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The Cripples' Journal (from 1928 entitled ***The Cripple: a Quarterly Review***)

Set up by Dame Agnes Hunt, this was originally a hospital publication, but was taken over by the Central Council for the Care of Cripples. It became a general clearing house for information of interest to workers in the field of orthopaedics both in the UK and abroad, and was published from 1924 to 1930.

The Conjoint Chronicle

This was produced by the massage (physiotherapy) students at the hospital in the 1930s. It contained short stories, poems and jokes about student life at that time. Only two duplicated issues survive: 1937 and 1938.

The Old Oswestrians' Club News Letter

The Club was founded in 1952 to reunite orthopaedic surgeons trained at Oswestry, and the News Letter was designed as a means of communication between members. Four issues were produced from 1954 to 1956.

The Old Oswestrian Physiotherapists Association Journal

The Association was started in 1956 to reunite physiotherapists trained at Oswestry. Issues of the journal were produced from 1956 to 1962.

The Orthopod

This was set up as a newsletter by the Hospital Management Committee to keep "some record of the daily life and happenings in this great hospital". As well as pieces on hospital life and personalities of the time, it contained short articles and poems written by patients, mostly children. It was first published quarterly, then annually, from 1955 to 1960.

Orthopaedic Illustrated

This was the successor to The Orthopod, and was produced semi-annually from 1961 to 1991. As its name suggests, it contained many photographs of hospital events and personalities, and was distributed to present and ex-members of staff, patients, voluntary workers and supporters all over the world. In 1963 alone, 10,000 copies were produced with the financial support of the League of Friends.

Over the years, various staff newsletters have been issued under different names as follows:

Staff Newsletter Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital: 17 July 1990 to 12 June 1991

Talkback: a newsletter for the staff of Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital: September 1991 to February 1995

Trust Brief (Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital Staff News): December 1997 to February 2003

Joint Issues: news and views from the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital: Spring 2003 to Winter 2004/5

Communic@te: monthly staff newsletter of the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital NHS Trust: April 2005 onwards. This is the current newsletter, distributed to all staff.

The Oswestrian

Designed to publish the results of clinical research projects undertaken by orthopaedic surgeons on the Oswestry training programme. Four issues were produced from 1989 to 1992.

Orthopaedia: newsletter of the Institute of Orthopaedics, Oswestry: 1990 to 1996

Designed as a means of communication between the Institute and its financial supporters. Each issue contains details of clinical and research work carried out by different departments under the umbrella of the Institute of Orthopaedics.

All the above items are held in the hospital archives. For details of holdings of individual publications, visit the Shropshire Health Libraries' Catalogue, available on the Internet at www.shelib.nhs.uk

Annual reports

The hospital archives contain hospital annual reports between the following dates: 1907-1947; 1959-1964; 1992 onwards. There are also annual reports for the following hospital departments:

Institute of Orthopaedics 1987/88 onwards,

Orthotic Research and Locomotor Assessment Unit 1975-2002

League of Friends 1963/64 onwards

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Committee Minutes

The hospital archives contain minutes from a number of different committees from 1901 onwards. For details of holdings of individual publications, visit the Shropshire Health Libraries' Catalogue, available on the Internet at www.shelib.nhs.uk