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ROYAL HOSPITAL

& HOME FOR INCURABLES.  
PUTNEY

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*Forget-me-not*

ROYAL EDITION



*Her Majesty during her tour of Chatsworth Wing which she opened on 19th May 1976*

122nd ANNUAL REPORT



Her Majesty entering one of the Chatsworth Wing sitting rooms



Her Majesty talking to the John Howard House contingent up for the day  
Matron, Mrs M. C. Bodington, and the Chairman of the Board of Management,  
Dr John Wedgwood, in the foreground

## *Jubilee Year*

### **Modernisation continues**

The Board of Management is determined to continue its forward looking policy. Despite many financial difficulties, which affect us all at this time, the Board is pressing ahead throughout 1977 with the complete modernisation of all the wards to bring them up to the standard of John Howard House and Chatsworth Wing. Two wards—Evitt and Cathcart—have so far been completed most satisfactorily.

### **Fire precautions**

Detailed and lengthy discussions have been held with the Greater London Council Fire Prevention Staff and the Chief Fire Officer. Their complex recommendations to meet the needs of the next decade are now being implemented to the letter and, once completed, will bring the hospital up to the highest possible safety standard in the land.

### **The cost of both projects**

The work is costly and our indefatigable Development Trust has accordingly set itself the task of raising the first £250,000 needed in 1977. Every little helps and any reader having a special interest who can spare something, however small, is asked to send it to the Trust when it will be gratefully acknowledged.

## *A Tribute to those who help us*

### **Our Trustees**

Very special thanks are due, first of all in great measure, to the Members of the Development Trust. We cannot thank enough Mr van Zwanenberg—their Chairman—and his co-trustees for their wonderful efforts. So far they have raised over £500,000 towards the cost of the Chatsworth Wing out of the £600,000 needed and now they are going forward with plans to raise both the money needed for the modernisation and a further £200,000 for new Research projects.

### **Friends of the RHHI**

Again thanks are due to our Benefactors and the Governors who support us from year to year. Those who remember us in their wills. Those who work for no reward and those who send us gifts. Especial thanks this year to those other charities, trusts, firms and benevolent funds who help us with the cost of care of particular patients. Their names are recorded elsewhere in this report and we ask them to accept the deep gratitude of the Patients concerned and the Board of Management.

### **The cost of care**

Inflation has forced this up again. We base it upon what it costs us to care for a national health service patient. We know that it was costing £119 per week on the 1st of October 1976 and we calculate that by 1st of October 1977, it will have risen to at least £128 per week. We hope this will not be exceeded.

All Patients are helped by subsidies from our own charitable funds. Some, more than others. In all cases, "the greater the need, the greater the charity"—the watchword of our Founder, the Reverend Dr Andrew Reed—is our guide.

## **Our Patients**

### **A great loss to the OT Workshop**

With deep regret the Board of Management record the death of Mr Albert Liggins after nearly 40 years in their care. Albert was a friend to all and over the years became known to hundreds of visitors and customers through his highly skilled work in the caning of antique furniture. He will be sadly missed by them all.

### **Congratulations**

The Board offers its sincere congratulations to Mr Frederick Tipper on entering his 90th year and 17th year of residence.

### **Holidays by the sea**

62 of our own Patients have been down for a holiday to John Howard House. In addition, we have welcomed another 28 patients from the community who have been admitted for holidays at either Putney or Brighton.

### **Admissions**

Throughout the year 39 permanent patients have been admitted and there have been 1,122 day patient attendances from these on our deferred waiting lists who reside locally.

### **Residential care for the disabled**

A week's course for 25 state registered Nurses in this important subject has been run by Matron in conjunction with the Royal College of Nursing. Over half of those attending came from the National Health Service. It is interesting to note that this was the first course with this special orientation to "caring" which has ever been conceived and run. Our best thanks are due to the distinguished panel of lecturers, including Dr John Wedgwood our Chairman, who gave up their time to make the course such a success.

## **Tribute to Mr Arthur Morris**

### **A loyal and faithful friend**

To the great regret of all, Mr Morris died earlier this year. He was a remarkable man known to generations of Patients, their Visitors and the Staff.

He joined the RHHI in 1914, served throughout the Great War in France, returning to the RHHI as Head Porter. He then served continuously for 52 years. He became an in-patient in 1973 and thus, at his death at the age of 86 years, had been closely associated with the RHHI for over 60 years.

The 'Morris Verandah' has been named in his honour by the Board of Management.



