We are always truly appreciative of the support of volunteers such as Bosom Friends, who over the years has provided many “extras” for The Dales. These have included a coffee machine, lamps, magazine stands, pieces of furniture and cushions.

Breast care nurse specialist Mandy Blackburn said the paintings were already being enjoyed by patients.

“The artwork is really important in providing a welcoming, bright and less formal environment for patients and their families as they wait to be assessed or to see their treating doctor. We are so grateful to both the charity for all that they do in supporting us and Christina, who worked tirelessly on a brief to reflect The Dales Unit theme. Their kindness and generosity really does make a difference,” she said. ■



Show will be a Christmas dream for our children's charity

GET ready to take your seats for a captivating performance of dance, drama and singing which will boost funds for Bradford Hospitals Children's Charity next month.

The Christmas Dreams show will be

presented by Ballerina Productions on Saturday, 12 December at 7.30pm in St George's Hall, Bradford.

The charity performance will see local dancers, singers and performers come together to raise money for this worthwhile cause which aims to enhance the facilities of our children's wards, neonatal unit, outpatients' department, community teams, and children development centre.

Local names taking part include Dance United Yorkshire, RSK Dance and Zumba Bradford Belles. ■

Tickets cost £12-16.50 and are available from Bradford Theatres box office on [01274 432000](tel:01274432000) or via the website www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



Carol services tune up to celebrate the work of the local NHS

MANY of you have told me just how much you enjoy attending the annual Christmas carol service in the beautiful and historic setting of York Minster. So please remember to make a note in your diaries about this year's event.

It takes place on **Wednesday, 9 December** and once again there will be transport provided.

The afternoon coaches will be leaving both BRI (Smith Lane car park) and St Luke's (near the Welcome Cuppa) at 1.30pm, and the evening coach will be leaving BRI at 4.45pm calling at St Luke's to pick up passengers before heading for York. All the coaches will return at approximately 9.30pm.

If you'd like to go, please email Dawn Arnison (based in the Chaplaincy office, Extension Block, Level 2 at St Luke's) at dawn.arnison@bthft.nhs.uk with your name, department, extension, which hospital you would like to depart from, and at what time. Alternatively you can give Dawn a ring on ext 5819. And don't forget friends, family and children are also welcome.

This year York won't be the only city hosting a carol service for the NHS – Bradford will stage one too for the very first time.

Bradford Cathedral will be the setting on **Thursday, 17 December** at 7pm. The service will celebrate the work of local healthcare staff, and staff from



NHS organisations across Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven are welcome to come along and enjoy traditional Christmas carols and readings.

The cathedral will use its own choir, but is looking for a range of staff from different organisations to do readings during the service. More details will follow, but if anyone is interested in doing a reading, please contact the Bradford CCGs' communications team at: communications@bradford.nhs.uk.

The cathedral would like the carol service to be a celebration of the local NHS – right on our doorstep. Refreshments will be available after the service, so you can catch up with other healthcare colleagues. ■

Sanjai invited to Parliament to discuss robotic surgery



ONE of our colleagues, consultant urological surgeon Sanjai Addla, has returned to Bradford from a Parliamentary event designed to heighten awareness of the benefits of robotic-assisted surgery (RAS).

Sanjai joined fellow experts in the field in attending a Westminster dinner held to discuss access to the technology.

Guests were welcomed by Kelvin Hopkins MP, the son of Dr Harold Hopkins, a famous and renowned urologist who invented the rod lens system on which all of modern urology is based.

Kelvin, an advocate of RAS, opened the dinner by informing guests that RAS needed a higher profile in Parliament. He then shared his own experience of

robotic surgery using the da Vinci robot at Guy's Hospital, London.

We, of course, recently became a robotic surgery training centre and are leading the way in this revolutionary procedure for patients with urological cancer since installing our own £2m da Vinci robot at the BRI in the summer of 2012.

One of the speakers at the dinner was Mr Mark Speakman, President of the British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS).

"The event was very informative, a great evening and a great opportunity and I thoroughly enjoyed it," Sanjai told *Let's Talk*. ■

Remember to have your say on improving working lives

BACK in September, 850 of you were selected at random from across all wards and departments to have a say about your working lives in this year's Staff Survey questionnaire.

I would like to thank all of you who have already responded – your views are really important in shaping improvements in the future.

The survey asks your opinion on topics including your managers, health, well-being and safety at work, personal development and patient care.

If you have not yet replied, you

now have one month left to do so. Please do take the time to complete the questionnaire.

More of your replies mean more reliable data for us to act upon, benefitting as many of you and your colleagues as possible.

We will support divisions and departments to create action plans after the survey results are published in Spring 2016.

Your response is confidential, as are the details of who's taken part.

Independent provider, Patient Perspective, keep track of who's replied to ensure their reminders are only sent to those

who haven't returned the survey. We do not have access to this information –

all we can do is encourage you through initiatives such as *Let's Talk* to take part.

Your completed questionnaire must have arrived at Patient Perspective no later than 2 December. For more information, please contact Kym Brearley, staff engagement and equality manager, kym.brearley@bthft.nhs.uk, 01274 27 4048. ■



Clive Kay,
Chief Executive

Let's **talk** again next week – and in the meantime you can send your comments and anything you'd like to share with colleagues: lets.talk@bthft.nhs.uk

