Hoarding art

Pancake race raises money
The Horton General Hospital in Banbury has launched a £300,000 campaign to raise funds to double the size of facilities for local chemotherapy patients. The funds raised will be used to refurbish the Horton Brodey Centre, which each year cares for more than 2,000 patients.

The funds will pay for a range of new facilities for patients and staff, including a treatment area which will be twice its current size, a new reception and waiting area, and a bigger staff area for all those involved in caring for patients. The plan is to develop the new Centre on the site of the existing one.

Yolanda Jacob, Executive Assistant to Mike Fleming (Director of the Horton) and Fundraising Project Manager for the hospital, is running the campaign. She told ORH News, “We want people in Banbury and the surrounding areas to have first class cancer care in first class facilities. People in Banbury have a fantastic track record for raising funds for the Horton and I know they will take this cause to their hearts and support us all the way.”

Anyone able to help should contact Yolanda Jacob on 01295 229058 or yolanda.jacob@orh.nhs.uk

60th Anniversaries
Leonard Cheshire Disability and the Horton General Hospital, are celebrating 60 years of service with a weekend of tribute band concerts in aid of The Brodey Centre Appeal and Leonard Cheshire Disability in Oxfordshire.

Concerts are being held on 19 and 20 July 2008 at Broughton Castle, Broughton, Nr Banbury
Saturday night – tributes to ABBA and Queen
Sunday night – tributes to the John Miller Orchestra and the music of Glen Miller

These are picnic-in-the-park style concerts.

Ticket prices are £19.50 / Adult and £13.50 / Child when purchased in advance. (Tickets sold on the night will cost £25.00 / Adult and £17.50 / Child.)

Gates open at 5pm, concert starts at 7pm.

Please contact Yolanda Jacob on 01295 229058 or yolanda.jacob@orh.nhs.uk for further information.
Ticket hotline 08700 600100
Email advice for GPs

It’s three years since the Department of Endocrinology & Diabetes at the Churchill Hospital introduced a system whereby GPs could ask questions via email. The number of enquiries started as a small trickle but now it’s a steady stream and has been woven into the training commitment for endocrine/diabetes specialist registrars.

Kate Allen, Specialist Registrar, said, “Our centre was one of the first to offer an email enquiry service so that we could deal with clinical enquiries from primary care more efficiently. Compared to telephone interactions, the email service allows the registrar more chance to think through queries without distraction or interruption. There is also greater opportunity to seek advice from senior colleagues when needed and therefore provide more cogent responses.”

Since the service started, enquiries have tripled and about 530 emails were received in 2007. Neil Walker, Specialist Registrar said, “We can’t say at the moment whether or not the email service ultimately reduces referrals to our clinics but we are looking at ways of measuring this in the future. We feel focusing our resources on the most appropriate referrals is the best way forward for everyone concerned and the email service can help do that.”

Intranet redevelopment

A project has been launched to improve the Trust intranet with the aim of redeveloping the site so that it will become a much better resource, giving better access to information and providing more tools to make jobs easier.

We want to make sure that we have as many views as possible and to find out what you want from the intranet. On http://orhnet.orh.nhs.uk/intranetredevelopment you can find information and updates as the work progresses, and you have the opportunity to share your views on the Discussion Board.

You are also welcome to email oliver.francis@orh.nhs.uk or johanna.lindvall@orh.nhs.uk with any comments or suggestion.

The intranet can be found at http://orhnet.orh.nhs.uk

See information and updates at http://orhnet.orh.nhs.uk/intranetredevelopment
Quintuplets’ parents adjust to life with five babies

Dmitry and Varvara Artamkin have taken all five of their baby girls home from the John Radcliffe Hospital where they were born last November.

The premature quintuplets were delivered on 10 November. Mrs Artamkin, a 29 year-old music teacher from Russia, had been under the care of the Oxford Fetal Medicine Unit at the JR after discovering she was pregnant with quintuplets.

The mother’s relatives contacted consultant obstetrician, Mr Lawrence Impey, who specialises in caring for mothers with high risk pregnancies. Under his team’s care, Mrs Artamkin successfully gave birth (by Caesarean section) to five little girls 14 weeks early. Their weights ranged from 512 grams (1lb 13oz) to 997 grams (2lb 2oz). All the family’s medical costs were met by a group of Russian philanthropists.