Her Majesty with a group of Patients and their Relatives during her tour of the Hospital



Her Majesty with Matron chatting with Sister Hawkins and Miss Akehurst, now in her 40th year as a patient of the RHHI



Her Majesty meeting members of the Staff and their families

## Staff

### Obituaries

With deep regret the deaths, whilst in the service of the RHHI, of Administrative Charge Nurse Alexander Currie and Sister Sarah Thompson are reported. They were very highly valued, long serving Members of the Nursing Staff, and Patients and Staff have been deeply grieved at their loss.

We have also sadly learned of the deaths, so shortly after their retirement of Miss J Winter, Appcals Department and Mr John McIntyre, formerly Head Gardener.

### Retirements

Our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement and our thanks are extended to Sisters Clancy and Harrison, Mr C V Powell—Deputy Accountant—and Mr and Mrs George White of the Steward's department. All of them were valuable members of the Staff for many years.

## Board of Management

### Deaths

The death of Miss Constance Bourne, a Member of the Board of Management for 23 years is reported with deep regret. She was a friend to all the Patients and will be greatly missed by everyone connected with the RHHI.



Matron—Compère of the Christmas Pantomime



Voluntary Helpers and Staff entertaining the patients  
Mr Graham, Miss Capel, Mrs Daunton, Mr Piper, the Misses Mallinin and Mr Agbulos

### Resignations

General Sir Horatius Murray and Mrs Rosemary van Zwanenberg have resigned from the Board and are warmly thanked for their exceptional services in the past.

General Sir Horatius was Chairman of the Board of Management from 1964 to 1971 and carried through the extensive modernisation which took place in the 'sixties. Mrs van Zwanenberg will be remembered as an outstanding Chairman of the Surrey Committee and for her past and continuing generous hospitality to the Patients.

### New members

A warm welcome is extended to Mrs B C Krook and Mr J F Burrell who have joined the Board.

## Voluntary Help

### County Committees

This has been a difficult year for supporting Committees, but under the active leadership of Mrs Gladys Goodfellow, Mrs Jennifer Cooke, Mrs Marjorie Harnett and Mr Andrew Reyersbach, have done remarkably well. Their functions have included Bridge Drives and Luncheons, Fashion Shows, Gymkhanas, Balls and Boxing Shows.

Apart from the financial benefits from these functions, a far greater bonus is the spread of information about the work of the Hospital. More and more people are aware of what we are doing.

### Garden parties

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our annual Garden Party, had some first class piping from the Scots Guards, most enjoyable playing and singing by the Metropolitan Police Band and the support of many local people. In spite of all "householders' economic problems" people spent freely and it was a great success.

Mrs Keturah Hain, one of our most generous and hardworking supporters, together with many of her friends, held a special Celebrity Garden Party at Putney in September in aid of the Chatsworth Wing.

A wonderful day was had by Patients, Visitors and our many friends and over £5,000 was received from this function.

### Country Market at Brighton

At the second Country Market since the opening of John Howard House, the takings were doubled and the attendance far more numerous. The Sussex Committee and many friends of John Howard House made this possible and we are now planning a Market Fete in 1977.

### Legacies

Legacies are still so very important to us and it is vital that they continue.

Do consult your Solicitor for there are special concessions of up to £100,000 for charities and it is possible for us to benefit, at the expense of the "taxman" without affecting your heirs too much.

## Finance

### Income and expenditure

Full details of the year's activity and the balance sheet are set out at the end of the report.

### Acknowledgements

In concluding their report to the Governors, the Board reiterates its most sincere thanks to all those who have helped them in so many ways. In the difficult times now facing us all no charity, such as ours, can continue to do its work without the inspiration and encouragement which we receive in such abundant measure from our countless supporters who care for the advancement of the cause of the incurably disabled.

By order of the Board of Management

N F GORDON-WILSON

Secretary

To: Miss D H Evans RHHI West Hill Putney SW15 3SW.

Please send me the RHHI House Magazine for the following 12 months, for which I enclose PO/Cheque for £2.50 (this includes postage and packing).

(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Date .....

