



Aspire bulletin



Message from Aileen McLeish, Chairman

I would firstly like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. I know many of you will be working over the Christmas period, helping to care for our patients around the clock, but hopefully you will all have an opportunity to relax and celebrate with family and friends at some point.



I always think it is times like Christmas that our staff really shine. Nobody wants to be in hospital on

Christmas Day, but over the years I've seen first-hand how staff go the extra mile to make it as nice as possible for our patients. Just simple gestures, such as sharing some mince pies on the ward or playing some Christmas carols, can make a real difference.

I'm sure this Christmas will be no exception and is indicative of the passion and dedication you show all year through.

Thank you for all your hard work in 2012 and I look forward to another successful year for Ashford and St Peter's in 2013.

Best wishes

Aileen McLeish

Did you know..

Over Christmas, our catering contractors, OCS, will serve approximately 800 Christmas dinners including turkey and all the trimmings. Some 3500 Christmas food items will be delivered, including mince pies, satsumas, cranberry juice and shortbread, plus an abundance of Christmas napkins and crackers. Duncan Spring from OCS said: "We want to do the best we can for patients and staff over Christmas - to try and inject a little Christmas spirit and fun."

Getting in the festive spirit

A choir from the Hope Christian Centre in Staines visited St Peter's Hospital on Sunday 16th December to entertain staff, patients and visitors walking through the main reception. Non Executive Director Sue Ells said: "It was lovely to watch some rather anxious visitors coming and going to visit relatives, and breaking into smiles as they heard the choir and it clearly cheered people up."



Congratulations

to all our colleagues who have been recently promoted, including:

Shalini Kumar

Sterile Services Manager

Saima Sandhu

Project Co-ordinator,
Valuing Frontline Feedback

Arlene Villanueva, Nelia Muzuva and Maymarie Parungao

Deputy Sisters in A&E

Paul Sealey and Mike Carpenter

Physiotherapy Clinical Specialists

Charlotte Minett

MacMillan Specialist Nurse

Jason Lane

Service Manager in Trauma and Orthopaedics

Mostafijur Rahaman

Trainee Clinical Associate Practitioner

Submit your story!

If you have a story for **Aspire** please contact **Anna Scott**, Communications Officer, on ext 2330 or via Trust email.

Special Christmas arrivals

Every baby born on Christmas Day will receive a special present from the team on labour ward.

Nursery Nurse Sarah Dunstall has been putting the stockings together for years and said: "There is a special atmosphere on labour ward over Christmas and whilst the arrival of a new baby is always special, there is added excitement when it happens on Christmas Day."

"We collect donated gifts throughout the year for the stockings - such as nappies, wipes, babygrows, books and teddies. Some local companies, such as Tesco, support us and also provide prizes for our annual Christmas raffle to raise money for labour ward."



Special Service Award



Dina Slater with the President of the British Orthodontic Society receiving her award. It was presented at the British Orthodontic Conference in Bournemouth.

Congratulations to Dina Slater, Consultant Orthodontist, who recently received a Special Service Award from the British Orthodontic Society.

The award was given in recognition of the contribution she has made beyond the normal call of duty to the running of Society affairs. She is a member of Society's Education committee, Conference and Meetings committee and the 2015 World Congress committee.

Congratulations...

To all the staff on the Medical Short Stay Unit who won the November Chief Nurse Award. The award is given every month to the ward or area that has demonstrated the best improvements in patient care.

November's award was presented by Deputy Chief Nurse Vanessa Avlonitis.

