



### IMPORTANT EVENT

In addition to the AGM a public lecture will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2002. Our guest speakers are covering topics that concern treatments of children at different ages.

Mr. Brady is one of the country's leading maxillofacial surgeons involved in the treatment of cleft. His work starts with children age 10+ through to adulthood. He will explain better to us on the night.

Ms. Julie Young is a Speech Language Therapist [SLT] attached to Temple Street Children's Hospital. The role of the SLT is vital for a successful outcome to cleft treatment. Ms. Young will concentrate on Speech Language Therapy but will answer queries relating to feeding as well.

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2002**

Seton Pringle Room  
William Stokes Building  
St. James's Hospital [James's Street Entrance]

7:30 pm Annual General Meeting

**8:00 pm Mr. Frank Brady**  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

Lecture Title

"The role of the maxillofacial surgeon in cleft lip and palate"

**8:50 pm Ms. Julie Young**  
Speech & Language Therapist

Lecture Title

"Speech Language Therapy in Cleft Treatment"

**Tea and Coffee to Finish**  
Admission Free

### **Notice of AGM**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Cleft Lip and Palate Association of Ireland will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2002 at 7:30 pm in the William Stokes Building, St. James' Hospital, Dublin 8

# NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2002

## Temple Street Booklet- New Edition

Friends of The Children's Hospital Temple Street will be delighted to know that the hospital have recently updated and re-published their booklet for parents.

Many of our readers will be familiar with the previous version and I am sure there are many well-thumbed copies around the country. The new booklet promises to be just as well read

The hospital has kindly made the booklet available to us on the web [www.cleft.ie](http://www.cleft.ie). Congratulations to all involved in the new publication and thank you.

## Starting School

For parents, children starting school or going back to school can be an anxious time. Our webmaster Eddie Byrne has sourced an excellent article on this subject by Dr. Kathy Kapp-Simon published by AboutFace USA. The article has been reproduced by kind permission of the author and AboutFace USA on our [www.cleft.ie](http://www.cleft.ie) site. It is impossible to do the article justice in this small space but topics covered include

- Educating you child to difference before school
- Answering questions from other children
- Social acceptance at home and in school
- Encountering and dealing with teasing

If you do not have access to the Web your local library will help you to retrieve this article. Alternatively contact the newsletter editor –details below – to get a copy by post.

## Mini-Marathon Update

We are delighted to announce that a total of €2,600 was raised by the brave women who recently completed the Mini-Marathon. Many thanks to you all, and well done!

## Revision of the "Blue Booklet"

You will all be aware of the blue booklet "Information of Cleft Lip & Palate", which has been in circulation for a number of years. While the booklet remains a mine of information, and is invaluable as a continuous reference during the many stages of treatment, the committee is in the process of revising and updating it where necessary. To this end we are seeking the input and views of our members and all other interested parties. If you are interested in contributing to this work in any way please contact Ruairí Ó Dúlaing at 55 Summerfield Rise, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, or via e-mail to [dulaing@cleft.ie](mailto:dulaing@cleft.ie).

It is also our intention to publish a series of smaller more specific leaflets on the various issues that arise in the treatment of cleft lip & palate, such as feeding, plastic surgery, speech therapy among others. Again, we would welcome any ideas, suggestions or inputs from any of our members or other interested parties.

As all of this work is quite ambitious we would be anxious for as many members as possible to become involved. We are looking at various ways of organising the work, including the possibility of forming a publications sub-committee, so if you have any views at all on the subject, please don't hesitate to get involved.

## Future Editions

You can register for email copies on [www.cleft.ie](http://www.cleft.ie) The Association is bringing out four newsletters per annum. Next edition due Winter 2002. If you would like to submit an article for any of our future publications please contact Georgina Wade, 4 Wolverton Glen, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Phone 01 2848227 Email [info@cleft.ie](mailto:info@cleft.ie)