Caring for babies born extremely pre-term is highly skilled and the Hospital has a renowned Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. For the last 14 weeks, some of the quintuplets received intensive care in the unit, under the guidance of Professor Andrew Wilkinson, Consultant Paediatrician and Clinical Director of the Neonatal Unit. Because of the huge demands placed by five pre-term babies, other major hospitals in the South of England were contacted before delivery and agreed to share their care if necessary. A team from Queen Charlotte’s Hospital in London offered to help, and two of the babies were transferred into their care and later to Stoke Mandeville for a short time.

This is the first time for over a decade that quintuplets have been born in England or Wales. Live births of such a high number of babies are rare, the risks to the mother are considerable and the majority eithermiscarry or the babies are born so early they cannot survive. In the UK, changes to fertility treatment guidance have reduced the number of births of three or more babies in recent years.

Consultant Paediatricians specialising in the care of newborn babies, Professor Andrew Wilkinson and Dr Eleri Adams and a team of 18 other doctors and nurses, were present for the delivery and immediate management of the babies. For the delivery, the clinicians worked in five teams, each taking care of one of the babies.

Thanks to the intensive care the babies received from the doctors, nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals, all five girls made remarkable progress and were fit and well enough to leave hospital in February. Around 15 of the more than 30 staff, who cared for the quintuplets, joined the family in an emotional goodbye as they left to start their new life as a family of seven.

Chief Executive of Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals, Trevor Campbell Davis, said, “We are all delighted that this wonderful story has such a happy ending. We are also pleased that the Artamkin family chose to be treated by the teams in the Oxford Fetal Medicine and Neonatal Units, which are internationally recognised as centres of expertise and excellence for the care of high risk pregnant mothers and their babies. Everyone involved wishes the Artamkins the very best of luck for the future.”
Obituary – Professor David Mason (1941 – 2008)

Professor David York Mason died on the 2 February 2008 from post-operative complications. He was an internationally renowned authority on the diagnosis and pathology of human lymphoma and leukaemia.

In 1997 he was appointed Professor of Cellular Pathology at Oxford. He founded and was the first director of the Leukaemia Research Fund Immunodiagnosics Unit. He was a founding member in 1991 of the International Lymphoma Study Group that brought together pathologists and clinicians from around the world to discuss and agree on lymphoma diagnosis and research, which became the WHO Classification of lymphomas and leukaemias.

Another measure of his success is that for over nearly 30 years he was regularly the top cited scientist in Oxford and always in the leader table of UK scientists.

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Exchange programme - ORH to Cape Town, South Africa

ORH Specialist Eye Registrar, Nicholas Glover, has returned from a nine month exchange programme to South Africa that enabled him to work at the Groote Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, in the Department of Ophthalmology. He swapped places with Dr Alan Sara who has now returned to South Africa.

Nicholas is keen to encourage others to take part. “The exchange programme provides trainees with a broader understanding of international health issues. Eye care within Cape Town offers particular expertise in ocular trauma, infective diseases such as HIV and disease identification and management in a more resource-limited environment,” Nicholas told ORH News. “It’s a fabulous opportunity and one that benefits the profession in many ways. I would definitely recommend it.”

The exchange was set up in collaboration with the Vision 2020 Links Programme, supported by the International Centre for Eye Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The initiative gives teaching eye institutions in developing countries the skills and resources to develop high quality programmes for eye care professionals.

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Revolutionary new treatment offered at ORH

The Oxford Transplant Centre and the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism (OCDEM), at the Churchill Hospital, is one of just six English hospitals to offer a revolutionary new treatment for hypoglycaemia in a group of people with Type 1 diabetes.

The treatment at the Oxford Transplant Centre will allow selected people with Type 1 diabetes to live free from the risk of blackouts and hospital admissions associated with hypoglycaemia.

The Department of Health is investing up to £2.34 million in islet transplant services in the first year, increasing to a maximum of £7.32 million to meet the predicted annual need in the longer term.

Patients receiving the treatment will be injected with insulin producing islets, taken from a donated human pancreas. Each of them will have suffered from recurrent hypoglycaemia or have had a kidney transplant.

The state-of-the-art Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation (DRWF) Islet Isolation Facility at OCDEM was opened in 2006 with a £1.2 million grant from the DRWF. The award was made to the Nuffield Department of Surgery, whose researchers are spearheading the cure for insulin-dependent diabetes.
New sensory garden will be a place of tranquillity in the new Geratology Wing at the JR

The new sensory garden being built on the roof area of Level 4 of the JR as part of the new Geratology Wing, could be open to patients by the summer.

