

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNICATION BULLETIN – EDITION NUMBER 3

The Editorial Board would like to thank all the staff at Toon Hospitals for all the positive feedback about the Bulletin. Thanks also for all the contributions to the third edition. Staff at Toon Hospitals continue to provide a fantastic standard of care for the people of the Toon and further afield. We are hoping that the bulletin will be re-named the “Ordinary Communication Bulletin” but that will depend on the completion of the “Transforming the Toon Hospitals Culture” project.

News from the Top

Surprisingly little to report. Toon Hospitals continue to be run by the dynamic duo Mrs Lucy Beauty and Mr Ron Beast. Everyone agrees they are doing a much better job than the previous duo of Sir Basil Tyrant and his associate Mrs Pipsqueak. The news about when Sir Basil is going to finally retire remains uncertain. He is apparently hoping to continue in some role at Toon Hospitals. Unfortunately, there are no vacancies currently. Also, Mrs Pipsqueak has confirmed that she is no longer in charge of Sir Basil’s retirement party. This is due to a “change in personal circumstances”. That’s a shame as there have been many more suggestions for the DJ including the Beatles anthem *Your Going to Lose that Girl* and the Michael Jackson classic *Beat it*.

Sir Basil and the Blockheads

Sir Basil continues on full pay at the tax-payers expense. It’s great to hear that he is using his time constructively. He has formed an Ian Dury & the Blockheads Tribute band. The band have been rehearsing regularly and will soon give their first public performance. Sir Basil confided that he has never actually been to Essex but has a great affinity with Billericay Dickie. “The lyrics remind me of happy times when I was younger”

*I bought a lot of brandy
When I was courting Sandy
Took eight to make her randy
And all I had was shandy*

The band are also working on a new version of *Reasons to be cheerful*.

Catering News

The problem of actually eating food at the Unfirmary has been an increasing problem for staff and visitors. A new campaign has been launched “**We Want A New Canteen**”. A spokesperson for We WANC was delighted to announce that the patron of the campaign is Jimmy Five Bellies. Jimmy said “It’s a bloody disgryace if ye cannae git daycent stotties and pies” The We WANC campaign demands a proper canteen and an end to all the private outlets at the Unfirmary which is effectively a tax on NHS staff and the sick. A boycott of Costa and Subway has been suggested. The slogan of the boycott is “We WANC and we won’t stop until we get a canteen”. Very catchy.

North Terrace

We are very sad to announce that the iconic North Terrace pub has finally closed. This is a great loss to Unfirmary staff and Toon Army members who used to have their pre and post-match pints of Broon Ale in this fantastic establishment. A campaign has been launched to re-open the North Terrace. If anyone wants to join the campaign to **Save the North Terrace** (SNOT) please email SNOT@nuth.nhs.uk. A spokesperson for We WANC said that he hoped that “We WANC and SNOT could work together”. A proposal to lease the North Terrace as a new canteen for the Unfirmary is apparently under consideration.

Toon Hospitals PHE Club

The Toon Hospitals Pot Half Empty (PHE) Club is under pressure to disband according to its Patron, Sir Basil Tyrant, and the one other remaining member, Mrs Pipsqueak. Its members, in recent weeks, have flocked to the newly-formed Pot Full Club which is sponsored actively by the Toon Trust Board. It has been proposed that there will be fun outings (FO's), which had previously been categorised as Never Events. The new definition of SI is now ‘Social Interaction’ rather than ‘Subtle Intimidation’.

The Inhuman Resource Department and Its Warden have refused to comment but have indicated that there are no plans to disband the ‘laughing police’ who will continue to actively discourage fun at work.

Car Parking and Fearsome Hospital Wildlife Concerns

Mystery surrounds the excavations in the Fearsome Hospital Consultants car park. The car parking space previously used by Sir Basil has been dug up (see photo)



There is speculation that this excavation is part of an investigation into the disappearance of seagulls which were previously abundant in the car park. A case study has indicated that these interesting creatures target specific soft-top cars, as moving the vehicle to the west end of the car park from the east end, was no deterrent. Security staff have now been redeployed to a house in Kingston Park where there has been a recent sighting.

A nearly full bag of bird seed has been located in a store room at the Fearsome Hospital – owner please claim from reception – amnesty assured.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE: Canoodling at Work – an Update

By our canoodling correspondent **Pugh Bickair**

Is your canoodling suite a Barker and Stonesuite?



Until the recent opening of the link corridor through the Perfectly Good Building (Bulletin no 1), few staff at the Unfirmary were aware of this largely hidden staff amenity, with its plush furnishings including chintz curtains, comfortable sofas and even a grand piano. .But, I hear you ask, how was Sir Basil Tyrant, the chief executive of a publicly funded patient-centred organisation, able to justify the expenditure required to equip this staff facility? The answer is simple: Entrapment! Just consider for a moment the salary budget of the Trust’s senior staff. Imagine if, by temptation, one could save just on, say, two of those for several months, (pending reappointments.) Everyone knows that, as far as hip surgery is concerned, if you couldn’t play the piano before, you won’t be able to play it afterwards. But what **would** make even an orthopaedic surgeon tinkle the ivories in rhapsodic abandon, is that instead of operating, you could canoodle with a colleague on a soft leather sofa, without so much as having to leave your place of work. And so it proved. Well done Sir Basil for providing this magnificent and self-funded facility!

News from Doctor Junior

“G’day mates, Dr Junior here. Pleased to say I’m still having lots of fun and feeling very valued down under. So, no chance of me thinking about coming home any time soon. If any of you are thinking about coming over to work in Australia – don’t forget to get in touch. Met some bloke on the beach the other day. I thought I recognised him. Turned out he used to work at Health Education North East. I think he said his name was Bernie Would. Not sure if I’ve got the name right as I’d had a lot of the Amber Nectar. Anyway, he said he was the guy who used to persuade us Junior Doctors to stay in the North East. Now he’s moved to Australia! That’s what I call leading from the front! Great to hear that Mr *unt is still running the NHS – that’s great for your morale. Must dash. Gotta do a 30 minute shift before my next week off. It’s all about work-life balance”.

Future Editions

Please submit any items of news to the editorial team for the next edition

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