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the Year ended 30th September 1976

1975 £	INCOME	£	£
	<b>VOLUNTARY GIFTS—</b>		
	<i>Subscriptions, Donations etc—</i>		
59,655	Annual Subscriptions and Donations ... ..	55,615	
4,100	Garden Party (net proceeds) ... ..	3,924	
11,213	County Committees and Fund-raising		
	Functions ... ..	9,410	
1,250	Alexandra Day ... ..	1,500	
<u>76,218</u>			70,449
	<b>RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES</b>		
	<b>RENDERED—</b>		
905,377	Contributions by and on behalf of Patients ... ..	1,163,659	
	<b>INVESTED PROPERTY—</b>		
	<i>Interest and Dividends—</i>		
75,924	General Fund ... ..	56,303	
5,646	Endowment Fund ... ..	6,835	
5,783	Pensions Fund ... ..	5,849	
2,002	Robinson Trust ... ..	2,266	
151	Lopes Chaplain's Stipend Endowment Fund ... ..	151	
		<u>71,404</u>	
468 <i>Dr</i>	Less Investment Banker's Fees ... ..	561	
<u>(89,128)</u>			70,843
<u>1,070,723</u>			<u>1,304,951</u>
	<b>Balance, being excess of Expenditure over</b>		
	<b>Income—</b>		
	Transferred to General Fund ... ..	49,259	
	"    " Pensions Fund ... ..	773	
<u>14,373</u>			<u>50,032</u>
<u>£1,085,096</u>		<u>£1,354,983</u>	

1975 £	EXPENDITURE	£	£
74,164	<i>Provisions</i> ... ..		87,369
	<i>Dispensary—</i>		
	Salaries and Wages (Pharmacy) ... ..	8,990	
	Other Expenditure ... ..	<u>45,184</u>	
			<u>54,174</u>
	Less Prescriptions Dispensed ... ..	<u>55,415</u>	
6,648 <i>Cr</i>			1,241 <i>Cr</i>
	<i>Domestic</i> (including Furniture, Bedding, Linen, Laundry, Cleaning, Water, Fuel and Uniforms)—		
	Salaries and Wages (Laundry) ... ..	36,708	
92,033	Other Expenditure ... ..	<u>76,073</u>	112,781
	<i>Salaries and Wages</i> of Medical, Nursing and Domestic Staff... ..	1,017,497	
767,189	Less Lodging, Meals etc ... ..	<u>33,886</u>	981,611
	<i>Miscellaneous</i> (including Printing and Stationery Insurance, Gardens, Shop etc)—		
	Salaries and Wages (Garden) ... ..	7,106	
22,260	Other Expenditure ... ..	<u>20,097</u>	27,203
	<i>Administration—</i>		
	Salaries and Wages ... ..	50,480	
51,018	Other Expenditure ... ..	<u>5,585</u>	56,065
	<i>Buildings and Plant—</i>		
42,495	Repairs and Renewals ... ..		43,517
	<i>Appeals Department and Publicity—</i>		
	Salaries and Wages ... ..	20,395	
33,062	Other Expenditure ... ..	<u>18,933</u>	39,328
2,284	<i>Rates</i> ... ..		1,728
<u>1,077,857</u>			<u>1,348,361</u>
	<i>Pensions &amp; Grants</i> (Patients living at home) ... ..	6,160	
7,239	Administration ... ..	<u>462</u>	6,622
<u>£1,085,096</u>		<u>£1,354,983</u>	

**BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September 1976**

1975 £	LIABILITIES	£	£	£
	<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS—</b>			
	General Fund ... ..		46,564	
	Salaries and Wages ... ..		10,689	
	Loans ... ..		<u>29,000</u>	
43,608				86,253
	<b>GENERAL FUND—</b>			
	Balance as at 1st October 1975 ... ..		805,603	
	Add Legacies ... ..		271,050	
	Donations (Development projects)—			
	Development Trust ... ..	225,000		
	King Edward Hospital Fund ... ..	6,000		
	Other donations ... ..	<u>897</u>		
	Net Profit on Sale and Exchange of Investments ... ..		231,897	
			<u>10,909</u>	
			1,319,459	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income (transferred from I & E Account) ... ..	49,259		
	Capital Expenditure written off (see Note 1) ... ..	<u>319,557</u>		
805,603			368,816	950,643
849,211				1,036,896
	<b>ENDOWMENT FUND—</b>			
89,005	Balance as at 1st October 1975 ... ..			89,005
	<b>PENSIONS FUND—</b>			
	Balance as at 1st October 1975 ... ..		74,455	
	Less Loss on Exchange of Investments ... ..	291		
	Excess of Expenditure over Income ... ..	<u>773</u>		
74,455			1,064	73,391
	<b>SPECIAL FUNDS—</b>			
	Lopes Chaplain's Stipend Endowment Fund ... ..		1,727	
	Robinson Trust ... ..		22,008	
	Patients' Amenities Fund ... ..		<u>5,081</u>	
28,973				28,816

