

# HEARTS & SOULS AGM 2020

## Acting Chairman's Statement

I would like to thank all of those who helped to make 2019 another successful year for Hearts & Souls enabling us to support Ward 4a at Wycombe Hospital and the needs of their rehabilitation programme for coronary patients. We are particularly grateful to the following who made substantial contributions to that success: Mr A Nash £5,000, Mr D H Thomas £1,000 and Mr A de Marsac £200. The latter has been a huge support over many years and we wish him well in retirement from his jewellery business in Beaconsfield.

From our activities we raised £6,400 from the London Bridges Walk, and £1,200 from the Spring Thames Valley Walk. A special thank you to all those who made donations of £5/£10/£20 to Ward 4a and the generous supporters who raised £1,400 through standing orders – your donations are very much appreciated.

Since the start of the Covid-19 crisis we have had to cancel all of our fundraising events, making your donations even more valuable. Face to face rehab classes have been cancelled and the staff have been in touch by phone with all patients, and a web based video class is being trialled, which is an area in which we hope to be of help. Hearts & Souls remain in a strong financial position, even after making some significant grants for equipment including pedometers and IT to improve the programme on offer.

We had the sad news that Chris Baker passed away a few months ago. He was the driving force behind the Brave Hearts support group for patients who had been through Phase 3 in the rehab programme. Hearts & Souls helped by circulating the Brave Hearts events to our data base, but during lockdown meetings have obviously not been possible. Unfortunately no-one could be found to step forward to administer Brave Hearts on Chris' death so the support group is no longer running.

I would like to give a special thank you to Stuart Jaggard and John Whitworth who have stood in for me during the last seven months as I have been unavailable due to illness. I have been vice chairman since June 2015 and acting chairman since June 2018, but we have not been able to find a replacement chairman, so I have agreed to offer myself for election as chairman at the forthcoming AGM.

Finally I make a plea as we do every year for help with the continuing work of Hearts & Souls. If you could, or know of someone who would like to help, please contact me by email on [stevewildman8@gmail.com](mailto:stevewildman8@gmail.com) or phone 07718 395400.

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