Ann Readhead, Prospects Manager and Ward Sister on Ward 7D, is leading on the garden’s fundraising and development programme. “I am really excited about this project,” Ann told ORH News. “Patients, particularly older patients, love to go outside and I see this garden as an important part of the healing process for older people. The new Geratology Wing will have 40 en-suite single rooms and some will be large enough for a relative to stay overnight if that’s appropriate. It’s a fabulous project.”

“The garden will have several seating areas, lots of interesting, low maintenance planting and a therapy assessment area so that patients can practice walking on different surfaces and climbing steps. This is particularly important for patients visiting the Lionel Cosin Day Hospital and our therapists have been very involved in the design.”

Fundraising for the garden has been going well. “We have had a fantastic response to our fundraising campaign,” Ann added. “We still have some way to go but people are helping us with raffles and all kinds of imaginative events, and for that we are very grateful. If anyone reading this wants to help, I would be glad to hear from them.”

Contact Ann Readhead on 07881 518 088 or email ann.readhead@orh.nhs.uk
New gerontology rooms unveiled

ORH News has taken the first pictures of the new en-suite patient rooms in the new Gerontology Wing on Level 4 of the JR. Developers, HGB Construction, have been working on the new wing since October 2007 and it is scheduled to open in July this year.

The wing will provide all single rooms. The pictures were taken in one of the smaller rooms which has been prepared so that staff can get used to using equipment within the space.

Alison Clark, Assistant Estates Planning Manager, said, “We are delighted with the way the room looks and we are sure staff, patients and visitors are going to like them. To make sure we have a smooth transition, we will be inviting staff to practice using equipment like hoists, before we open to patients.

“We have been pleased to be able to involve patient representatives and organisations like Age Concern in every stage of this project, from the initial design and layout to the colour choices for rooms. We can’t wait now to get everyone moved in.”

Four colour schemes have been used for the rooms – green, peach, mauve and yellow – with another colour for staff areas. Helena Cox, Architectural Technician with GBS Architects said, “We have tried to make the wing very easy to navigate, by ‘zoning’ areas with colour on both the walls and the floors. There is a great feeling of space, which I think patients will enjoy.”

The en-suite bathrooms are designed for easy access.

Hoarding art

Students from Oxford Community School have taken part in an innovative art project thanks to the ORH’s Arts Forum and HBG Construction, the company building the new Geratology Wing on Level 4 of the JR.

HGB Construction sponsored the students to decorate the site hoardings with large-scale paintings of the Oxford landscape, with the guidance of professional Oxford-based artist, Dionne Barber.

The students’ paintings, entitled ‘My Oxford’, have transformed the site of the hospital’s new Geratology Wing and added colour and interest to an area which sees a lot of visitor traffic.

Dionne set up workshops and drop-in sessions to show children how to work on a large scale and how to work as a team. “This project has been a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience painting in a large and expressive way, and how to follow a project brief,” Dionne told ORH News. “HBG have been extremely generous with their time, resources and funding. I think showcasing the finished paintings in such a public and important space will transform the hospital site, and the confidence of the students.”

Students gathered for the unveiling of the ‘My Oxford’ paintings.
Dr Andy Millar, Clinical Research Consultant, provides an update on progress.

The Oxford Comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is a partnership between the research expertise of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Oxford.

The BRC was founded in April 2007 through a competitively awarded £57.5 million over five years from the Department of Health’s National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), under the programme “Best Research for Best Health”. This is a Government initiative to make the UK globally pre-eminent in healthcare education and training. The BRC is tasked to undertake “translational research”, meaning first time studies in patients of innovations, intended to improve healthcare – so-called “bench to bedside”.

The BRC connects scientific and clinical disciplines and people to enable breakthroughs. For example, bioengineering, genetics and imaging have applications in the treatment of most diseases - the BRC creates the vehicle for cross-fertilisation and collaboration. Super-specialisation has become the norm in modern medicine, but the BRC seeks to overcome this by cross-linking.

Its strategic objective is to seek and develop collaborative research opportunities with industrial partners and to drive its research on to delivery within the UK and global healthcare systems.

