

CONSTRUCTION



GATHERING: Act of dedication to mark construction work



FOUNDATION: The frames of the new hospice



BRIGHT: From left, Stuart Evans, Cambridge Mayor Robert Dryden, Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Ely, Lord Lieutenant Sir Hugh Duberly, and Sir Michael Marshall



EQUIPMENT: The building site

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Act of dedication marks major step in hospice build

THE building a new adult hospice in Cambridge took a major step forward yesterday with the laying of a commemorative stone marking the start of construction work.

An act of dedication, conducted by the Bishop of Ely, took place at the site of the new £10.5 million hospice for the Arthur Rank Hospice charity in Shelford Bottom.

When the 24-bed facility is completed in the autumn of 2016, the hospice will offer patients a more spacious, attractive and therapeutic environment with better facilities and increased service capacity.

More than 40 people attended the event including Sir Hugh Duberly, patron of the new hospice appeal; Stuart Evans, the charity's chair of trustees; Louise Knights from LSI Architects; and William

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Barnes, chairman of Barnes Construction.

There were also representatives of all faiths along with those of no faith.

Lynn Morgan, the charity's chief executive, said: "The act of dedication was a special occasion for the charity, as we pride ourselves on delivering excellent care regardless of religion, background or wealth.

"Our services are completely free of charge to those who require them and we hope this act will further illustrate that our care is accessible to people in all walks of life throughout Cambridgeshire."

With construction now starting in earnest, the event

took place as the steelwork is beginning to be installed, giving the first physical indication of the scale of the new hospice and its position within the site.

Designed by LSI Architects, the facility will be built by Barnes

CHEQUE: From left, Stuart Evans, Bishop Stephen and Rodney Wolverson

Construction which has won awards for its work on projects such as the graduate accommodation building at Leckhampton for Corpus Christ College and the new East Anglian Chil-

dren's Hospice in Ipswich.

Two Cambridge-based businesses, client project manager Northmore Associates and Munro Building Services who will be carrying out the mechanical and electrical work for the contract, form part of the construction team.

The building is expected to be watertight by the end of the year, with the project completed and the hospice opening to patients in autumn 2016.

So far, the Help our Hospice appeal launched by the *News* in May last year to help the charity reach its target has raised £112,319 towards two four-bedded in-patient bays and five individual rooms in the new build.

