



# Thumbs up for new hospital

The brand new St Helens Hospital has been given the thumbs-up by St Helens South MP, the Rt. Hon Shaun Woodward.

Mr Woodward, also the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was given a tour of the site ahead of the official opening later this year.

*See inside for the full story!*



**PLUS** The countdown is on for this year's Oscars!



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**Spring Treat!**

**Celebrating our Volunteers**

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# TRUST LOTTERY RESULTS

The results of the Trust Lottery Draw taken in March are as follows:

- £1500 Mr L Aldis, Receipts & Distribution, Whiston
- £500 Mrs P Brunton, Support Svs, Whiston
- £100 Mrs A Moloney, Kurtz Ward, St Helens
- £50 Mrs J Daniels, Patient Booking Svs, St Helens
- £25 Ms J Lawrenson, I.C.U. Whiston
- £25 Mrs GM Knights, Clinical Coding, Whiston

The results of the Trust Lottery Draw taken in April are as follows:

- £1500 Mrs C Freeman, Legal Dept, Whiston
- £500 Mrs P Jackson, Medical secretaries Whiston
- £100 Mr J Clayton, Project Office, Whiston
- £50 Mrs P Abbot, Theatres, Whiston
- £25 Mrs S J Cassidy, Medical Secretaries, St Helens
- £25 Mr I Fenney, Porters, Whiston

Note: Prizes can only be issued to lottery participants who have paid all due contributions. In the case of deductions not being made from your pay, please contact the Finance Department on extension 1121. Your payslip should show a separate deduction described as LOTTERY and the amount deducted (£1 for each number).



## Intranet site a big hit

The Trust's new intranet site is proving to be a big hit with staff.

The site was launched in March by Ann Marr, Chief Executive.

Each department should now be in the process of transferring their information over from the old site. If you require help, please email Web Administrators Linda Jump or Clair Sullivan.

The old site is still available to view until 30th April 2008.

Ann Marr, Chief Executive, officially launches the new intranet site



Congratulations to staff who won some great prizes by using the new site to answer questions in our intranet treasure hunt.

The first prize of a mobile phone was won by Simone Taylor, admin assistant in the palliative care dept. Second prize of a TV was claimed by physiotherapist Sally Dean, with a Windows Vista package won by Debbie McTighe, patient access manager.

# Secretary of State for Northern Ireland visits Trust



Ann Marr and the Rt. Hon Shaun Woodward MP in one of the new theatres at St Helens Hospital.

St Helens South MP, the Rt. Hon Shaun Woodward, has paid a visit to the new St Helens Hospital, ahead of the official opening later this year.

Mr Woodward – also the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland – was given a tour of the site on Marshalls Cross Road by Ann Marr, Chief Executive.

St Helens Hospital is being redeveloped, along with Whiston Hospital, in a £338m programme, which is the biggest single investment in healthcare the community has seen since the NHS was founded 60 years ago.

The new hospital has been designed as a modern, state-

of-the-art Diagnostic and Treatment Centre to provide first-class,

21st Century healthcare for all patients.

Mr Woodward said: "The development of the new St Helens Hospital is great news for the people of the borough.

"The hospital has progressed so much in a short space of time, I will look forward to it being completed and handed over later this year."



The new St Helens Hospital from the air



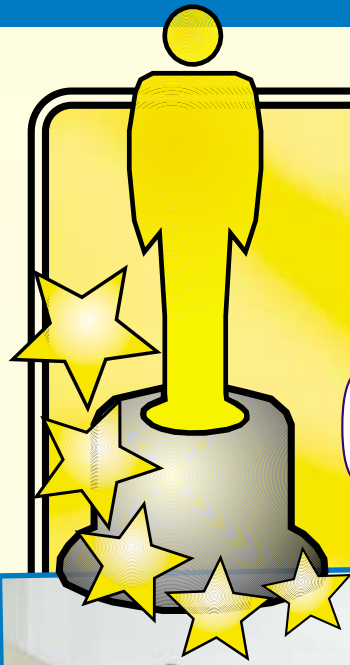
The impressive new entrance to St Helens Hospital



The new site is almost complete

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Staff Awards  
*Presentation Evening*  
2008

# Oscars tickets snapped up!



Massive queues snaked around Whiston and St Helens Hospitals on Monday 3rd March. Was Barry Manilow here signing autographs? Was the cash machine giving out free money? No – tickets had gone on sale for our very own Oscars!

The fourth annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening is almost upon us and what a fantastic night it promises to be!

On Friday 9th May we will gather for our premier night of the year, this time held at the Liverpool Echo Arena and BT Convention Centre.