NOTE 1 Capital Expenditure Year Ended 30.9.76	
	£
Chatsworth Wing ... ..	243,962
Ward Upgrading, Emergency Lighting and Fire Precautions ... ..	67,635
X-ray and Dental Equipment etc ... ..	7,960
	<u>£319,557</u>

**NOTE 2**  
There is a commitment of approximately £140,000 to complete the up-grading of wards, emergency lighting and fire precautions during the period ending 31.3.78.

£1,041,644

£1,228,108

1975 £	ASSETS	£	£	£
117,955	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND ... ..			35,054
	<b>STOCKS OF UNISSUED CONSUMABLE STORES</b>			
18,898	ON HAND ... ..			19,172
6,732	MOTOR VEHICLES at Cost less depreciation ... ..			5,600
135,006	SUNDRY DEBTORS ... ..			140,857
453,037	INVESTMENTS AT COST (General Fund) (Market Value £703,824) ... ..			668,415
117,583	MONEY ON DEPOSIT with Investment Bankers ... ..			<u>167,798</u>
849,211				1,036,896
	<b>ENDOWMENT FUND—</b>			
89,005	Investments at Cost (Market Value £63,712) ... ..			89,005
	<b>PENSIONS FUND—</b>			
	Investments at Cost (Market Value £72,365) ... ..			74,164
	Bank Overdraft ... ..			<u>773</u>
74,455				73,391
	<b>SPECIAL FUNDS—</b>			
	<b>LOPES CHAPLAIN'S STIPEND ENDOWMENT FUND—</b>			
1,727	Investment at Cost (Market Value £1,524) ... ..			1,727
22,007	<b>ROBINSON TRUST—</b>			
	Investments at Cost (Market Value £26,637) ... ..			22,008
	<b>PATIENTS' AMENITIES FUND—</b>			
	Investments at Cost (Market Value £3,858) ... ..			4,711
	Cash at Bank ... ..			<u>370</u>
				5,081
5,239				28,816

**NOTE 3**  
No credit has been taken in the investments for the value of the Hospital Premises, Land, Nurses' Home, Staff Houses and Flats, Furniture and Equipment.

NOTE 4		Development Trust for the Young Disabled	
Target ... ..		£600,000	
Receipts and Promises ... ..		<u>£500,000</u>	

£1,041,644

£1,228,108

We have examined the above Balance Sheet dated 30th September, date with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be bank balances.

36/37 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0BY  
7th December, 1976

1976, and the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year to that in accordance therewith. We have verified the whole of the investments and

(Signed) HELMORE HELMORE & CO  
Chartered Accountants



## LEGACIES AND RESIDUARY BEQUESTS RECEIVED

Year ended 30th September 1976

The Board of Management gratefully acknowledges the following legacies:

