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Dear Member

I would like to begin my letter by wishing you a Happy New Year which has already started well for the Fellowship's Patrons. Ethel Armstrong has been awarded a richly deserved MBE and Ken Jarrold has been appointed Chairman of the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust from 1st February 2018. Congratulations to them both.

Conference/AGM 2017 and 2018

Last year ended with a good conference and AGM at Eastwood Hall in Nottingham. Members in attendance raised five areas for improvement and these will be overcome this year.

The Isle of Wight Tours who will be organising the 2018 Conference/AGM have taken into account member's feedback and this year's event will be held in Chester on Thursday and Friday the 1st and 2nd of November and the price will be kept at under £200. Details will be launched in March and with Chester being a popular venue demand will be high.

Membership cards

Membership cards have always been a matter of discussion and have now been introduced and are included with your newsletter. Our benefits package now includes offers from external organisations which require proof of membership which the membership card will provide. The first card will be valid for 15 months and after that new cards will be issued annually. New members will be issued with their card by Central Office when their details are added to the membership database.

2018 Celebrations

The success of the 2018 celebrations will rely on people participating and getting involved. The Brighton Branch has taken up the baton and is putting together an excellent exhibition covering 1,000 years of healthcare to celebrate 70 years of the NHS and 40 years of the NHS Retirement Fellowship. The exhibition will be open for all to see in the foyer of the Jubilee Library in Brighton from 2nd to 15th July.

We are still collecting stories and memories from members who have seen many changes in the NHS and their feelings on those changes. If you have a story to tell please contact Central Office. Some of the fascinating stories that we have already received will, with the member's full permission, be seen on television and in the newspapers and heard on the radio.

One of our members retired surgeon Peter Sykes has set up a blog to enable people to share stories with one another. You can preview it at www.medicaltales.org

Please let us know of any 40th/70th anniversary celebrations in your area? Have you noticed our 40th anniversary logo at the top of this letter?

Members Meetings

The members meetings that have been held have been a great success but the last meeting held in Brighton was exceptional due to the participation and involvement of the members in attendance. The next planned meetings will be in Harrogate, Oxford and London with a meeting in the South West being arranged for later in the year.

Annual Golf Tournament 13th September

We want the annual Golf Tournament at the prestigious St Pierre course to be the biggest and best yet to help celebrate our 40th anniversary and we would encourage members to get involved.

Newsletter

I do hope that you find your newsletter very interesting as it does show the wide variety of activities that the Fellowship and branches undertake.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Rostill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Rostill OBE
Chief Executive