#### Staff queue for Oscars tickets

This year's event promises to be the biggest and best yet! The new venue means more staff than ever before can attend, with over 700 people snapping up tickets. Everyone who queued for a ticket got one.

You have been voting in your droves to nominate teams and individual members of staff. For the first time, we also have a People's Award, voted for by the public through the local press.

As well as enjoying a three course meal and free wine, we will also mingle with our fabulous surprise celebrity guests! In previous years, we have welcomed stars like Liverpool FC legend Phil Thompson, former world snooker champion John Parrott, showbiz superstar Ken Dodd and X-Factor favourites Eton Road.

We will also reveal the very lucky winner of our fantastic special prize – a brand new car courtesy of Lookers!

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Staff Awards *Presentation Evening* 2008

## And the nominations are:

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### Medical Care Group Award

Cardiology  
Diabetes  
Ward B2

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### Surgical Care Group Award

ENT  
Operating Theatres – St Helens  
Orthopaedics

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### Clinical Support Group Award

Mortuary  
Out- Patients, Stephenson House  
X-Ray, Clerical

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### Non-Clinical Support Group Award

Clinical Coding  
EBME  
Patient Booking Services

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### Team of the Year Award

Dermatology  
Pathology Laboratory  
Ward G4

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### Employee of the Year Award

Barbara Ashall, Upper GI Nurse Specialist  
Suzanne Ford, Librarian, Healthcare Library  
Dot Tucker, Ward Clerk, Gamble Day Ward

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### People's Choice Award

*(Nominated by the Public, as advertised in the St Helens Star)*

Hammill Ward  
Lilac Centre  
Rheumatology

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*We hope you all have an enjoyable evening and wish all the nominees good luck!!*

The evening is of NO COST to the NHS and we thank our partners for their kind donations to make this event possible.



# DIABETES SERVICE ON THE MOVE

The diabetes service will be moving to Foxton Ward at St Helens Hospital in May.

Their last appointment at Whiston will be on Thursday 1st May before the service re-opens on the St Helens site on Friday 9th May.

Thanks must be extended to Kevin Hardy and his team who have been extremely accommodating in agreeing to move early to the St Helens site.

# SPRING TREAT AT CHILDREN'S UNIT

Youngsters at the Children's Unit at Whiston Hospital received an Egg-citing treat at Easter!

Easter eggs were very kindly collected and donated to the children by the following organisations: Taylor Woodrow; British Transport Police with Sainsburys and Merseyrail; and St Helens Youth Service with Trail Blazers and Youth for Volunteering. Thanks to you all!



Inspector Lorna McEwan and PC Philip Percival from British Transport Police hand over Easter Eggs to Codielea Knowles, 6, and Callum Hill, 6



Our friends at Taylor Woodrow visit the Children's Unit to make a generous donation

St Helens Youth Service with Trail Blazers and Youth for Volunteering wish E1 staff and 7 year old Richard Pearce (front left) a happy Easter



# Flying high with ESR

The Trust is one of only two NHS organisations in the North West to have achieved a kitemark for use of the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) System.

Following a series of internal and external assessments, the Trust has successfully gained Readiness Assessment 5 status, proving that we are using ESR effectively.

## What is ESR?

ESR is an integrated Human Resources and Payroll system.

It will be used by all 600+ NHS organisations in England and Wales.

It replaced previous payroll and human resource systems and pays approximately 1.2m employees nationally.

## What are the benefits of ESR?

Less duplication of effort and therefore significant time savings over existing methods.

Improved reliability of data.

More consistent reporting of NHS staff.

## Meet the Team

The Trust has formed a dedicated ESR Development team to support the design, development and implementation of ESR across the Trust.



Members of the ESR Development Team

Development Group Chair – Paula Roles  
Manager Self Service Lead – John Foo  
Recruitment Lead – Emma Ostridge  
Training Lead – Pauline Whitfield  
Occupational Health Lead – Karen Brayley

ESR Project/Bureau Lead – Rob Simonds  
IT Lead – Matt Connor  
P&SS – Margaret Huyton  
Finance Lead – Mina Patel

# Deep Clean Thank You

**The deep clean of our hospitals is drawing to a close and the Trust extends a big thank you to all staff for their hard work during the programme.**

All clinical areas are being thoroughly cleaned to help the work we do to control infection in our hospitals.

We have been able to decontaminate and redecorate on the back of the deep clean programme, with many areas now kitted out with new curtains.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of staff. The Trust would like to thank our partners Medirest and contractors Spot and Drive Clean for their hard work during the deep clean.



Medirest staff hard at work during the deep clean

# Thank you **very** much!

The Children's Unit at Whiston Hospital has received some wonderful donations in recent weeks.