The BRC research themes and their leaders and areas of research are:

**Blood:** Stem cell transplantation, myelodysplasia, novel biomarkers in lymphoma, bleeding and thrombotic disorders

**Brain:** Neuroimmunological diseases and dementia; the use of deep brain stimulation; treatment of sleep pathologies

**Cancer:** Proof of principle studies of novel interventions including radiation biology using biomarkers of signal pathways

**Diabetes:** Proof of concept studies in patients defined by new biomarkers; islet cell transplantation; telemedicine in self-management of diabetes

**Heart:** Coronary revascularisation; molecular genetics, biomarkers and advanced imaging techniques

**Immunity:** Immuno-suppressive and anti-inflammatory therapies in chronic viral infections and transplantation

**Infection:** Rapid diagnostics based on sequencing and cellular immunity and improved response to infection

**Vaccines:** Small scale production of vaccines for influenza, TB and meningitis tested through live challenges, biomarker measures

**Stroke:** Early intervention; acute MRI; prevention of stroke; treatment of stroke

**Women’s Health:** Prenatal diagnosis and monitoring, MRI based diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis.

**Cross-cutting Themes**

**Bioengineering & Technology:** Innovative devices & surgical technologies; telecommunication for personalized medicine; image analysis and processing

**Chronic disease cohorts:** Well characterised, phenotyped, genotyped and annotated longitudinal cohorts of patients with major chronic diseases

**Genetics & Pathology:** Building a core set of platform technologies applicable across all research programmes

**Imaging:** Development of imaging technologies, methods and biomarkers for assessment of response and efficient proof of concept studies.
One year on, the BRC is rapidly evolving. We plan to recruit another 80 people; out of 170, about 40 are already in post. There are eight building projects, costing approximately £5 million, including clinical, office and laboratory facilities in both the John Radcliffe and the Churchill hospitals.

This recruitment and building activity has required very significant work and is integrated with the existing strategic requirements of both the Trust and the University.

A Steering Committee meets regularly to review and approve the scientific projects - there are currently 67 different clinical studies.

The team of people supporting these activities includes:

Mark Taylor has just been appointed as General Manager and we are hoping to recruit a Manager of Bio-informatics and E-science to support the Clinical Research Information Management Systems.

Jackie Birks, Senior Statistician is in post in the Centre for Statistics in Medicine and ready to advise on the various projects.

Jennifer Shanahan, Clinical Research Operations Manager, Cynthia Ugochukwu, Sue Beatty and Irina Redchenko, Clinical Research Managers are the first representatives of the Clinical Research Operations team. There will be seven or eight in total and they are forming links with clinical researchers throughout the hospitals to help make things happen.

Cora Reilly (PA, ext 43341 cora.reilly@orh.nhs.uk) joined us from within the Trust and has been dealing with a whole multitude of administrative issues.

To mark the first year of the OxBRC we are holding an event on 22 May from 1.00 to 2.30pm in the new facilities on Level 4 of the JR.

All staff are welcome to drop in and find out more about the OxBRC, its research programme, work opportunities and general information.

For more information contact Alison Barnes on alison.barnes@orh.nhs.uk or Cora Reilly on cora.reilly@orh.nhs.uk or visit the BRC web pages at www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/obrc.
The layout and flow of work in TSSU before the changes:

TSSU is a crucial part of the surgical pathway; there's no point in having the patient ready and on the operating table if the equipment is not ready. As part of the Unipart and ‘Lean’ work with theatres, staff in TSSU identified areas where they could improve both the quality and efficiency of their service and reduce stress levels for their staff.

A quick reminder of what Lean is about. Lean is a proven method of eliminating waste and making sure work flows without interruption or inconvenience. It has enabled organisations – including some in the NHS – to create higher quality products and services with fewer defects or errors, all with less human effort and expenditure. In a healthcare setting this translates as increasing the amount of time spent directly caring for patients, improving safety and improving job satisfaction. It is about applying some very basic, but often overlooked, principles to processes and work practices – such as identifying tasks which add value and those that do not, reducing batching of tasks, standardising core tasks, and crucially drawing the ideas and actions for improvement from the very staff who do the actual work and know it best, rather than imposing it on them. It may sound straightforward, but in the rush and pressure of the NHS we all know it isn’t always the case.

Linda Kinane, Sterile Service Manager for TSSU admits that at first staff were sceptical. “I think some of us thought, oh here’s another management fad. But then we did some exercises with Unipart that showed how very simple changes like having things
clearly labelled and sorted, could make a big, complex job so much easier.”

Working with Unipart, Linda and her team identified some priority areas to work on, such as improving the layout of the equipment room, reducing waste in inventory, recognising and addressing any staff skills gaps, and tackling dreaded bottlenecks that could slow the whole system.

“It gave us a chance to step back and redesign how we do things from scratch, rather than relying on how we’ve always done them,” Linda added.