	£		£
AFFLECK, Miss E M ... ..	2,970	HANAU, Mrs Violet S ... ..	2,240
BAKER, Miss May ... ..	156	HASTINGS, Miss C M ... ..	7,142
BALDWIN, Miss I ... ..	2,243	HILL, Miss E ... ..	1,000
BALLANCE, Mrs Ellen B ... ..	311	HOPE, Miss M H ... ..	3,505
BARNARDO, Mrs E ... ..	104	HOPTON, Miss A W ... ..	200
BONEHAM, Mrs Mary M ... ..	74	HOWARD, Miss M ... ..	1,075
BONIFACE, Miss B... ..	444	HOYES, Miss M G ... ..	980
BOURNE, Miss C A ... ..	100	HUNTER, J C ... ..	713
BROWN, Mrs Lydia ... ..	2,000	JONES, Mrs Agnes L ... ..	13,028
BROWN, Mrs Margaret ... ..	500	KENNEDY, Miss S H ... ..	2,179
BROWNING, Miss A ... ..	1,607	KNIGHT, Mrs Julienne C ... ..	500
BURT, Mrs Edith A ... ..	720	LONGMAN, Mrs Margaret E ... ..	361
CASTLE, W F ... ..	567	LOVELL, E P ... ..	3,000
CATHCART, Lady Emily E S G ...	108,559	MARTIN, Mrs Ethel M ... ..	100
CHAPMAN, Miss M E ... ..	6,783	MONSON, L O ... ..	800
CLARK, Miss A J ... ..	6,274	MORRIS, A J ... ..	5,477
CLARK, Miss I ... ..	411	MOTT, Mrs Marie A ... ..	2,502
CLEMENTS, Mrs Phoebe ... ..	500	NEWNES, Sir Frank H ... ..	1,000
CLERKE, Miss M E ... ..	4,000	MUNRO, H St J S ... ..	330
COOMBS, G E ... ..	20,422	NICOL, Capt D B ... ..	619
CORTIS, Mrs Edith E ... ..	628	OVERY, Miss M M ... ..	50
CUTHBERT, L S ... ..	200	PEARSON, Miss E A ... ..	500
DAVIS, Miss F J Pinder ... ..	450	REYNOLDS, Mrs Clarissa J ... ..	101
DAY, V M ... ..	882	ROBERTSON, Mrs Constance M ...	5,533
DEW, Mrs Mary G ... ..	510	ROBINS, Miss A R ... ..	500
DUTT, S K ... ..	6,995	ROWE, Miss G ... ..	100
EAST, A W ... ..	639	SEARLE, Miss A M ... ..	246
ELDERKIN, T ... ..	375	SEWELL, Miss C N ... ..	500
FINN, Miss L ... ..	7,398	SMITH, Mrs Cassandra ... ..	200
FOSTER, Mrs Emily A ... ..	1,300	SUTCLIFFE, Mrs Sara J ... ..	2,000
FREEMAN, E S ... ..	100	TAYLOR, C J G ... ..	500
FREUER, M J B ... ..	194	THOMAS, Miss E M ... ..	250
GARRAWAY, Mrs Dorothy M ... ..	1,801	VILLIS, Miss E M ... ..	3,000
GASS, Miss E G ... ..	321	WARNER, Miss O B ... ..	1,950
GAUCI, Mrs Antonietta ... ..	50	WARTON, Miss D I ... ..	1,000
GEESON, Miss E F ... ..	1,832	WATERS, Miss G ... ..	6,296
GIBBONS, W G ... ..	293	WEBB, F H ... ..	300
GORDON-CLARK, H M ... ..	1,000	WHITMARSH, Miss F E ... ..	1,000
GRAHAM, Miss F E ... ..	1,308	WOODBRIDGE, W ... ..	2,000
GREWING, H J ... ..	3,135	Amounts under £50 (13) ... ..	317
GRUTE, Mrs Stella T ... ..	1,265	Refunds of Income Tax ... ..	7,535
GUTHRIE, Miss B L ... ..	1,000		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£271,050</b>

## How you can help the Royal Hospital and Home

Our need for financial help from our friends is always pressing. There are many ways of helping and sometimes the way you make your donation can substantially increase the value of your gift.

### LEGACIES

Many people are good enough to remember the Royal Hospital and Home in their wills. Your solicitors will be able to phrase a suitable form of words for a bequest.

### DEEDS OF COVENANT

Making an annual gift to the Royal Hospital and Home over a period of years under a Deed of Covenant substantially increases the value of your gift because the Covenant enables us to recover the tax you have paid on it. Many have found this an excellent way of helping us.

### DONATIONS

All donations, whether cash gifts or gifts in kind, and however small, and in whatever form, are most gratefully welcomed and carefully acknowledged.

### FUND RAISING

All offers to organise or help organise fund raising events such as sponsored events, jumble sales and bridge drives are heartily welcomed. We will gladly help with your fund raising events and we are always grateful for volunteers to help with ours.

**Please send all donations, subscriptions, offers of help and enquiries to:**

Air Commodore D F Rixson OBE DFC AFC  
The Appeals Secretary,  
The Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables,  
West Hill, London, SW15 3SW.  
Telephone: 01-788 4511/2/3

supported by voluntary contributions



*John Howard House, Brighton, our 30 bed hospital unit for recuperation and holidays.  
Inset, a view of the busy occupational therapy department.*



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*Legacy*

"I give to the ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, WEST HILL, PUTNEY, LONDON SW15 3SW the sum of £..... And I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or Secretary for the time being shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

*Residue*

"I give all my property not otherwise disposed of by this my will subject to and after payment of my funeral and testamentary expenses to the ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, WEST HILL, PUTNEY, LONDON SW15 3SW. And I direct etc. (as above)."

**Note:** At present the law allows gifts of up to £100,000 to charities free of tax.