The family of four year-old Marco Williamson have given a television and DVD player to the Children's Unit to say 'thank you' for nursing their son back to health.

They bought the TV and DVD player with donations following the death of Marco's great grandmother.

Marco, from Widnes, spent two weeks at Whiston Hospital in November 2006 after falling into a diabetic coma and has since made a full recovery.

Marco's parents, Mark and Jackie Williamson, said: "The staff at Whiston Hospital have been absolutely brilliant to us and we can't thank them enough for the way they cared for Marco. We hope the television and DVD player will benefit other children who are treated here."

Meanwhile, a couple have generously raised thousands of pounds to buy new equipment in memory of their son – with a little help from one of their friends.

Debby and Stuart Ireland, from Widnes, have raised £5,000 for the Unit since their two year old son Alex sadly died in 2006 after suffering from cerebral palsy from birth.

Now, Debby's friend Carrie-Ann Smith has hit the road to help out – raising a further £3,600 on a five day sponsored walk in Peru, pounding the miles at 15,000 feet on the Inca Trail.

The money they raised has been used to buy a special cot, to help youngsters with posture difficulties, and two pump machines which will give transfusions.



Jackie, Mark and Marco Williamson and Marco's grandfather Albie Williamson with Dr Laweh Amegavie and staff at the Children's Unit.

Four year old Marco returns to the Children's Unit to see Dr Laweh Amegavie.



Debby, Stuart and Bobby Ireland and their friend Carrie-Ann Smith with the equipment they have donated and the staff who looked after Alex at the Children's Unit.





# A breath away from a healthier future

A new community service for patients with respiratory illnesses has been launched by the Trust in partnership with Knowsley PCT.



Coronation Street actress Liz Dawn suffers from COPD

The causes and effects of respiratory diseases, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) have recently been highlighted by former Coronation Street actress Liz Dawn, who was forced to quit her role as Vera Duckworth after being diagnosed with COPD five years ago.

COPD is an umbrella term for conditions including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, the biggest cause of which is smoking, but which is also affected by factors like cold weather and pollution in the air that can make the sufferers' symptoms worse.

There are two main elements to the service:

- The COPD Rapid Access Service will provide a 24 hour freephone service to support patients to take early action when their symptoms start to worsen. The team aims to reduce hospital admissions by seeing patients at an earlier stage.
- Community-based clinics will also be made available across the borough providing a simple, painless breathing test which can confirm whether a person has COPD.



The team delivering the COPD Service, pictured with Ann Marr, Chief Executive and Anita Marsland, Chief Executive Knowsley PCT

# Celebrating our wonderful volunteers

The Trust has celebrated the fantastic work of its dedicated team of volunteers.

More than 50 of our valued helpers attended a special coffee morning where they were thanked for their ongoing support by Ann Marr, Chief Executive, and given more details about the exciting £338m redevelopment of Whiston and St Helens Hospitals.

The event gave volunteers the opportunity to meet each other, share their experiences and discover different areas to use their skills.

The Trust has around 100 volunteers who generously give their time to carry out a wide range of tasks, including making tea on the wards and reading to patients.



Volunteer Bernice Cranny serves dinner to patient John Moss on F3



The Trust's dedicated volunteers share their experiences

Ann Marr said: "We never take the fantastic work of our volunteers for granted. One of the great things they do is provide a friendly face and helping hand to patients and it is truly appreciated by patients and staff alike. We look forward to continuing to work with them in our new hospitals."

Bernice Cranny has been working on Ward F3 as a volunteer for the last two months. Bernice said: "I enjoy my work as a volunteer and recommend other people think about doing the same. I feel I am really giving something back."

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# LOOKIE LIKIES



**Emma Graney, Assistant Technical Officer, Pharmacy**

**And pop singer Lily Allen**

If you know of a colleague who looks like a famous celebrity, VIP or even a cartoon character - please send in your photographs via email to [judith.marsland@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:judith.marsland@sthk.nhs.uk)

*Why do we...*

press the buttons of a remote control much harder when the batteries are running down?

## Staff News 'n' Views

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**Including the full story and pictures from the Oscars!**

Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in producing this edition. If you would like to contribute an article or if you have a story to tell, please contact Stuart Arrowsmith by email or phone - Ext 4315

# Did you know?



**(in case you ever make it on to Who Wants to be a Millionaire!)**

- The adult human heart weighs about ten ounces.
- By the age of 60, most people have lost half of their taste buds.
- Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.
- Blonde beards grow faster than darker ones.
- The hardest substance in the human body is tooth enamel.
- In Michigan, USA a woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.
- Most car horns honk in the key of F.
- The short-term memory capacity for most people is between five and nine items or digits.

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