



F O R S

Friends of Rhuddlan Surgery

Treasurer: Mrs. Beti Noel-Jones

Dear Patients and Readers,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that our Book Sales at the Surgery have come to an end. For 13 years we have had the opportunity to pick up a book there for a very reasonable price and, at the same time, to help support the doctor and the surgery.

I understand that the books were removed following the start of the 'Coronavirus Lockdown' and 'disposed of'. Let me say immediately, I fully appreciate the reason for their removal - one might say they became 'a minor victim of the blight' - but they *had* been instrumental in raising funds for the purchase of valuable items for the use of the doctor and the surgery.

That, from the start, was the prime reason for its Initiation, to buy equipment that would help in the running of the Practice and be to the benefit of the patients and doctor, items that were beyond what the practice could afford at that time.

Our first big purchase was an Ambulatory Blood Monitor which cost £1050.00, - yes, we had enough cash just after 12 months of our start thanks partly to a generous donation from a patient who was appreciative of our aims. The next item was a wheelchair @ £265.95 for the benefit of ailing patients who required assistance to get to the surgery, it was also available for short term loan. Other items included specialist Surgery lights @ £492.00, a Blood pressure Machine @ £105.00, a specialist Pharmacy refrigerator @ £588.12, and Insulated medical bags and accessories @ £238. 70. Our last purchase was a Dopplex Professional Doppler @ £183. 90 - no, I don't understand it either but it was necessary and has proved invaluable. We also helped finance an update for Nurse Iris' treatment room and that was very much appreciated. In all, we spent £3'111.45 and now at our close we still have £1'089. 23 in the bank to be spent *for the benefit of Rhuddlan surgery and its patients* as always.

Following consultation with Doctor Read and Doctor Wong, it has been agreed that the money in hand should be used to purchase a fully equipped Doctor's bag which will be kept in Rhuddlan surgery and will be always available in the event of an emergency call. It will also contain items of equipment not normally to hand. Any money left over will be donated to a local charity and a final copy of accounts will be presented to our Mayor, Mr. Arwel Roberts and to our County Councillor, Mrs. Ann Davies and a copy will also be on view in the Surgery.

May I close by expressing my sincerest thanks to everyone who supported our venture in any way at all, by buying and or donating books and also the occasional donor. To the receptionists, nurses and cleaners at the surgery and last, but by no means least, to Dr. Hazel Drury who inaugurated and inspired FORS for the benefit of all her patients. Diolch o galon I chwi gyd.

Beti Noel-Jones
Treasurer

30th June, 2020