The results speak for themselves. Before the changes in October last year, the weekly output was as low as 3,700 total items processed with 945 man hours – a productivity of 3.9 items per man hour. Now they are hitting 4,351 items with 878 man hours – a productivity of five items per man hour which is an increase of 28%.

“It’s better for the team too,” says Linda. “Things are easier to find, we spend less time walking up and down, we waste fewer items, and information about how we’re doing can be seen clearly on our Communication Cell Board in the corridor. We still all work really hard – especially with the 18 Week target – but it’s easier to manage stresses if you’ve got good systems. Also, the team is involved in creative problem solving when issues do arise, so it’s more inclusive than just being dictated to about what needs to happen.”

**Family matters**

**NHS Childcare Coordinators**

We can help you with:
- General support and advice on available childcare
- Information on all types of childcare, education and play provision in your area
- A range of leaflets on the various types of childcare available
- Information on help with the cost of childcare and tax credits
- Offer up to date advice on maternity benefits that are available
- Identify and encourage work life balance solutions, highlighting good practice
- Ensure childcare issues are high upon everyone’s agenda

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**Back to work sessions**

**Wednesday 7 May** – Wallingford Community Hospital Meeting Room

**Wednesday 18 June** – Horton General Hospital, Seminar Room 1, Post Graduate Centre

**Wednesday 16 July** – John Radcliffe Hospital, Stable Block, Committee Room 1

**Back to work sessions start at 10am and last two hours.** These sessions are for NHS staff who have recently had a baby and who are thinking about returning to work. Information and advice will be available on childcare options, Busy Bees childcare vouchers, tax credits, parental rights, flexible working etc. These are informal sessions but you do need to book a place using the contact details below.

**Maternity workshops**

**Wednesday 14 May** – Horton General Hospital, Seminar Room 1, Post Graduate Centre

**Monday 9 June** – Abingdon Community Hospital, Seminar Room

**Wednesday 9 July** – John Radcliffe Hospital, Stable Block, Committee Room 1

**Maternity workshops start at 10am and last two hours.** These sessions will provide you with information and advice on maternity/paternity rights and benefits, flexible working, Busy Bees childcare vouchers, tax credits, childcare options and much more. These are informal sessions but you do need to book your place using the contact details below.

To book your free place email Janice.Morrison@oxoncis.org.uk or Lizzie.white@oxoncis.org.uk or telephone 01993 894384 or 01993 894387
Award Winning Library Services

Health Care Libraries (HCL) has been awarded the highest level of accreditation for NHS libraries.

HCL has been awarded Stage Three Accreditation of the national Helicon accreditation scheme for health libraries. This is the highest level of accreditation and is one that recognises significant evidence of excellence and innovation.

The library service is open to all staff working for the ORH Trust and is based on two sites - the Cairns Library on Level Three of the John Radcliffe (open 24/7) and the recently opened Knowledge Centre in the new Old Road Campus Research Centre (the big green building) off Roosevelt Drive.

The Helicon assessors particularly commended the proactive approach taken by library staff to support NHS requirements for workplace knowledge access and widened access to learning. Other aspects of the service, including the high quality of the physical libraries and IT provision, were also praised.

Donald Mackay, Head of Health Care Libraries, said, “We are very pleased to receive this level of accreditation and it is very much a tribute to the hard work of our staff over the last few years. We have been providing library services to the NHS and the University for over 40 years and we have always aimed to deliver a high quality and innovative service.

“We’ve seen big increases in the number of people coming into our libraries and have worked hard to provide a more friendly and welcoming space for all of our users. This has recently included providing group study space, more inclusive collections (for example, support for NVQs and English as a foreign language) and far better access to IT facilities at the JR. It has also included the development of our new Knowledge Centre on the Churchill site. We certainly get feedback that our libraries have much more of a buzz about them these days.

“We’ve also developed more of an outreach based approach – with our Outreach Librarians providing help and support in our users’ workplaces (wards or offices) rather than expecting them to always come to us.”

For more information about HCL or the services they provide, see www.ouls.ox.ac.uk/hcl. Email enquiries@hcl.ox.ac.uk or pop in to your nearest branch.
Book stall volunteers

Volunteers who run the weekly book stall in the JR raised £11,500 in 2007 selling donated books and jigsaws. Six volunteers set up the stall every Thursday, and sell books in the main corridor on Level 2 until 1.30pm. In 2007, the money raised by the book stall helped refurbish the relative’s room in bereavement services and paid for a portable ECG monitor for Lionel Cosin Ward.

