

## A time for celebration at Hamlin Fistula UK

On 5 December this charity celebrated 40 years of support for the Fistula Hospital. It was on this date in 1968 that the first meeting took place. None of the original trustees are still alive, but **John Kelly**, our Chairman, has made visits as an obstetrician to the hospital since 1971. He has made frequent trips since, as has **Brian Hancock**, who has undertaken fistula surgery regularly here since 1989, and throughout Africa.



**John Kelly**

**Clive Hewitt**, our Honorary Treasurer made frequent visits between 1992 and 2006, assisting in financial management at the hospital. He also is responsible for a major part of our fundraising, and produces the Quarterly Report.

Another of our trustees, **Beverley Stewart**, is leaving in mid January taking a sabbatical from her position as a Midwifery Team Manager and Supervisor of Midwives at Birmingham Women's Hospital Foundation NHS Trust. She will be at the Hamlin College of Midwives in a teaching capacity, returning in mid July.



## Beverley Stewart

Many of our other trustees play an important part in the day to day activities of our trust. **Betty Rose** is Secretary, and is responsible for handling and acknowledging donations. **Jean Hadley** is responsible for the organisation and packing of blankets (shawls) and also does some fundraising talks. **Malcolm Hewitt** is Vice Chairman, who also makes presentations, whilst **Ginny Randle** is our webmaster, a post she held in commerce prior to retirement.

Our other trustees, **Phillipa Parkes** and **Rev Brian Taylor** play a major part in the decision making of the trust, too.

We have two employees, **Laurence Parkes**, husband of **Phillipa Parkes** who, with the approval of the Charity Commission is our **Chief Executive**, a Chartered Accountant with a wealth of skills appropriate to our status, well supported by **Tony Legg**, our Office Manager, also an accountant.

We celebrated 40 years at a quiet lunch near to our offices.