

# **HOSPITAL CUP TOURNAMENT**

Many players take part in the Hospital Cup Tournament without knowing much about the Charity or the history behind the tournament. The Committee hopes that players will find this information sheet useful and it will help to attract new players into the tournament.

The tournament dates back to the 1940's and the trophies are something to behold! All proceeds from the Hospital Cup Tournament go to:

## ***SAFFRON WALDEN & DISTRICT CHARITABLE WELFARE ASSOCIATION***

This Association was founded as a consequence of the absorbing of the town's voluntary General Hospital into the newly formed National Health Service in 1948. At this time, the Hospital's trust funds were retained, and formed the initial investment capital of the Association, which was given the title "Saffron Walden and District Hospitals Trust Fund Association". In recent years it has amended its title from "Hospital Trust Fund" to "Charitable Welfare" to more appropriately reflect its objects and activities. It has thus always been regarded as a local charity which benefits the community which provides its funds.

Currently its income mainly comes from the annual Alexandra Rose Day collection whose proceeds stay within the community, after paying expenses. It operates a Welfare Appliance Loan Service where equipment is not readily available from the statutory services. There is an extensive stock of wheelchairs, commodes, raised toilet seats and surrounds, bath aids and other appliances. These are available for loan of up to three months and the service operates from 8 am to 10 pm, 365 days a year! There is no hire charge, but donations in lieu are invited, to help with maintenance and renewal of equipment.

In addition the charity makes Christmas grants to local welfare organisations and monetary gifts to needy persons, and is also able to make ad hoc grants in cases of distress at other times.