

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

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### LAMPAG HEALTH CONFERENCE *BETTER CARE, BETTER HEALTH* MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019 ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7EH

LAMPAG will be holding its 18<sup>th</sup> Consultative Health Conference, **Better Care, Better Health on Monday 17 June** in the **Governors Hall** at **St Thomas' Hospital** from **9.30 am to 3.00 pm**. The Conference is hosted by Guy's and St Thomas' Foundations Trust and organised by LAMPAG.

The conference provided an opportunity for us to be addressed on clinical topics by practising consultants. This year's topics include **Chronic Health Conditions. treatment & prevention** which will be presented by **Dr James Fleet, consultant Geriatrician and Service Lead, Ageing and Health. Bone Health** presented by **Dr Fiona Martin, Consultant Geriatrician. Proactive Care for Older People undergoing Surgery.**

The **Trust Panel** with **Sir Hugh Taylor, Chairman of Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust, Eileen Sills, Chief Nurse and Alistair Gourlay, Director of Essentia** will talk to us about advances in health treatments and policies, practices, projects and initiatives to enhance patient, staff and visitors' experiences at the hospital. There will be ample time for questions, contributions and answers. A **buffet** will be served in the ante room of the Governor's Hall.

The afternoon session will be given over to a presentation on the government's **NHS Long Term Plan** which unfortunately includes the further privatisation of the NHS. The speaker will be **Dr Louise Irvine of Keep our NHS Public. Donation** of £3 with proceeds going to the GSTT Foundation Trust Charity.

Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend along. The Health Conference is unique to South London and we need a good attendance to ensure that the conference is viable for the future. Full programmes will be available on the day. Publicise the conference as widely as you can and be there.

## **Crisis in Care**

A country is judged by the way in which it treats its most vulnerable citizens. There is no question whatsoever that social care is in crisis. One of the greatest inadequately tackled and yet unsolved challenges in the country are how we pay for and provide for people in need of care. More than one million people are forced to struggle every day without the care they need. This is totally unacceptable for one of the richest economies in the world. Two years after promising to fix social care and to release a social care green paper, we are yet to see it. Despite good intentions, this is an issue that successive governments have failed to address for decades. Political leaders know all too well the scale of the problem. Recently the extent of it was played out widely on our screens in a powerful investigation by Panorama called **Crisis in Care**. What is abundantly clear is that we need politicians with the will to create a sustainable care system. While MPs from all political persuasions acknowledge the despair and suffering caused by a fractured social care system which fails to meet needs, they fail to act, blaming failures, incompetence and lack of decent care on cuts to social care funding. The crisis is **real**. There needs to be an end to lip service to tackling the problem. What is needed urgently is a social care system funded through national taxation and free at the point of need, delivered by fully qualified, trained and properly paid staff, the end to top-down management and creeping privatisation. Enough is enough.

## **LAMPAG at 40**

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a campaign group of pensioners run by pensioners for pensioners, with a **celebratory event** on **Monday 15 July**. It will be in the **Assembly Hall** at Lambeth Town Hall from **12 pm to 3.00 pm**. On that day we will be showcasing our history as a long-standing action group whose aim is to achieve dignity, respect, advocacy, financial security and social justice for all in their later years. We will be highlighting our activities and achievements over the years here in Lambeth and on regional and national levels to have our voices heard on policies and practices that impact on our lives. We have invited the Mayor of Lambeth, Cllr Ibrahim Dugus, Leader of Lambeth Council, Jack Hopkins, MP Helen Hayes, Dot Gibson, NPC Vice Secretary, (guest speaker), Chief Executive, Officer Graham Gardner, AgeUK Lambeth, Francis Evans QC and Cllr Patsy Cummings, Croydon Council to join us on this special day.

We will have an afternoon of food, music and camaraderie. As is customary we will be bringing in food and drinks to share. This will be an afternoon of pride and celebration.

## **Cecile Nobrega – The Bronze Woman Stature.**

On 1 June Cecile Nobrega would have celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Saturday 1 June, a commemorative plaque honouring Cecile as an educator, talented artist, playwright, musician, and community activist was unveiled at Lee Samuel House, 10 Nealden Street, Stockwell where she lived. The idea behind the plaque came from one of Cecile's poems entitled **Bronze Woman** which she said, acted as a "*reminder of the entire struggles of women as the bearers of children, of their strength and of their aspirations for future generations of women to achieve a higher status in life.*"

Cecile was born in the former colony of Guyana. Not only did she work tirelessly to raise the funds, she was also a community activist and an active member of Lambeth Pensioners Action Group, attending Open meetings, the Pensioners Parliament and joining in campaigns. We salute Cecile's achievements and remember her with pride.

## **JUSTICE4GRENFELL SOLIDARITY MARCH**

Join the Justice for Grenfell victims Solidarity march on Saturday 15 June. Assemble at Portland Place at 12 noon (nearest tube Oxford Circus) for march to Downing Street. Look out for the LAMPAG banner.

**Committee meeting: 24 June 11 am Lambeth Town Hall.**

