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1. OUR IRIS

This is an unplanned edition of the newsletter. I really don't want to send this but I have to. We've received some really sad news that I have to tell you about.

Most people reading this will know that Iris Sharples, one of our eldest and most longstanding members, has been fighting cancer. In October I had to report that the chemotherapy hadn't work and she was going to see the specialist to see if they could operate.

We learnt about a week ago that the cancer was inoperable. Sadly, this is the one fight Iris can't win. She is currently being cared for at St Ann's Hospice.

This evening I received the following email from David Milne who asked that I forward it on:

Hi everyone,

I've been to visit Iris this evening at St. Anns hospice. She is currently on morphine for the pain, but is aware of her surroundings and the people that visit her. Her niece and her partner were there, too. Iris and I had a bit of chat about past productions and so on - she is ever the trooper..!

However, I can see that in the very near future her morphine dosage will be increased, at which point she will do a lot of sleeping and may be unable to recognise anyone when she is awake. If you are intending to visit her, my suggestion is that you need to do it soon, and probably within the next day or two.

Sad times for those of us who have worked with her over the years.....

David Milne

If you wish to visit Iris, the hospice address and contact details are on their website: <http://www.sah.org.uk>. Iris is at the Little Hulton hospice.

One of the last things Iris did – and whilst she was undergoing treatment – was to be one of the stars of the tv show 'Off Their Rockers' where OAPs play pranks on the unsuspecting public.

It has been nominated as Best Entertainment Program in the National TV Awards. Voting is currently closed and we will find out whether it's made it onto the shortlist in January.

The show is being repeated on ITV1 at 10:45 on Sunday nights. The first episode is on again this evening. So if you're reading this tonight, you still can still catch it.

Watch it and raise a glass to a remarkable and formidable woman!

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2. THE SMALL PRINT

Thank You to David Milne for this update. And to our Iris for just being you

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