



Friends of Savernake Hospital and the Community

The Savernake Hospital Time Capsule

On 3 August 2004 a time capsule was buried in the café courtyard at Savernake Hospital.

2004 was a significant year; not only was it 800 years since the granting of Marlborough's Royal Charter by King John but also it was the time of Savernake Hospital's major rebuild (and the reason for the burying of the time capsule). Huge parts of the existing hospital were knocked down, land was sold off and then parts of the (remaining) buildings from the 1970s were joined to the 1872 building by the new Reception and surrounding areas.

The "new" Savernake Hospital opened in 2005 with a brand new purpose-built Minor Injuries Unit and a beautifully refurbished Day Hospital for Elderly Care – both of which were sadly closed within two years.

Set out below is a list of the contents of the time capsule, celebrating Savernake Hospital 1866-2004.

- List of Matrons, Secretaries and Medical Staff at Savernake Hospital from 1866-1966
- Documents and plan relating to proposed L T (electricity lines) extension to Furze Coppice
- Early photograph of staff at Savernake Hospital (date unknown)



- Pamphlet about Savernake Hospital 1866-1966, from centenary year
- Form of Service held on the 100th anniversary of the opening of Savernake Hospital at Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Marlborough
- Pamphlet for the opening of Lavington Ward Day Room 25th May 1968
- Pamphlet for the opening of Extension to Ailesbury Ward 29th September 1982
- Aerial photograph of Savernake Hospital (circa 1996) prior to alterations to the driveway and demolitions works for redevelopment (2004)
- Certification from Wiltshire County Council 1889-1989 recording the planting of a wild cherry tree at Savernake Hospital in celebration of a century of service to the people of Wiltshire
- Photocopy of "Practical Notes on the Formation of Cottage Hospitals" by the Rev J O Stephens MA, 1867
- Summary of items provided by the League of Friends of the Marlborough Hospitals since its formation in 1958
- Order of Service held for Savernake Hospital 15th January 2004 – the final service held in the Chapel on site
- Savernake Cottage Hospital plan – Sir G G Scott, R A Architect
- Pamphlet for the re-opening of the Main Operating Theatre Suite 29th January 1988
- Notes about Savernake Hospital by Mrs Eileen Mack, Business Manager, Marlborough Hospitals (March 1981 or 1991)
- Copy of article from "The Builder" 8 March 1873, titled "Savernake Cottage Hospital, Wiltshire"
- Copy of Certificate of Training and Hospital Badge (1959) belonging to Johanna Gay (nee Reilly)
- Copy of section from "Good Words for 1879" edited by Donald Macleod D D, titled "Savernake Cottage Hospital" by William Gilbert
- SHIFT – The Savernake Hospital Inquiry Fund Trust (1991 – 2001) a survey of the part played by SHIFT within the passionate local concern to "Give Savernake a Future" by Bill Spray, Chairman, SHIFT, 25 September 2002
- Two "Nursing Mirror Photographs" from the 1950s of the Savernake Nursing School, later Ailesbury Ward: one showing Matron Blackwell and students, the other showing Miss Ward Sister Tutor
- Photograph showing nursing staff holding a petition against proposed closure of Maternity, Casualty and Day Surgery Units at Savernake Hospital (date unknown)
- Pamphlet for the opening of Geriatric Ward 4th November 1972
- Early photograph showing Dr Taylor, Mr Haydon, Dr Bashall, Dr Maurice, Dr Wheeler, Sister Walker, Matron Lavington and Sister Walker (date unknown)
- Copy of Report of Annual Meeting 1894 as published in the Marlborough Times and Wilts and Berks County Paper, Saturday 24th February 1894