If anyone would like to donate books please contact Christine Goundry, Volunteer manager on ext. 20140 or just take them to the book stall volunteers on any Thursday.

Book stall volunteers - Vince, Mary, Jenny and George.
New proposals for services at the Horton

Oxfordshire PCT has published its plan for taking forward the recommendations of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) in relation to paediatric services, obstetrics, gynaecology and the special care baby unit at the Horton General Hospital.

‘The Better Healthcare Programme for Banbury and the surrounding areas’ details the work the PCT plans to undertake to find new ways of delivering services at the Horton. The work is expected to take two years.

The PCT has already started a new round of stakeholder engagement and is organising public events so that people can share their views before a commissioning strategy is drawn up. A formal public consultation to discuss the proposals is expected to begin early next year.

The ORH will be working closely with the PCT to ensure that services are safely sustained while this further work is carried out.

In its report, published in March, the IRP recognised that services at the Horton must change but wants a new set of proposals to be put forward.
ORH treatment amongst quickest in the country

Patients attending our hospitals – the John Radcliffe, Churchill, and Horton – for non-emergency treatment now have some of the shortest waiting times in the country. Since 2003, some waits in Oxfordshire will have fallen from over 130 weeks – and are down from 42 weeks only a year ago. This means that the maximum wait for each stage of treatment for a consultant-led service are now 4 weeks for an outpatient appointment, 6 weeks for diagnostics and 8 weeks for inpatient treatment.

This huge reduction in waiting times means that the Trust has achieved the national 18 week referral to treatment target some nine months ahead of schedule.

“This is a great achievement,” Andrew Murphy, Director of Performance Improvement, said. “It’s a testament to the hard work and the hard thinking of a whole load of staff from every part of the hospitals – looking at every stage of the patient journey.”

As well as the extra activity in recent months to hit the target, there’s been a lot of work going on in the background. It was back in November 2006 when the 18 Week programme kicked off with a one-day workshop with staff from a number of disciplines to examine the scale of the challenge and also start to think about the new ways of working that would be needed to first achieve – and then sustain – the 18 Week pathway.

“I remember it was pretty daunting when we started,” Sarah Pennington, programme manager for 18 Weeks, told ORH News. “Even though waiting times have been coming down for years, this was the biggest task to date for us. The Trust sees over half a million people a year as outpatients, and around 100,000 as elective inpatients and day cases. Even a year ago there were nearly 10,000 patients waiting more than 18 weeks, and maximum waits from referral to treatment were around 42 weeks. In surgery, the Trust is performing over 150 more operations now than it did a year ago and over 25,000 more diagnostic examinations.”
Pancake race raises money

Occupational Therapist, Sarah Hill, organised an entertaining sponsored pancake race for Shrove Tuesday at the Churchill Hospital, which raised over £1,000 for the new Cancer Centre. Occupational therapists, physiotherapists and social workers raced around Car Park 4 with their frying pans, with physiotherapist, Emma Cuerden, taking first place. Little Bo Peep and her sheep (Gill Mauger and Mark Yannakakis) won the fancy dress competition.

The Cancer Campaign total currently stands at almost £550,000. If you would like to help us reach the £2 million target, please contact the Charitable Funds team on ext. 43344 to find out how you can get involved.

Sixty years of the NHS

Were you born in 1948 or do you have an interesting story about how the NHS has developed over the last 60 years?

The Press Office is gathering stories, anecdotes and photos from the last 60 years to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary in July this year.

Please email details to anne.parker@orh.nhs.uk

Award winning hospital radio

Radio Cherwell scoops coveted Hospital Broadcasting Association Awards

Radio Cherwell, Oxford’s Hospital Radio station based at the Churchill Hospital, which broadcasts programmes of special interest to patients in the Churchill and John Radcliffe hospitals, and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

Neil Stockton, Chair of Radio Cherwell told ORH News, he is proud to represent a station which consistently produces award winning programmes. Neil said he can’t remember a year in recent history when the station didn’t receive an award for at least one of it’s programmes and this year the Sports Team picked up the 3rd Gold Award in succession for its sports output and picked up two Gold awards, a Bronze and two certificates of commendation.

- Gold for Best Sports Output for the third year running
- Gold for Best Specialist Music programme
- Bronze for Station of the Year
- Commended for Best Speech Package
- Commended for Station Promo or Trailer

Find out more about Radio Cherwell
www.radiocherwell.com